



Watson Elementary Newsletter

October 2020



Watson Elementary School earns the Superintendent's Cup for the Summer Reading Challenge!



Thank you PTO for making our staff feel special!!

We sure do love our teachers and entire support staff! We are off to a great start for this school year!! We are so very proud of our students who are doing a phenomenal job wearing masks and complying with social distancing at school. Our kids have amazed us with their resilience and hard work. Keep it up, Wildcats!

Employment opportunities in Lake Central:

Lake Central is in need of substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, school nurses and bus drivers. Please fill out an application at lcsc.us if you are interested.

<https://lcsc.us/administrators/human-resources>

School nurses needed: RN license Required
7.5 hours daily
\$21/hour

Any questions contact: Kristi Blakenship, nurse coordinator 322-2040

Spirit Wear Fridays

Every Friday is Watson spirit wear day! Don't forget to wear your favorite Watson wear or our school colors!

Masks

It is important that masks fit properly. Please make sure that the mask for your child fits over the nose and under the chin. Also, we recommend keeping an extra mask in your book bag

Office News

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.

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

All Watson students are eligible for bus service. To find your bus route, go to www.lcsc.us. Look under the departments tab and click the transportation link. **Due to the traffic congestion in our parking lot, we strongly encourage all families to take advantage of bus service.**

Reminders

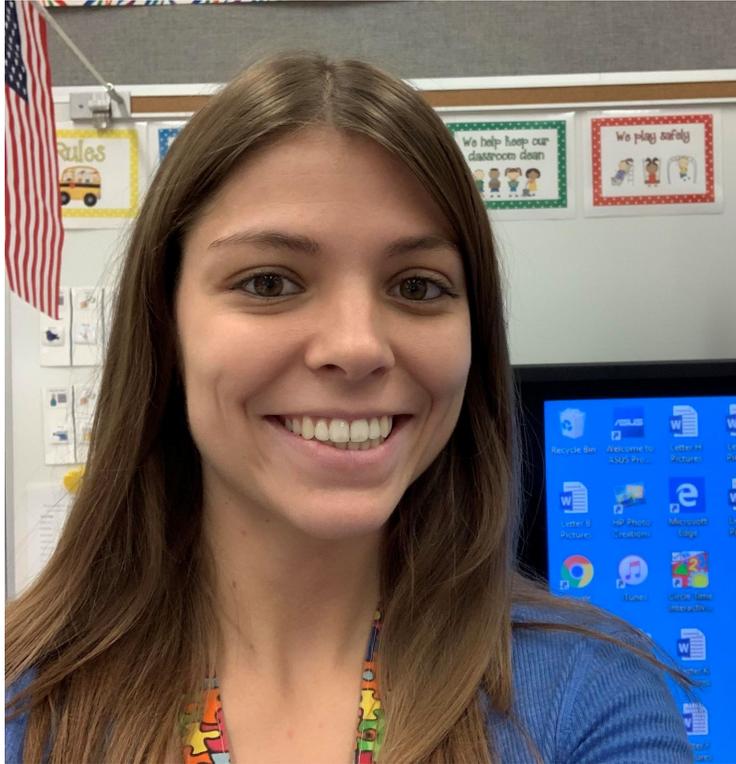
- Please put a sign in your window with your child's name, grade, and teacher if you are an afternoon car rider.
- Morning car riders-Please make sure your child has a mask with them before exiting the car.
- Car riders-Please drop off between the large yellow safety poles. We do not want kids dropped off out of our line of sight for safety reasons.
- Every Wednesday beginning October 14 will be an early release date. Students will be dismissed at 1:10 p.m.

Lake Central Education Foundation:

Watson Elementary School teachers and classroom staff are appreciative of the Lake Central Education Foundation's (LCEF) contribution! On Monday, August 3, 2020 the LCEF provided the Corporation with \$5,000, Grant Round 53, to help purchase PPE supplies for every school. This generous donation given in these unprecedented times of COVID-19 has assisted in making our classrooms a safe environment for learning. The \$5,000 Grant was made possible because of funds raised mainly through the Bureau of Motor Vehicle Education License Plates, Amazon (smile.amazon.com), community member/business contributions, and LCSC staff donations. To learn more about how the LCEF supports your child's learning, visit their website at <http://lakecentralef.org>."

Staff if the Spotlight!

Welcome Mrs. Janice Bales, Early Childhood Teacher and Mrs. Kelly Lambert to our Watson family!



Hello, Watson community! My name is Janice Bales and I am one of the new Early Childhood teachers at Watson.

I graduated from Purdue University Northwest with a dual license in elementary and special education. I have been teaching preschool for 3 years and have loved every single day!!

I am a lover of animals, camping, pizza, popcorn, music, and teaching little ones.

Just a heads up as I recently married my best friend, Roy, on July 25th. It was the perfect day! My name will be changed to Mrs. Meyer!

**New Wildcats, we
Welcome you to our
Watson family!**

Mrs. Kelly Lambert, 2nd grade teacher



Hi everyone! My name is Kelley Lambert, and this will be my 10th year teaching. I am so excited to be at Watson Elementary, and I thank you for all for being so welcoming!

A little bit about me, my husband Brian and I have been married for 9 years. We have two beautiful children, Jack and Joey. Jack is 6 years old and is currently in 1st grade at Solon Robinson in Crown Point. Our youngest Joey just turned 5, and he is in his last year of preschool. He can't wait to go to kindergarten! I love spending time with my family and friends! I love to go boating on the lake, and I have been skiing since I was 10. One of my favorite hobbies is to cook! I absolutely love making new dishes and sharing them with people! I have always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was in third grade, and my love for this career has never changed. I have had the privilege of teaching in both primary and secondary as well as in rural and urban settings. I am truly blessed to be joining this wonderful Watson Family!



What are our Wildcats up to?

Making gym class fun as students participate in many outdoor activities!!



Mrs. Caposey's class is playing a game we call "Statue". Students pose in any physical position pretending to be a statue and try to change positions when they think the "It" person isn't looking. If they get caught moving a body part they are out and sit down.

Everyone loves it!!!

Home and School Connection:

What are some conversations you can have about your child's school day?

Here are some conversation starters that will help you stay involved in your child's school day:

"Let's see what you worked on today?"

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well he/she is doing! Respond to notes you may see from the teacher and commend your child on the good work they put forth.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you can play a role, too! Make sure he/she knows what is to be done by having your child explain the assignments to you. After finishing, glance over and assure it is completed.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what your child would like to read. Encourage your child's reading and listening skills by reading aloud and letting him/her take a turn as well.

"Tell me what you learned that you may want to know more about."

Use your child's interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. For example, if your child shows an interest in geometry, you might want to hunt for shapes together. If your child is fascinated with animals and how they adapt to winter, read a book or observe animals outside.

Other conversation starters can include:

What's the coolest thing that happened today?
Pretend you are the teacher. How would you describe your day?

What made you laugh or smile today?

What was the most creative thing you did?

How were you kind or helpful today?

How did someone else show you kindness or help you?

Congratulations to our Wildcats!

Our students did an excellent job with the Summer Reading Challenge earning the Superintendent's Cup in the district this year. Our Wildcats rose to the challenge all summer long! Dr. Veracco visited the kids and provided them with this special award. We are so proud of all of you!



Community Helper Week in Early Childhood at Watson

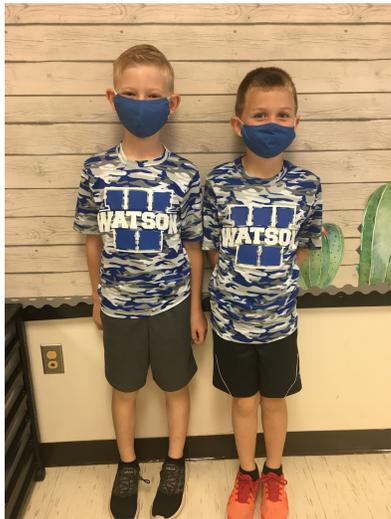
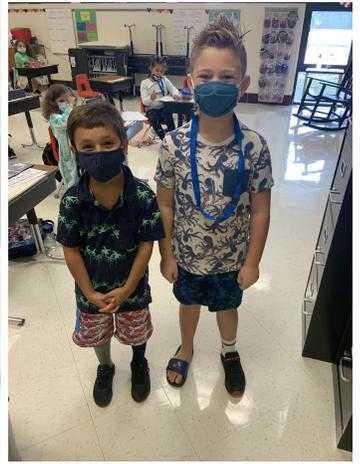
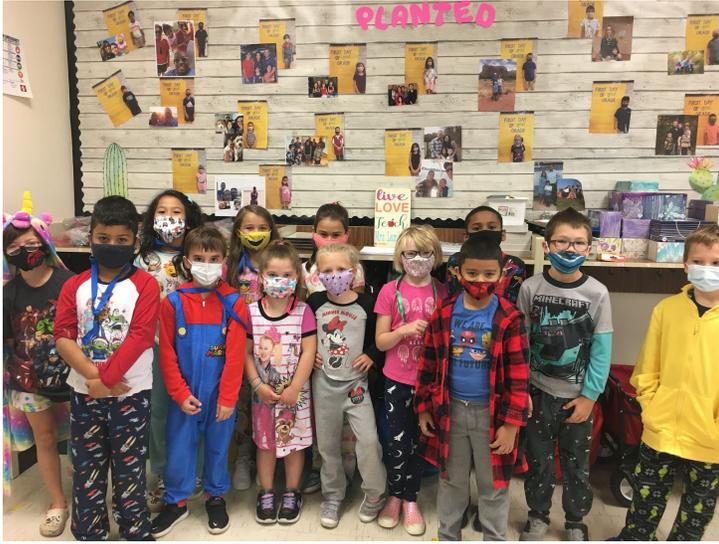
Students in our Early Childhood classroom participated in community helper week!!! We learned all about community helpers and Officer Burton joined us in teaching our students about police officers and safety!! This is one of many fun things we do in our Early Childhood classrooms at Watson.

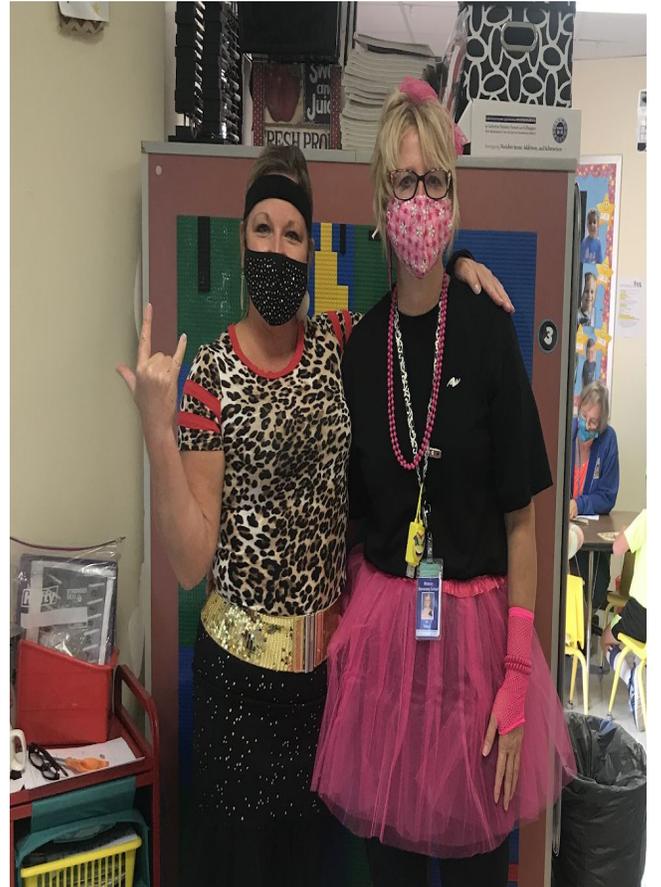
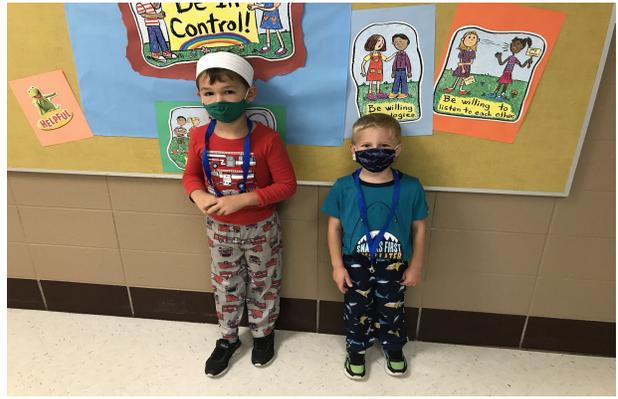


Preschool Readiness Skills in Early Childhood at Watson

Students in Mrs. Janice's classroom participate in preschool readiness skills throughout the year. Preschool readiness activities incorporated in the classroom allow students to independently explore and solve problems with hands-on activities. In these activities, the students were working on their fine motor skills by making an elephant craft for the letter E and making a germ craft. We had classroom discussions on letter E identification and corresponding sounds as well as how we stay healthy. The kids were also scientists and participated in an egg experiment! These are a few of the many fun activities we like to do in the classroom to promote higher-order thinking

Spirit Week at Watson!



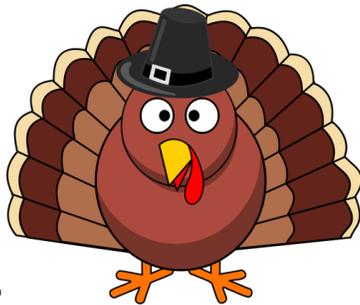


Important Dates to Remember:



October

19-End of 1st grading period
28-1st quarter report cards posted in Skyward
28-30 Virtual Pumpkin Decorating Contest
30 Halloween Classroom Parties



November

2-3 Fall Break
13 Picture retakes
25-27 No school Thanksgiving Break



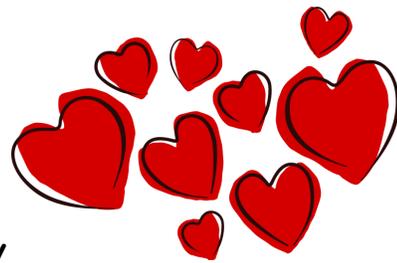
December

17 Holiday Classroom Parties
21-January 3 Winter Break



January

4 Teachers and students return
18 No school Martin Luther King Day



February

1-5 Penny Wars-Lake Central Dollars for Scholars
12 Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
15 No school Presidents Day



March

11-12 Kindergarten registration
22-26 Spring Break



April

2 Easter Break



May

27 Last Student Day