

MARCH 2017

WATSON ELEMENTARY

Michelle Lavin - Principal / Jenn Neal - Dean of Students / Susan Santino - Secretary / Kim Talaber - Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

7 PTO Meeting

8 Kindergarten Enrollment

9 Student Council meeting until 3:30;
Kindergarten Enrollment

10 Window for ISTEP+ testing closes

13-17 IREAD testing for 3rd grade

21 KGN trip-Yelich/Walker

22 KGN trip-Slavo/Perry

23 Watson Science Fair

27-31 No school,
Spring Break

April

3 First day back from break

6 Third grade trip

10 PTO evening event:
Brown's Music Bus;
ISTEP+ testing closes

13 Student Council meeting until 3:30;
spring pictures

14 No school

24-May 5 ISTEP+ part 2
(grades 3-4)

28 First grade trip

WILL YOU BE MY VALENTINE?



Valentine's Day is undoubtedly one of the highlights of the month of February. This year's Valentine's classroom parties were full of sweets, crafts, games and lots

of Valentine's cards. It is safe to say the day's events were a success. Thank you to all of the classroom moms that helped make it possible!

SPRING PICTURES

Spring pictures will take place on Thursday, April 13. These pictures are optional. Only those students who are ordering photos will have their pictures taken. More information and an order form will be sent out closer to the picture day.

PENNY WARS

January 30-February 3 Watson held the Dollars for Scholars Penny War. Throughout the week, students brought in money to support this worthy cause. The event was a huge success! Thank you to Mrs. Desanka Damjanovic for organizing the event at Watson and all of the parent volunteers who came in daily to help count the money. Mrs. Lyda's second grade class raised the most money and earned a special treat.

PTO NEWS

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the art room. We hope that you will attend!

PTO is sponsoring a fun, family event on Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Brown's Music Bus will be at Watson for a performance. The musical performers from Brown's Music Bus will give a tour of American music from jazz, rock and roll, and rhythm and blues to name a few. The performance will be about 45 minutes long and will be entertaining for all! We hope you will attend!

KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year will be held at all six Lake Central Elementary Schools on Wednesday and Thursday, March 8 & 9 2017 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-2:00 p.m. To be eligible for kindergarten, a child must be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2017, and legally reside within the Lake Central School Corporation boundaries.

Prospective kindergarten students must accompany their parents to enrollment. At that time, parents need to bring:

- Child's legal birth certificate (not hospital)
- Valid Indiana Driver's License or State ID with current address
- Two proofs of residency (i.e. home ownership or rental agreement & one current utility bill verifying address)
- In the case of divorce or separation, a copy of custody papers

The child will be given a general kindergarten screening.

If you have any questions regarding kindergarten enrollment, please contact our office.

STATE TESTING

Students in grades three and four will take part in state testing at Watson. The ISTEP+ test will be given twice before the end of the year to both third and fourth grade. In addition to ISTEP+, third grade students will take IREAD-3. The first part of ISTEP+ is a paper/pencil test. The second part of ISTEP+ and IREAD are both tests that are taken online. Please see the dates below:

ISTEP+ Part 1 February 27-March 10

(3rd will test Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday- Feb. 28-March 3)
(4th will test Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday -Feb. 28-March 3)

IREAD-3 March 13-17

ISTEP+ Part 2 April 17-May 5

When the testing date approaches, it is important that students:

- get a good night sleep
- eat a good breakfast
- arrive at school on time
- do their personal best

REWIND AND RECAP

MATH-A-THON MANIA



Every January, Watson students get involved in Math-A-Thon, a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year students raised a whopping \$4412.01 to donate to families in need at St. Jude.

"We decided this year that the top five students who brought money in would earn a prize. In the past, all of the kids would earn a prize, but we found out that takes away money that is made for St. Jude so we decided as a committee that we were going to eliminate some of the prizes," second grade teacher Mrs. Chris Mikuly said. "This year, we had enough money to send four adults and four children airfare so they wouldn't have to pay."

The money raised through Math-A-Thon provides funds for patients' treatment, travel, food and housing so that the patients "do not have to pay a dime," according to Mikuly. With help from Mikuly and fellow committee members Mrs. Dana Carr, first grade, Mrs. Karen Radencic, third grade, and Mrs. Rita Evanson, third grade, Watson has successfully been participating in Math-A-Thon for years.

"We've been doing this since 1983 I believe, so right now we've made over \$89,000 since then. We're really proud of that," Mikuly said.

Although Watson gives back to the community in numerous ways, Math-A-Thon is a favorite of Mikuly's and other teachers'.

"We keep pushing to the kids to give back, to give back, give back. What I like about Math-A-Thon is it incorporates math with it. Instead of just asking kids to bring in money, they are actually donating some of their time through math," Mikuly said.

MOVING FORWARD

COLOR RUN

Come join us at Lake Central's Second Annual Color Run hosted by the Student Council. The event will be at Lake Central on May 13 from 7 a.m to 12 p.m. Check-In time is from 7:00 a.m to 8:30 a.m. and the race starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a 5K run and a 1-mile children's fun run. During the race, participants are doused with color at various stations ending with one final color celebration at the finish line. There is also a kid fun zone available consisting of a coloring station, a water splash zone, music and more.

"I think people should make an effort to join the Color Run because it is a great way to exercise with friends while also raising money for a great cause. Student council does an outstanding job organizing the event, so not only should students come out, but also people living in the community," Stefan Krajisnik (12) said.

Early Registration ends April 15th. For LCHS Students and Staff, the price is \$25. Public registration is \$30. The price for the 1-Mile Kid Fun Run is \$20. Late Registration ends May 5th, and after that date, the cost for LCHS Students and Staff is \$30 and Public registration is \$40. Full payment is due by May 5th in order to guarantee a race bib, color packet, and t-shirt.

To register online, go to <https://lcschs.revtrak.net/High-School/LCHS-Special-Events/LCHS-Color-Run/#/list>.