



# WELCH

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is a GREAT day to be a Welch White Tiger!

Monday, October 22nd	Red Ribbon Week Starts - Wear Red
	Ceiling Tile Club 3:35 PM
	4th/5th Grade Game Club 3:35 PM
	5th Grade Wiffleball 3:35 PM
Tuesday, October 23rd	Red Ribbon Week - Sports Attire Day
	Xylphone Ensemble 3:35 PM
Wednesday, October 24th	Red Ribbon Week - Pajama Day
	Last Welch Walkers 3:35 PM
	Welch Chess Club 3:35 PM
	Last 5th Grade Wiffleball 3:35 PM
Thursday, October 25th	Red Ribbon Week - Crazy Socks Day
	Read for the Record 9:15 AM
	Choir 8:00 AM
	Comedy Workshop 3:35 PM
	Postal Club 3:35 PM

Friday, October 26th	4th Grade Coding Club 3:35 PM
	School Store 8:50 AM
	Fall Costume Parade 2:10 PM; Fall Celebrations 2:45 - 3:15 PM

**FALL CELEBRATION and PARADE AT WELCH...** On Friday, October 26th, we will have our Fall Celebrations at Welch! At 2:10 PM (weather permitting) students will parade around the school. Students will exit the building through door #8 (gym door) and parade around the outside of the building, entering the building through door #4 (playground door). Teachers and staff walk with the students and provide supervision. Parents are invited to watch the parade from the back playground area as each class walks around the building. If the parade is cancelled due to weather, we will send out an email and/or phone call by 1:00 p.m.

From 2:45 – 3:15 PM, the students will participate in a Fall Celebration, which will include a craft and games.

As we want to ensure the safety of all students during this celebration and maintain an environment conducive to learning the day of the celebration, we are asking that students follow the rules below:

- Students are not to wear costumes to school at the beginning of the day; time will be provided prior to the parade for students to change into their costume. Costumes **MUST** be able to be put on in the classroom – no students will be allowed to go to the bathroom to change into a costume.
- Parents should assist their child/ren in making appropriate decisions about what students wear for costumes, ensuring that costumes are school appropriate and meet all of the District 204 Dress Code Guidelines. Please note that **masks are not permitted at school**.
- Please keep play weapons at home. Sharp objects (i.e. wooden swords) may **NOT** be part of any costume, as we want to ensure all students' safety.

- Only those volunteers helping with room parties will be allowed into the building during the celebration. As a reminder, party volunteers will need to check in the office with a valid ID. All volunteers should have a valid ID with them the day of the party, even if they have been scanned in Raptor this year. This is a very busy day in the office and we appreciate your patience. **Past practice allowed for students to go home with parents at the conclusion of the celebrations; please note that we will not be releasing students at the end of the celebrations this year. We ask that students meet their parents at their typical dismissal spot at 3:35 PM.**
- Students not participating in the Halloween Parade or Fall Celebration on the basis of religious beliefs or family choice will be supervised and provided an alternate activity during this time. To ensure we have materials and plans for this, we ask that you **contact Sarah Nowak by Wednesday, October 24th if your child(ren) will not be participating the parade and/or Fall Celebration.**
- Thank you for your cooperation and support as we enjoy the fun of Welch's Fall Celebration! If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Nowak (sarah\_nowak@ipsd.org)

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES...** District 204 is using PowerPTC, a online service that allows parents at all grade levels to easily schedule parent-teacher conferences. In order to use the service, you will **use your Home Access Center (HAC) login and password.** When you login into the Home Access Center you will find a link to PowerPTC where you will enter this information. Listed below is a screenshot detailing the location in HAC. Once your account is set up, You will be able to schedule your conferences during the following times:

- Scheduling closes on October 26th at 4 pm.
- Parent-teacher conferences are November 1st and 5th.

# Directions to Access PowerPTC from HAC

1. From the HAC Home Page, click on School Links

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Access' page for Indian Prairie School District 204. The user is logged in as 'Bart Simpson'. The 'School Links' menu is active, and the 'Today's News' section is empty. The main content area displays a class schedule for the week of Monday, October 01, 2018, to Friday, October 05, 2018. The schedule table is as follows:

Class	Current Average	Monday 10/01	Tuesday 10/02	Wednesday 10/03	Thursday 10/04	Friday 10/05
		Day: M	Day: T	Day: W	Day: R	Day: F
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<b>Math Grade 7</b> <small>(MATH0700 - 6) Per: 3 Stroh, Brian T</small>						

2. Click on PowerPTC – Online Conference Scheduler

The screenshot shows the 'Parent Access' page for Indian Prairie School District 204. The user is logged in as 'Bart Simpson'. The 'School Links' menu is active, and the 'PowerPTC - Online Conference Scheduler' link is highlighted in the list of links below the menu.

- [Additional Student Information](#)
- [PushCoin - Online Fee Pay](#)
- [ELL Level Descriptors - English](#)
- [ELL Level Descriptors - Spanish](#)
- [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs - English](#)
- [Alternate ACCESS for ELLs - Spanish](#)
- [PowerPTC - Online Conference Scheduler](#)**

3. You will be directed to the PowerPTC login page. Your username and password are the same as HAC. If you're unsure of your HAC credentials, please contact Welch's Main Office at 630.428.7200.

## PowerPTC

The screenshot shows the 'Guardians & Parents' login section. It includes a 'Single Sign-on Server' field with the value 'ipe-hac.eschoolplus.powerschool.com'. Below this is a 'Language' dropdown menu set to 'English'. There are input fields for 'Username' and 'Password', followed by a 'Login' button. Below the login fields is an 'Other Users' section with a link: 'All Other Users - Click Here to Login >>>'.

4. Once logged in you will be directed to the screen below. You will not be able to select your organization until the window opens on **Monday, October 15 at 10:00 AM.**

## PowerPTC

The screenshot shows the 'Select An Organization' screen. On the left is a navigation menu with links for 'Home', 'My Settings', 'Log out', and 'Active Student'. The main content area has a header 'Select An Organization' with a building icon. Below the header is a message: 'Your account is associated with more than one organization, so we need you to pick which organization you would like to use with PowerPTC.' There are two selection boxes: 'ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - TPSD#204' and 'MIDDLE SCHOOLS - TPSD#204'. The elementary schools listed are Brookdale, Brooks, Builta, Cowlishaw, Fry, Georgetown, Graham, Kendall, McCarty, Owen, Patterson, Peterson, Spring Brk, Steck, Watts, Welch, and Young. The middle schools listed are Crone Middle School, Fischer Middle School, Granger Middle School, Gregory Middle School, Hill Middle School, Scullen Middle School, and Still Middle School.

**WHEN TO STAY HOME...** The cold weather is here, and with it comes coughs, sniffles, fevers, and more! Please see attached document for information about when students should stay home and when they should be in school. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_I3GlqeCagaY-smvRxtgZRe3VZzbBRQt/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_I3GlqeCagaY-smvRxtgZRe3VZzbBRQt/view?usp=sharing)

**WELCH SALUTE VETERANS...** On **Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**, Welch Elementary School will celebrate Veteran's Day at an all school assembly. At 2:15 PM students will honor our Veterans and celebrate our freedom. We are asking students to wear red, white and blue to help honor our Veterans.

A reception has been planned prior to the assembly. Veterans, along with their families and Welch student(s), are invited to attend. Upon arrival, the Veterans student will be called down to join them for the reception. We need an accurate count of how many Veterans and Veteran's families will be attending so we can accommodate all those in attendance. Please fill out the attached form if you will be attending and return to Mrs. Gleason by October 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will create a Wall of Honor to represent past, present, and future Veterans. The wall will be located in the front display cabinets by the office. Stars with the names of veterans and current military members will adorn the wall. A portion of the display will be dedicated "In Memory" of those Veterans who are no longer living. If you wish to submit names and/or pictures for the wall, please fill out the form on the attached page or email the information to [nora\\_gleason@ipsd.org](mailto:nora_gleason@ipsd.org) by October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please include which branch of the military your honored Veteran served in. Thank you for helping to honor all our Veterans and to make this special day a success! We owe so much to our troops and this gives us an opportunity to show our appreciation and gratitude for their service. If you have any questions, you may email [sarah\\_nowak@ipsd.org](mailto:sarah_nowak@ipsd.org) or [nora\\_gleason@ipsd.org](mailto:nora_gleason@ipsd.org)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DeBpyztFzgyRVxOgovJ1yTbkip7HoQf2-TPTYe2PK2k/edit?usp=sharing>

## **RED RIBBON WEEK... October 22nd- October 26th**

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. Help celebrate Red Ribbon Week by talking with your children and participating in the daily activities the week of October 22, 2018. See the attached flyer for more details for Red Ribbon Week. If you have any questions, please contact Ciara Ward at [ciaraward22@gmail.com](mailto:ciaraward22@gmail.com).

**Monday-** Wear Red

**Tuesday-** Wear Your favorite Sports Attire

**Wednesday-** Wear your pajamas

**Thursday-** Wear crazy socks

**Friday-** Wear your costume

**WINTER COAT AND BOOT DRIVE...** Fall is the time of year to clean out our closets, and during the month of October, we are holding a district-wide winter coat and boot collection. Due to the growing need in our district we will be collecting **new or gently used, clean coats** of all sizes (infant through adult), in addition to other winter accessories (boots, hats, coats, scarves, snow pants, etc.). The coats will be distributed to families in need within our district in early November.

Welch Elementary School will be collecting clean, gently worn coats and boots from Monday October 22nd through Friday October 26th, 2018. Please drop off in the bin in the school's front lobby.

If you have any questions, please contact Josie Christopherson at [josielinda78@gmail.com](mailto:josielinda78@gmail.com)