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Little Giants



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FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT....



As we approach the Christmas season it is a time of reflection on what to be thankful for. This time of year brings many thoughts into my mind such as joyous past holidays while others have reflections of losses from the past. Either way I am thankful for my family, good health, and the ability for my children to attend such a great school district. We are very fortunate as a learning community to have committed teachers and staff. The year is progressing so quickly it seems like yesterday that the school year began. The month of December also promises to be a busy one for both boys and girls athletics. The Lady Little Giants basketball team has gotten off to an unbeaten start and the boys are doing well also. Our wrestling Little Giants are also expected to have another successful season. On the other hand, there are many people that are not as fortunate during this holiday season. In the end we should all be thankful for what we have and for those loved ones that are still with us. For those loved ones who have passed - we pray for them. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of my fellow Cantonians a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



Rolf Swertsen, Superintendent

Science, Technology, Engineering, Math



Left: Westview students learning how to code an animated caterpillar.



Hands on training for our elementary staff during their professional development day.



Canton High School

On November 10, 2017, Canton High School was packed with CHS students, Lincoln Elementary students, veterans, and members of the community in celebration of our communities' veterans. Students were able to have an opportunity to really see and understand what the day is all about.

The ceremony kicked off with a breakfast for all veterans and their families. The ceremony then included a keynote presentation by Dave Riney, performances by the CHS band, chorus, and the students of Canton High School and Lincoln Elementary. Immediately following the celebration, there was a monument dedication in front of the high school, with a humbling twenty-one gun salute and the playing Taps. The monument was dedicated in the name of Ted Fitz-Henry, Navy Seal and 1981 CHS Graduate.



Canton High School was packed on November 10, 2017 for the Veterans Memorial ceremony

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Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln School has had an exciting first half of the school year. Students, staff, and families have had educational, creative, and meaningful experiences for all.

There has been so much to celebrate!

- The 1st and 2nd grade Fall Music program was a huge success
- We had over 77% of our families attend our Open House in August
- Mr. Pullen has distributed over 100 mileage club charms so far this year
- Over 92% of families attend Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mrs. McDaniel-Churchill's students presented their annual Unified Christmas Play with their buddies
- Mrs. Jochums students have started swimming at the YMCA
- 3rd and 4th grade classrooms have implemented the 1:1 program
- Three students per month are assigned to be a part of the Recycling Team at Lincoln. Students in Mrs. McDaniel-Churchill's class have taken on a new job as a part of their pre-vocational training
- Every teacher at Lincoln School has embraced the STEAM initiative. There has been so many Creative, Innovative, Collaborative projects throughout the building
- Our PBIS program is in full swing and we are seeing a decrease in office referrals this year
- We held our 1st Annual Door Decorating Contest amongst all of the classrooms
- Students and staff have checked out over 4,000 books so far this year
- 4th Grade students participated in the Kidnits service project



Lincoln Elementary School partnered with CHS to present the 1st annual Veterans Day Celebration on November 10th. The student's musical performance, "Proud of Our Veterans" touched the hearts of many.



Mr. Reavis directing the 8th Grade Band at the Ingersoll Winter Band Concert.



Westview Elementary School

Once again the holidays are upon us. It is incredible to think that we are almost halfway through the year. On Halloween, Westview once again welcomed the Lewistown Tube Band. The band played instruments that are made of PVC pipe, duct tape, field tile, and spatulas and from other non-musical items.

To celebrate Veterans day, every grade level had guest speakers come to speak to our students. At the morning assembly, American Legion post #16 presented the colors. A special thank you to all of our Veterans for making this a meaningful day for our students!

The students in 2nd grade classes of Tina Bequeaith, Katrina Hamilton, and Amanda Sipe recently performed their annual fall plays. The students practiced their play to build their oral reading fluency and performed for parents as a culminating activity. The child did a fabulous job and had a large audience for each performance.

Students in 3rd grade just had their Heritage Festival in the gym on November 21st. Students researched one of their ancestor's countries. They displayed their research, posters, clothing, and traditions with Family, friends, and students.

The Fall Music program was a success. This year's theme was "I'm Gonna Be." Students in 1st and 2nd grade sang songs about what they wanted to be when they grow up. We would like to thank our music teacher Sarah Butler for planning and preparing a wonderful music program. We also extend our thanks to Richard Etter for accompanying on the piano.

Read for 2018 was on December 1st for students at Westview. The students received a book as a gift from Westview School. Our guest reader was Christy Semande, the school district Librarian.



Westview Elementary School students collected food for local food pantries.



Box top contest ends with 3 members of Westview staff getting pies in their face. Students enjoyed throwing pies in the faces of Mrs. Grzanich, Mrs. Demler, and Miss Thum.

The Christmas Tea was held on December 18th. Students dressed up in their best clothes and sang carols in the library after enjoying punch and cookies. Santa paid a visit, and students had the opportunity to be photographed with him. Parent volunteers turned the library into a winter wonderland for the Christmas Tea.

Westview's 2nd Quarter Reward was on December 20th the students went to the high school auditorium to watch a movie for their good behavior in school. Congratulations to all the students who earned this reward!

Looking for us on Twitter search [@Westview66](#) or [#westview-proud](#) to see the special activities going on each and every day. To receive messages via text, text [@westviewe](#) to (224) 803-3663.



PROJECT

H O P E



Ingersoll Middle School Project H.O.P.E. students celebrating together before break. They have been a great group who have already made an impact toward the anti-drug initiative during red ribbon week, and when we come back from break they will start planning the annual kindness week that takes place at the end of January.

Weather Related School Emergency Procedures for the Canton School District District 66

In addition to our usual methods of communication, District #66 will use our **SKYLERT MESSAGING SERVICE** to notify parents of school cancellations, delays, and early dismissals. Parents will receive an automated telephone message directly from the district office soon after the decision is made. This will be an efficient and timely way to communicate to all district parents. To assist with this service, **IT IS IMPORTANT YOUR TELEPHONE INFORMATION IS ACCURATE AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.**

All **emergency information** for District 66 regarding school cancellations, delayed starts, and early dismissals will be broadcast via the following methods:

- **Skylert Telephone Messaging Service
- **WEEK Channel 25
- **WBYS 1560 AM
- **WMBD Channel 31
- **'School Closings link on District Website:
- www.cantonusd.org

Eastview Elementary School

It's amazing how fast time goes when you are having fun and busy learning. We have had an amazing first semester full of fun, exciting activities. Our students and families participated in our Thankful for Reading family night. The first and second grade students did a fabulous job with their "Music Around the World" music program in November. Their talent and enthusiasm are inspiring.



Student leadership is once again going strong this year. Our first quarter team held a Penny Drive to donate to the Children's Hospital. The second quarter leadership team voted to make Christmas cards to be delivered to the local nursing homes. The leadership teams show great compassion and concern for their community. I am very proud of all of their hard work.

The Eastview SOS held a canned food drive this fall. Eastview collected around 2000 cans for the food pantry. Mr. Marklands class was the top can collectors earning a pizza party. The students also participated in the "Nets for Vets" program this fall. I am very proud of our students. They raised enough money to send over 3 Veterans on the Honor Flight.

While wrapping up 2017 the students will have earned over 4550 Giant Smile Turkey feathers, Green Giant Smiles to build a tree, dressed to impress for the EV Christmas Tea, and spent time making crafts and eating goodies at Christmas parties.

As we go into the Holiday Season and another year comes to a close I want to say Thank You to all of the staff, parents, and volunteers that have helped make Eastview the AMAZING school that it is. Eastview couldn't accomplish all we do without the tremendous support received from all of these people. I look forward to another great year and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2018!



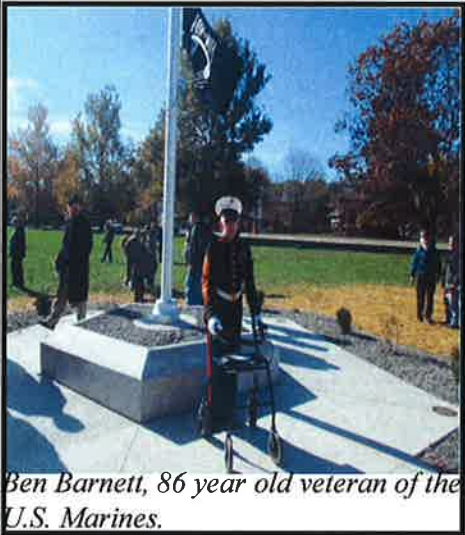
Eastview students posing with our Veterans during Nets for Vets Fundraiser.

Right:
Eastview
students play-
ing a game at
a station the
night of our
Thankful for
Reading family
reading night.





The ceremony moved outside for the monument dedication in front of the high school.



Ben Barnett, 86 year old veteran of the U.S. Marines.



Events

Upcoming

- Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 3 School Resumes
- Jan. 6 D Bishop Speech Tournament
- Jan. 9 Friends of WV, 3:15 PM
- Jan. 9 Lincoln School Supporters, 6:30 PM
- Jan. 10 LG Booster Club, 7 PM
- Jan. 12 NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 15 NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 16 Eastview, SOS, 6:30 PM
- Jan. 17 School Board Meeting, 7PM
- Jan. 19 IMS Spirit Day
- Jan. 20 Scholastic Bowl Varsity Conf. 8:00 AM
- Jan. 22 P & O Band Club, 7:00 PM
- Jan. 23 Preschool Screening, Wesley UMC, 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM
- Jan. 23 Gr. 5 & 6 Activity Night 3:30 – 5:00 PM, TBA
- Jan. 25 Preschool Screening, Wesley UMC, 8:30-10:45 AM
- Jan. 25 Ingersoll Spelling Bee
- Jan. 26 Preschool Screening, Wesley UMC, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Jan. 26 Eastview Winter Fundraiser Begins
- Jan. 26 FFA Pancake and Sausage Supper, 4-7 PM
- Feb. 1 Lincoln Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 1 Mr. Little Giant Pageant, 7PM
- Feb. 1 Early Dismissal, 2:15 PM
- Feb. 2 IMS Gr 7/8 Valentine Dance, 7-9 PM
- Feb. 2 Mid-Illini Jazz Festival, 2:30 PM
- Feb. 3 Scholastic Bowl JV Conf.
- Feb. 3 Mid-Illini All-Conf. Sing,
- Feb. 6 Reading Adventures at Oaklawn, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Feb. 7 Westview Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 7 Eastview Miles of Smiles
- Feb. 9 Lincoln Family Valentine Dance
- Feb. 10 ACT Test
- Feb. 12 18-19 Parent Night for Incoming Freshmen 6:30 PM
- Feb. 13 Friends of WV, 3:15 PM
- Feb. 13 Lincoln School Supporters, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 14 Elementary Valentine Parties
- Feb. 14 LG Booster Club, 6:30 PM
- Feb. 15 Westview Fundraiser Kick-Off
- Feb. 15 Eastview Jump Rope for Heart
- Feb. 16 Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- Feb. 19 NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day
- Feb. 20 Bradley Jazz Festival
- Feb. 20 Eastview SOS, 6:30PM
- Feb. 21 School Board Meeting, 7 PM
- Feb. 22 Westview Spring Pictures
- Feb. 22 Westview Family Reading Night
- Feb. 23 IGSMA 8th Gr. Band/Chorus Contest
- Feb. 23 IGSMA Organizational Contest
- Feb. 26 P & O Band Club Mtg., 7 PM
- Feb. 27 Community Concert, 7:30PM
- Feb. 28 Scholastic Bowl Fulton County Tournament, 4 PM
- Mar. 1 Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM
- Mar. 2 Ingersoll Spirit Day
- Mar. 3 IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest
- Mar. 5 Scholastic Bowl Varsity Regionals, 4 PM, TBA
- Mar. 6 CHS Blood Drive
- Mar. 8 Mid-Illini Concert Band Festival,
- Mar. 9 End of Third Quarter
- Mar. 9 Spring Dance at IMS
- Mar. 10 SAT Test
- Mar. 10 CHS Jazz Ensemble Concert at American Grille, 7 PM
- Mar. 10 IGSMA Solo & Ensemble Contest at ICC
- Mar. 11 Return to Daylight Savings Time
- Mar. 13 Eastview Spring Pictures
- Mar. 13 Friends of WV, 3:15 PM
- Mar. 13 LSS Meeting, 6:30 PM
- Mar. 14 Grand March/Prom Sign-up
- Mar. 14 Special Olympics Track Reg. 6 PM, Lincoln School
- Mar. 14 LG Booster Club, 6:30 PM
- Mar. 15 Westview STEM Night, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Mar. 15 Grand March/Prom Sign up
- Mar. 16 – 18 Thespian Club Spring Musical
- Mar. 19 School Board Meeting, 7 PM
- Mar. 19 P & O Band Club, 7 PM
- Mar. 20 Gr. 5/6 Activity Night, 3:30-5:00 PM
- Mar. 20 Eastview SOS, 6:30 PM
- Mar. 22 Lincoln Spring Pictures
- Mar. 23 CHS Dance Team Tryouts
- Mar. 26 – Apr. 2 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
- Apr. 3 School Resumes

Additional District 66 Events are listed in the 2017-2018 Activity Calendar at www.cantonusd.org.



CHS Key Club members who volunteered for the YMCA Turkey Trot.

State School Report Cards

The 2016-2017 Illinois School Report Card for each of the District #66 schools is now available on the District #66 website at www.cantonusd.org. The revised report card paints a more complete picture of the learning environment at every school in Illinois, providing information about academic performance, the school environment, available courses and programs. The new report card includes both an Online Report Card that offers an in-depth view of school-and district-level information, as well as an At-A-Glance Report Card that provides a simple, one-page, printable view of a school or district's most important information. If you prefer, you may obtain a paper copy at any of the district schools or at the Administration Office, located at 20 West Walnut Street, Canton.



Preschool Screening & Early Beginnings Screening

Place:

Wesley United Methodist Church
120 North Avenue A, Canton

Dates & Times:

Tues., Jan. 23: 11:30 AM - 6:00 PM

Thurs., Jan. 25: 8:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Fri., Jan. 26: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

The Canton School District will conduct a free preschool screening for **children ages 2.9 - 5**. Vision, hearing, speech and general development will be assessed as part of this service.

In addition, the Early Beginnings staff will be available on Thursday, January 25 from 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM to provide a developmental screening for **children birth to age 33 months**.

After January 3, 2018, parents are asked to schedule an appointment for the preschool screening or the Early Beginnings screening by calling 647-1418. Walk-ins will be given an appointment and asked to return at a later time.



Lincoln Elementary hosted Family Night where the families traveled to different stations celebrating stories of the imagination, created one of a kind works of art, and listened to live musical performances.



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