

Fox Prairie Enews

March 1 , 2019

Schedule for the Week

Monday 3/4 - C Day

Tuesday 3/5 - D Day

Wednesday 3/6 - A Day

Thursday 3/7 - B Day

Friday 3/8 - C Day

Successful Clothing Drive!

Thank you so much for participating in our clothing drive. We had so many clothes donated and many students were very excited to get new clothes!



News from The Library Media Center:

How is Fox Prairie LMC Celebrating Read Across America?

Well let Mrs. Steinke, the Library Media Specialist, tell you just a few ways



The second grade classes have been busy reading books by Dori Bulter this past month. She is the author of Haunted Library series, King and Kayla, The Buddy Files, ABC's of Wisconsin, W is for Wisconsin and so many more books. On Thursday afternoon, The students were able come to the LMC to ask questions about the author and how she writes and publishes the books through a live Skype session. The best part was when we were all just sitting down and the fire drill went off. So we left the author during the live Skype! When we came back to the rug and explained what happened she laughed and was so great about it with the children and teachers. We have also had to reschedule 3 times due to snow days! It was so worth the experience! Here is more information on [Dori's website](#). Keep reading!!

The whole school is participating in the March Madness book challenge with 16 diverse picture books. Each class receives one of the 16 diverse books in a bag on their door knob. Then they put a sign out on the door saying "WE'VE BEEN BOOKED!" . While they are reading the book they take the sign down so they are not booked again before they are ready. When they are done with the book one student packs up the book in the bag and looks for a classroom that needs that book yet. they check the list on the green sheet by the doors. Then they try to sneak the book in a bag on the knob without them knowing it came to surprise them. I have heard a story about how one student got a teacher to close the teacher's door because his teacher said he was too loud and could hear him from down the hall. Well it worked and he came back with the bag to put on his door. We are trying to read all 16 books by March 11th for the first set of voting. We will go down to 8 books just like the March Madness Basketball brackets we have a Tournament of Books Bracket in the LMC. *I wonder which book will win?* We will finish voting right before Spring Break. [Here is a link to the We are Diverse Picture books](#). There is also a link for [We Are Diverse chapter books](#). Here is the video promoting the challenge to the students: [The Character's Journey WE ARE DIVERSE! March Madness Book Challenge](#) .

On March 6th, 2019, the classrooms are looking forward to the live stream of the author Cressia Cowell. She is the author of the **How to Train Your Dragon (12 book series) and the new Wizards of Once series**. I hope Cressida will be able to inspire students to tap into their boundless imagination and will show how using character development and details in stories make them more believable and fun. They are offering an On Demand version too. It's been fun to see books that were not being checked out in the library have new life these past few weeks. I have been adding in several books from public libraries from all around so please help out your child to take good care of these books so we can do this again with the public library books! This would be a great chapter book to read together with your child.

–Mrs. Steinke, Library Media Specialist

From the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Immunization Program:

Measles Outbreak in Several States

Several states including Washington, New York, and Illinois have on going measles outbreaks. This serves as a good reminder that we continue to ensure that all patients are protected. The measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine is the best way to protect individuals. Two doses of MMR vaccine provide 97% protection against measles.

At this time we do NOT have any known cases of measles, however, should an outbreak occur, students who have not been fully immunized with 2 doses of a measles vaccine such as MMR may be excluded from school by order of the public health department. More information can be found here:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p4/p42174.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/parents-top4.html>

2018-19 School Calendar Update: Make-up Days on April 1 and June 10

Dear Families:

Thank you for your patience this winter as we have dealt with all the challenges posed by the snow and cold weather.

As you know, our District has canceled a total of six days of classes this school year due to weather and, as a result, exceeded the number of snow days we built into our calendar. **To make up the two days of classes we canceled this month, our District will be having school on Monday, April 1, and on Monday, June 10.** These dates were selected because they were previously scheduled professional development or work days where staff would already be in the District. Students should come to school both days as they normally would, and our buses will operate under their normal schedule. (Note: for high school seniors, the graduation dates will NOT change.)

We will send out reminders closer to both dates, but we wanted you to have as much advance notice as possible. You can also access the updated 2018-19 calendar through [our website](#). Thank you again for your patience, understanding and flexibility.

Come to the Donut Event for Watch Dog Volunteers!



Whether you are already a volunteer or just want to learn about our volunteer program, please join us on **March 8th, 2019** from **(7:15 – 8:00 am)** for our **1st** annual 'Donuts Event' at our school. You and your students will meet here at the school for FREE donuts and drinks.

We will have a presentation about our **WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) Program**. **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of family members in their student's life. The goal is to have you spend at least one day or half day this year at the school to be a positive role model and provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Fathers, mothers, uncles, aunts, grandparents, step-parents . . . this is your chance to have some special time with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

In order to participate, you need to do two things:

1. Fill out the bottom portion of this [form](#) and return it with your student (ASAP) saying that you will attend this Donut Event so we'll have an accurate head count for the food.
2. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you (March 8th, 2019) from (7:15am – 8:00 am).

Please complete and return the bottom portion of the form to school by March 1, 2019.

Sixth Grade Family Orientation

On Tuesday, March 19th, from 6:00-7:30 pm at River Bluff Middle School, we invite you and your incoming 6th grader to participate in the "Sixth Grade Parent and Student Orientation Evening." The purpose of the evening is to share information about the middle school curriculum, student activities and other topics to help in the transition to middle school.

We know that our families play an important role in helping our new sixth grade students adjust to middle school, so we want to make sure you have all the information needed to be off to a great start?

Please call the River Bluff main office at 877-5500 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you and celebrating a new chapter in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Trish Gates
River Bluff Principal

5th Grade Musical, Aladdin Kids, Coming Soon!

Mrs. Janisch and several 5th grade students are working hard preparing for this year's musical. Here are the details:

Musical: Aladdin Kids

Performances: Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 & 13 at 6:30pm

Dress Rehearsal: Monday, March 11

Location: Stoughton Opera House

Mark your calendars to come enjoy watching our young performers.



STOUGHTON AREA CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR

EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 9th
Stoughton Fire Department Training Room:
401 E. Main Street

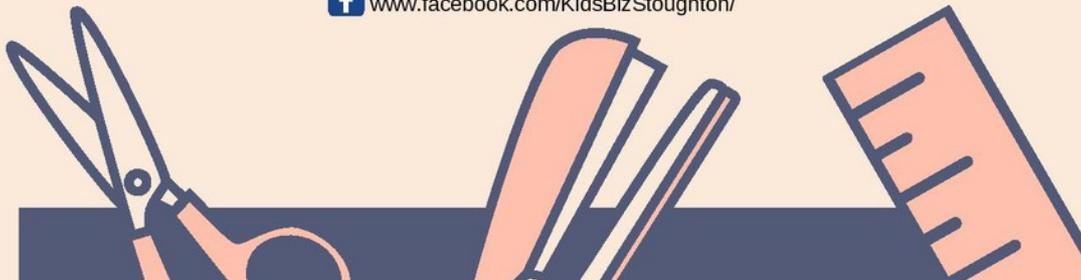
8:30am-12pm: Ages 6-10
12:30pm-4pm: Ages 11-14

Join us for a free workshop to prepare participants for the 2019 Stoughton Area Children's Business Fair! Please bring a non-perishable item to donate to Stoughton Food Pantry.

Limited seating! Register today:
childrenbusinessfair@gmail.com or 608-577-1983

****all registrations must be authorized by parent/guardian****

 www.facebook.com/KidsBizStoughton/



Winter Gear Guidelines

Here are our Winter Gear Guidelines for Recess:

35-59 degrees - Wear a jacket or, at least, a long-sleeve shirt

35 and colder - Wear a winter coat, hat, gloves & legs must be covered

If there is SNOW:

- Students **MUST** wear boots, snow pants and coat to play in the fields and playground equipment area. Students should wear gloves/mittens and hat/hood too.
- Students **MUST** stay on the blacktop if they are not wearing **ALL** of the following items: boots, snow pants, and a coat.

If you need assistance with winter gear for your child(ren), please contact Carly Schrage at 608-576-6375.

Fox Prairie Library Media Center

Please follow the happenings at the Fox Prairie Library Media Center on Facebook at Fox Prairie LMC.

Watch D.O.G.S. Sign Up

Who are Watch D.O.G.S?

Watch D.O.G.S. are fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, guardians, aunts, uncles, or community members, etc., who volunteer for a half or full school day at an official Watch D.O.G.S. school. During the day, Watch D.O.G.S. may read and work on school activities with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, watch school entrances and hallways, and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with students. On the day of their participation, Watch D.O.G.S. are given a brief review of their involvement and wear an official Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt identifying them as a Watch D.O.G.S. in the building.

Program Benefits

- Students gain positive role models.
- Schools gain extra sets of eyes and ears. The presence of volunteer adults provides an additional deterrent to bullying, enhances a sense of security in the building, and helps create an environment conducive to learning.
- Adults get a glimpse of our students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and connect with them.

Here is the [slide presentation](#) from our information meeting.

Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Central Registration Dates for 2019-2020

2019-20 Registration Dates

Thursday, August 15th - 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 20th - 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Follow Us on Twitter

You can find us @FoxPrairieK5 to see all the great things we're doing at Fox!

Fox Prairie Shout Outs

If you would like to recognize a staff member here at Fox, please complete this [form](#). We love to celebrate our great staff!

2018-2019 SASD Calendar

Our district calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is attached. Please take a look.

<https://stoughton.finalsite.com/page.cfm?p=516>

You'll see it listed as "Printable 2018-2019 Calendar".



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