



# Bibich Elementary

## May 19, 2023-last edition

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### Weekly Newsletters

Next school year, weekly Newsletters will be sent out virtually every Friday. Please check your emails to see what is going on at Bibich & with the Bibich PTO.

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### In need of summer child care?

Adventure Club is offering child care this summer at Peifer Elementary School! They will have care available from May 30 - Aug. 3 from 6:30am - 6:00pm. If you have any questions please contact the Adventure Club Office at (219)865-6283.

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May 22 3rd Grade Field Trip - Stardust Bowling

May 23 PTO Bulldog Bash - 5:00pm - 8:00pm

May 24 Last student day

May 25 Last teacher day

May 30 Report Cards available in Skyward

**May 30 - June 22 Summer School at Peifer - Mon.-Thurs. 8am-11am**

Aug. 15 First Day of 2023 - 2024 School Year

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### PTO NEWS

#### Last Day of School/Dine Out Night

The last day of school, Wed. May 24 let's celebrate at DQ in Dyer together! It'll be our last Dine Out Night of the school year and looking forward to bidding everyone a great summer!!!

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## HAPPY RETIREMENT

### **Mrs. Gerlach and Mrs. Mackowiak**

Mrs. Gerlach hangs up her teaching hat after 21 years in the Lake Central Schools. Mary loved playing school as a little girl and started her career in 1979 with the Crete-Monee School District, where she stayed for six years. When she and David became parents, she was lucky enough to be a stay at home mom for 14 years. After being a substitute for Lake Central for a few years, Mary taught kindergarten at Kolling for one year and then has been at Bibich in first grade for the past 20 years. When Mary's team was asked to share some wonderful things about her, the words listed most were "kindness" and "organized". They also spoke about her "uncanny ability to see the good in all students and situations" while "maintaining high expectations" and "being a wonderful role model." Mary can't wait to get up whenever she wants and do whatever she wants! She is excited to enjoy her husband, traveling to see her children, and help her daughter plan her wedding in 2024. Mary will miss the wonderful people she has worked with for the last 20 years as well as the sweet, awesome children. She is so proud to be able to say "I taught at Bibich!"

Mrs. Mackowiak always wanted to be a teacher, but was discouraged by many people because there was a lack of jobs in the 80's. She has been teaching for 40 years, starting at Our Lady of Grace and moving to 2nd grade and reading specialist at Bibich. She has never regretted her decision to teach, always saying, "I'm going to school, not work, because I'm always learning something new." Nancy has served on numerous school and corporation committees to help better education and safety for students. Her proudest moment was being chosen to accept the National Blue Ribbon School Award in Washington DC on behalf of Bibich. Nancy's colleagues appreciate her dedication to the students and teachers at Bibich. She started the One School, One Book at Bibich, which grew into One Corporation, One Book. Nancy will mostly miss the students and staff at Bibich who make her feel honored to be a Bibich Bulldog. She is the true meaning of Bibich Family. She is always there for everyone going through anything in their lives.....and she throws the best parties!!

GOOD BYE SCHOOL

Herman  
 Mrs. Mary  
 Ms. Alessandri  
 Mrs. Miller  
 Mrs. Shinkar  
 Mrs. Banks

Miss J. Moore