

BOE Report - 1/25/2016 - Elementary Principal - Jason Townsend

It is great to be back from an extended break. We all came back refreshed and ready to work with kids.

Several students have enrolled in the second semester.

The WES school wide spelling bee was held on January 6th. All the students participating worked very hard to prepare and showed incredible character throughout the contest. Kasey Sanderson (5th grade) was our WES spelling bee champion and Calvin Dwyer (4th grade) was our second place winner. Both students will represent WES in the Franklin County Spelling Bee on February 3rd.

Parent teacher conferences will be coming up in February. Parent teacher conferences are a great time to communicate the academic, social, and emotional progress of each student. A primary focus of these conferences will be what we are doing to help each student prepare for the next grade/level.

I am hearing more and more positives about our new math curriculum. It is important to remember that with a new curriculum, comes new stresses. The staff is doing a great job in helping students grow in their mathematical thinking.

Winter is a rough time for all "school people". The lack of outdoor recess, sickness, shoveling walks/lots, increased traffic for drop off and pickup, muddy halls, and many other things challenge the entire school. Yet the teachers, paras, kitchen staff, maintenance, tech folks, administrators, volunteers, parents, and pretty much everyone shows up with a smile every day to do what we love to do - help students grow. A big thank you to our entire school community for staying positive in less than ideal times!