



Watson Elementary Newsletter

February



Awesome things happening with our Wildcats!!



Congratulations to our Robotics Club who competed this month! Watson's Robotics team, Katerina Aleksic, Alex Bulfer, Lucy Buntin, Luke Bridge, Sai Chodavarapu, Jacob DeCorte, Ahmyiah Fonseca, Chloe Garza, Mara Herescu, Miles

Jones, Togi Khash-Erdene, Milan Markos, Reese Marksteiner, Victor Olariyike, Gabriel Ortega, Anastasia Pallas, Louie Pallas, Jason Pyle, Ethan Rzycki, Ari Slavo and Alexis Theros, competed at Hobart High School Saturday January 18, 2020.



We had three smaller teams running three robots at the competition. Each team competed in 8 team challenges where they competed with another team from another school to drive their robots around a course and pick up boxes and balls to earn points. Each team competed by themselves in a skills challenge where they did the same things as a team challenge but all by themselves. Each team had one last challenge that required them to write code for their robot. They had to send the code to the robot and at the competition they had to push a button and their robot would read the code and do what it was told. This was the first year for our robotics team so we learned a lot about Robots and competing.



Office News

Kindergarten information for the 2020-2021 school year:

Incoming Kindergarten Informational Meeting
2/20/2020

6:00 p.m. @ Lake Central High School

Kindergarten Registration

3/11/2020-3/12/2020 from 9:00-11:00 & 12:00-2:00

Kindergarten Hands-On Workshop for Parents
(For incoming kindergarten parents)

3/19/20

6:00 p.m. Homan Elementary

Birthday Invitations

To avoid hurt feelings, approval from the teacher must be obtained prior to passing out invitations.

Invitations must be given to all the boys, or all the girls, or the entire class.

Important Note for All Watson Families:

If you are using the handicap parking spaces either during or after school hours, you must have a handicap placard that is visible to see. These spots are NOT to be taken by any other than those who have the correct placard to do so. Please be respectful to our Watson community, and do not park in this area! This includes the blue stripes next to the handicap spaces. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter!

Recess Reminder: Our Watson students go outside for recess as often as possible. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. We go outside daily if the temperature is 20 degrees or above and the conditions are dry.

SKYWARD: Please make sure that your phone and email information is updated in SKYWARD. It is important that this is updated. It will keep you informed when important messages and emails are sent out to our families.

Ms. Kat's Early Childhood class:

Ms. Kat is teaching her students all about giving back to the community. She created a reverse advent calendar of giving rather than receiving. Kids donated daily to give back to St. John town center.



Kindergarten Teachers spreading holiday cheer:



Mindfulness

Parents, our students begin their day with a mindful minute. This helps our kids prepare their brains to actively learn and engage in the classroom. Be sure to ask your child and encourage him/her to practice these exercises at home!!

Our Helpful Wildcats!

We want to thank these Wildcats for volunteering their recess time to help our Kindergartners!



Our awesome Wildcat peer mentors: Finley Golder, Josie Jagadich, Luke Czaja, Vivi Kelly, Addi Furdo and Gianna Santiago

Two Hour Delay

On occasion, the Lake Central School Corporation will call for a two hour delay. In the event of a two hour delay, please be aware of the following:

- School will start at 10:00 a.m.
- Bus schedules will run about two hours behind. If you get picked up at 7:30, your pick-up for a two hour delay will be 9:30.
- Car riders can be dropped off beginning at 9:45.
- All morning activities (tutoring, yoga, clubs, etc.) are cancelled.
- Breakfast will not be served.
- The Adventure Club is open as usual @ 6:30 a.m

First Grade Wildcats get a special visit from the Polar Express Conductor:



An important message regarding Math-A-Thon:

Watson School has been a strong supporter of the St. Jude Children's Hospital through their Math-A-Thon program. We are proud to say that we have raised nearly \$100,000 over the years to help sick children get well. Watson will continue supporting sick children, but closer to home Beginning this school year, we will be joining other Lake Central schools by raising money for Riley's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. Everyone here at Watson wants to thank you for your past donations and thank you in advance for your future donations to this worthy cause. Our Watson family has such a big heart.

Thank you for your generosity,

Chris Mikuly
former Math-A-Thon Coordinator

Early Childhood Screening:

Lake Central Special Education provides screenings throughout the school year for children age 2 years 10 months-5 years.

The screening is a global assessment of a child's developmental functioning as compared to his/her peers of similar age and gender.

Pre-school requirements are:

- Child must participate in screening
- Peers must be potty trained
- Must speak fluent English

There are only a few dates left to schedule screenings:

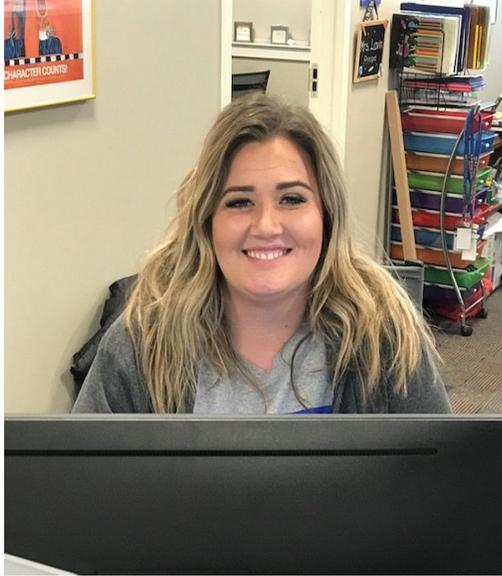
- February 19, 2020
- March 17, 2020
- April 17, 2020
- May 11, 2020

To make an appointment for a screening contact Robin Mestrich at 219-365-8507. Screening locations are at Lake Central High School.



Staff in the Spotlight!

Watson Wildcats welcome, Ms. Samantha Brown into her new position as Watson's new Data Secretary! Ms. Brown has been employed through the corporation as a paraprofessional and we are grateful that she accepted this new position! Congratulations to Ms. Brown!



Mrs. Mazurkiewicz, Assistant Principal



This is Mrs. Mazurkiewicz's 22nd year in Lake Central! She has devoted her career to the special education programming in the district, and this year has had the privilege of being the Assistant Principal at Watson Elementary School, head of Early Childhood programming and working with Protzman Elementary School's special education team. Mrs. Mazurkiewicz has been married for 17 years to her husband, Todd, and has three growing boys-Andrew 15, and identical twin boys, Will and Joe who are 10 years old. She has earned a Master's Degree in Elementary Education and Educational Leadership. She is a die-hard Boilermaker who enjoys spending time outdoors.

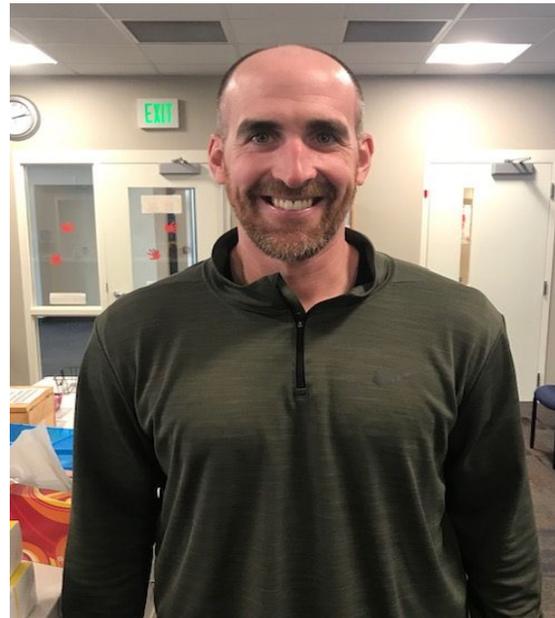
Staff in the Spotlight!

Watson Elementary School's Student Resource Officer, Steven Burton. Officer Burton has been with the Schererville Police Department for 19 years. We are proud of our resource officers throughout our district, and grateful to have Officer Burton on staff!



And last, but certainly not least, our Dean of Students, Mr. Ryan Stablein.

Hi! My name is Ryan Stablein, and I am the Dean of



Students at Watson. I am also the Dean of Students at Grimmer. This is my second year in administration....last year I was at Clark and Peifer. Prior to that, I taught 7th and 8th grade ELA at Clark and coached football. I have enjoyed my time at Watson tremendously so far, and I look forward to meeting more Watson/Grimmer families as the year goes on!

Winterfest 2020!

Thank you to our incredible PTO for all you did

to make
our
Winterfest
a HUGE
success!

The
Watson
Wildcats
would like
to give a
big shout
out to all
of the
parents
who spent
endless
hours
decorating,
creating
games, and

organizing this amazing event! We would also like
to thank all of the staff members who
volunteered their time for our Wildcats! You
turned our school into a beautiful winter
wonderland and great memories were made. We
appreciate all you do for our school community
PTO!!

Pictured from our PTO: Kim Marksteiner, Kim Nelson, and
Shannon Ohlenkamp







This calendar will be updated for each newsletter as new events are scheduled. Also, sign up for the Eventlink calendar on the LCSC web page for more information about scheduled events. You will find the Eventlink link under "Quick Links" in the middle of LCSC web page.

Important Dates

February



- 3-7-Book Fair Week
- 6-Family Night 5:30-7:30
- 7-Yearbook orders due
- 13-Yearbook group photos
- 14-Holiday party day
- 17-No school/Presidents' Day
- 20-District wide Kindergarten Parent meeting
(for 2020-2021 kindergarten students @ 6:00
LCHS)
- 24-28-Dollars for Scholars Penny Wars
- 27-Author Visit/Nick Brael

March

- 10-PTO meeting 3:00
- 11-3rd quarter ends, Kindergarten enrollment
- 12-4th quarter begins, Kindergarten Enrollment
- 16-April 3 IREAD testing window for 3rd
- 19-Kindergarten hands-on workshop for 2020-2021 kindergarten parents 6:00 @ Homan
- 23-27-No school/spring break

April

- 1-4th grade trip (Pishkur/Olenik)
- 2-4th grade trip (Starcevich/Kowalewicz)
- 7-Spring Picture Day
- 10-No school/Easter break
- 20-May 15-ILEARN testing window (test for 3rd and 4th grade)

May

- 8-1st grade trip
- 12-PTO meeting 3:00, 2nd grade trip (Mikuly/Krachenfels)
- 13-2nd grade trip (Lyda/Scissom)
- 14-Last day tutoring
- 22-Last day for students

