

News from Mrs. Nowak: January 12, 2018

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

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, January 12th
End of Quarter 2
2M/2W Coding Club 8:20 AM
School Store @ 8:50 AM

Monday, January 15th
No School - MLK Day

Tuesday, January 16th
No School - School Improvement Planning

Wednesday, January 17th
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 18th
Choir @ 8:00 AM
STEAM Club @ 3:35 PM
Postal Club @ 3:35 PM
Mutual Ground Parent Meeting @ 6:30 PM

Friday, January 19th
2M/2W Coding Club @ 8:20 AM
School Store @ 8:50 AM
Quarter 2 Report Cards Available @ 4:00 PM

Arrival and Dismissal...

Due to the cold temperatures, we have a larger number of parents driving their students to and from school. Please allow a few extra minutes to ensure that students are IN THEIR CLASSROOMS by 9:05 AM. Students who are not in their classrooms when the 9:05 AM bell rings will be marked tardy. Please note that the doors open at 8:50 AM. To ensure that all of our students are safe, please follow the procedures listed below:

If you are dropping your student off by car, you MUST use the carline in the parking lot off of Cedar Glade. It is unsafe to drop students off in the street in front of the school, as they often will then cross without the assistance of a crossing guard.

Please ensure that students exit and enter vehicles from the passenger side so they are not walking around the car in the carline.

The circle drive in the front of the building is for buses only; cars are prohibited from entering or using the circle drive exit as a place to turn around or drop off students.

Please ensure that if you are picking your student up in the car line in the afternoon that your car has a tag on the passenger window with your last name and their grade level(s). This will assist staff in getting students to their cars as quickly as possible. This tag can be on any piece of paper, or you can request a tag from Sarah Nowak (sarah_nowak@ipsd.org).

Your students' safety is our number one concern. With over 700 White Tigers in our building, it is essential that procedures are in place and followed. Thank you for your support.

What is #FutureReady204?...

Community members are invited to attend the next Engage 204 session on January 29 from 7 to 9 pm at Still Middle School, 787 Meadowridge Drive, Aurora. This session will focus on "What is #FutureReady204?" Experts have stated that the majority of students entering elementary school today will be working in jobs that have not been created yet, using tools that have not been invented yet, solving problems that have not been thought of yet. During this interactive session, administrators will share how education is changing to help students develop life and work skills that will be needed in the future.

Engage 204 is a collaborative process between the community and District 204. Key to the success of this process is the collaboration and discussion between participants. District residents who attend will have the unique opportunity to share ideas and discuss topics in small groups in order to provide feedback to the Board of Education. Findings and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education by July 2018. All District 204 residents are invited to participate in Engage 204.

RSVP is appreciated, but not required at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Engage204RSVP>

For more information, visit <http://engage204.org>

Parents of 5th Graders...

5th grade students will be coming home with information about middle school electives TODAY! Please review the elective sheet and choose your student's option(s); forms are due back to Welch no later than January 26th. Please contact Scullen Middle School with any questions!

Welch PTA Culture Night....

January 26, 2018 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Are you looking for a great way to celebrate diversity? This is your chance to come and share your culture and or heritage with those who live around you. If you would like to participate and or help please contact Liliana Ramirez at Lily.a.ramirez@gmail.com or text 630-479-2084.

Welch PTA Directory...

With the goal of becoming more of a GREEN school Welch PTA has decided to send there directory via e-mail. If you are a member and you did not receive it please contact Tonia Brock at toniabrock01@aol.com If you're not a Welch PTA member and would like to become one please contact Mary Beth Satvedi at marybethsatvedi@yahoo.com for more information.

Junior Achievement... Is your child ready to be inspired and learn more about businesses and economy? If so, JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT is for your student. Junior Achievement will meet starting January 24th at 8AM and run for 6 weeks meeting on Tuesday mornings. Junior Achievement is run by volunteers and a few slots still need to be filled. Please consider attending the training next Wednesday, January 17th at 8AM. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Darrell Ortiz (Welch PTA JA chair) at darrell.ortiz@cdmsoft.com

Parent Survey...

We Need YOU!! Please take a few moments to complete the State of Illinois Survey on Welch Elementary School. This information will help us make Welch the best it can be.

To take this short survey:

1. Visit https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/?target_name=parent
2. Type and then select Dupage as District 204's County location. This is the county associated with the district, not the location of an individual school.
3. Type your school's name into the School field and then select your school.

End of 2nd Quarter/Grades...Grades will be posted on Home Access on Friday January 19 after 4:00. If you do not have your student's log-in, please contact the school office BEFORE January 19 at 630.428.7200. Thank you!

Recess Reminder...

With the cold temperatures upon us, I wanted to send a reminder regarding recess. A 15 minute recess is held each day following lunch. During the winter, we will go outside for recess if the wind chill index is at 5 degrees or above. The wind chill report will be obtained from the National Weather Service. Students are expected to dress appropriately for winter weather recess with hats, gloves, boots, and winter coats. When we have snow, boots and snow pants are required to venture off of the blacktop and out into the snow. All students participate in

recess unless a doctor's note including a medical reason is provided to the school. When a student is excluded from PE due to a medical concern, the exclusion will apply to all physical activities including recess, unless otherwise noted. The school nurse will follow up with the doctor's office as needed. Please note that parents may write a note to excuse their student from all physical activities, including recess, for up to three days. If there is an ongoing or recurrent illness or need for exclusion, we will request a doctor's note regarding the exclusion and the medical reason for the exclusion. Students who are unable to participate in recess will sit inside the lunchroom on the stage stairs reading, and will be supervised by our lunchroom supervisors. Please contact Welch's main office with any questions. Our students' safety is our concern.

Making the Right Call When Your Child is Sick...

As we are in the midst of cold and flu season, a few reminders:

School Policy requires a child to stay home if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100.0 or higher
- Has been vomiting or has diarrhea
- Has a sore throat with a fever
- Has symptoms that keep your child from participating in school, such as:
- Very tired or lack of appetite
- Cough that he/she cannot control
- Headache, body aches, or earache

24 Hour Rule:

- **FEVER:** Keep your child home until his or her FEVER has been gone without fever reducing medicine for 24 hours. Colds can be contagious for at least 48 hours. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and make others sick.
- **VOMITING or DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the LAST time he or she vomited or had diarrhea.
- **ANTIBIOTICS:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the FIRST dose of antibiotics for anything like an ear infection or strep throat.

Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home if he or she is ill. One sick child can spread germs to all his or her classmates. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the Welch Health Office.