

# Albrecht Elementary News & Views

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## PBIS REWARDS

As a PBIS School, Albrecht Elementary focuses on positive behaviors and teaching our students expected behaviors. If a student struggles with behaviors, we use those moments as opportunities to reteach expectations and review those rules. The three rules we have at Albrecht Elementary are "Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe." These students are a sample of the many students who show "The Cardinal Way" in our school and used the PBIS Cardinal Feathers they earned for the following prizes and experiences.



Owen has been saving all year to purchase a tractor from the PBIS cart.



Bella purchased Mr. Novy's chair for the day.



Brant ate lunch with Police Chief Hughes.



Donovan helped in the kitchen.



Katie was Mr. Novy's helper for the day.



Logan helped with morning announcements.

## Dates To Remember:

- ☺ March 2-Wear Polka Dot Day
- ☺ March 6-5th Gr. Band Trip To Overture Center
- ☺ March 7-Nurse Laura Eye Screening
- ☺ March 8-Nurse Laura Eye Screening
- ☺ March 8-SPRING PICTURE DAY
- ☺ March 8-Incoming K4 Enrollment & Informational Night 4-7 p.m.
- ☺ March 9-Wear Stripes
- ☺ March 9-EC Child Find Day
- ☺ March 9-Kid Connection Carnival 5-8 p.m.
- ☺ March 11-Daylight Savings Time Begins-Turn Your Clocks Ahead
- ☺ March 15-3rd & 4th Gr. Music Concert 6:30 & 7:15
- ☺ March 16-Wear Shamrock Green
- ☺ March 19-23-Ronald McDonald House Collection
- ☺ March 20-Wear Cap for \$1.00 UW Children's Hospital
- ☺ March 23-Hawaiian Day
- ☺ March 23-End Of 3rd Quarter
- ☺ March 26-30-SPRING BREAK-NO SCHOOL
- ☺ April 2-Students Return

# Music News

## Spring Concert Update

Our Spring Concerts are just around the corner. This year each class has selected a theme and we are quite excited to perform for you. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, March 15th- 6:30 p.m. - Third Grade will present "**Be a Buddy**". The performance will be held at Albrecht Elementary School in the multipurpose room. Students should report to their homerooms by 6:15 that evening. **All Third Grade students are expected to participate in the concert performance.**

Thursday, March 15th - 7:15 p.m. - Fourth Grade will perform "**A Day at the Beach**", featuring some of our favorite "Sun and Surf" songs. This performance will also be held at the Elementary School. Students should report to their homerooms by 7:00. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade performance may still be going on, so 4<sup>th</sup> graders should enter the building through the back door by the gym. **All Fourth Grade students are expected to participate in the concert performance.**

The Fifth Grade Spring Concert will be held on **Thursday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** The concert will include

performances by the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Classes and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus. **All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are expected to participate.**

## March is "Music In Our School" Month

It is our opportunity to celebrate the musical experiences that our children are offered in school. Research tells us how important music is in the lives of our children. Music not only allows children to express themselves artistically, but studying music actually enhances other academic areas.

# Free & Reduced Lunch Information

There has been some questions about receiving free milk at lunch time when a student brings cold lunch. Per the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) guidelines, the free and reduced price lunch benefits only apply to a "hot lunch" meal, not for students who wish to bring a cold lunch. Any child that qualifies for free or reduced lunch and brings a "cold

lunch" will have to pay the .40 for their milk. Students need to purchase "hot lunch" to receive free milk at lunch time.

If you have any questions, feel free to give us a call.

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Food Service



# Caps For The Cure-Wear A hat To School On March 20th

Caps for the Cure is an annual fundraising campaign started by Kristian Schultz in 2006. Through the campaign, the students can make a real difference in the lives of children with cancer by raising money to support pediatric cancer research. More than 120 schools throughout Wisconsin have participated in Caps for the Cure.

**We are encouraging students and staff to support pediatric cancer research by donating \$1 to wear a hat at school on Tuesday, March 20th.**

Caps for the Cure supports the UW Kids Cancer Fund.

Thank you in advance for your help!



## Band News

### UW Varsity Band Concert- RE-SCHEDULED

The band students will be traveling to the Overture Center in Madison on Tuesday, March 6th to see the UW Varsity Band in concert. All students are asked to bring a sack lunch to eat on the bus on the way back to Brodhead and to wear "Wisconsin" attire to the concert. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Riesterer at 897-2184 ext 201.

### Development of Band's Concert

The annual Development of Band's Concert is scheduled for **SUNDAY, March 18th at 3:00 p.m.** in the high school gym. This concert will feature members of the fifth through high school bands. The theme for this year's concert is

"Seriously Sirius." Some selections will include: "Samba Time", "Hooked On a Feeling", and "Seven Nation Army." The concert will end with a grand finale of the new piece the Brodhead Bands commissioned entitled "Unity: Fanfare and Celebration". The fifth grade band students are asked to report to the band room at 2:40 p.m., dressed nicely.

### Themed-Basket Fundrasier

Tickets are on sale! Some of the "baskets" up for grabs are: Backyard Adventures, Creative Outlet, Say Cheese and A Day at the Pool. Tickets will cost \$1.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 6 tickets, \$10.00 for an arm's length (17 tickets) and \$20.00 for a wing span (42 tickets). Tickets will be on sale Monday, Feb-

ruary 26<sup>th</sup> at Pinnow Pharmacy as well as in the elementary school, middle school, and high school offices. Tickets will also be sold the day of the concert. Our goal for this year is to raise money to purchase a new percussion storage area in the middle school band room.

### Beginning Band Night- RESCHEDULED!!!

Due to a conflict, Beginning Band Night has been rescheduled. The current fifth grade band will now perform a Demonstration Concert for the current fourth grade class on Sunday, April 15th at 3 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



## March is a time to Think Positive! -Mrs. Hipenbecker

During the month of March our monthly character focus is on teaching our students the importance of confidence and positive thinking. The way you feel about yourself, your level of confidence, or self-esteem is one measure of overall mental health. A child's overall level of confidence directly affects the way they interact with others and solve problems throughout the course of any given day. Kids who are confident and feel good about themselves are better equipped to handle social pressures, better able to handle strong emotions, and better able to handle frustrations and challenges when they arise. There are plenty of ways that we can foster our children's level of self-confidence. This may seem obvious, but as a parent offer your child plenty of unconditional love. Love, af-

fection and acceptance build a strong base for a confident child. Along with plenty of love, offer your child praise and positive feedback. It is often easy to point out mistakes that we see, but young children measure their worth on what you think. When offering praise to your child try to make it specific and genuine. If you love a drawing that they made, instead of simply saying "Good Job" try to point out a detail and say something like, "I love that you used purple in the sky". Remember, the way that we speak to our children often becomes their inner voice. We can also help our children increase their level of confidence by letting them work through tough moments and challenges. Watching our child hurt, feel discouraged or frustrated can be incredibly difficult, but we aren't doing them

any favors by constantly rescuing them. Children build up their confidence and coping skills by having to work through difficult situations and feelings. Children should know that it is okay to sometimes fail and we can use these experiences to help teach a growth mindset. Praise your child's effort and encourage them to keep trying. Help promote positive self-talk in your child by using encouraging language such as, "You can't do it YET", or "It might be difficult, but you can do it".

Lastly, continually model what you would like your children to do. Speak positively of yourself and your own accomplishments. Model positive self-talk for your children at the same time you encourage and remind your child of their own amazing qualities.

# Ronald McDonald House Collection & Wish List

The week of March 19-23 Albrecht Elementary School will be collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Madison. Madison's Ronald McDonald House provides a "home-away-from home" for families while a child they love receives treatment at area hospitals.

Below are some of the items that the Ronald McDonald House is in need of:

## Pantry Items

- \* Boxed breakfast cereal
- \* Instant oatmeal
- \* Single servings of macaroni & cheese
- \* Soups
- \* Cookies, granola bars
- \* Individual servings size pizza
- \* Microwave popcorn
- \* Peanut butter and jelly
- \* Splenda or stevia
- \* Variety of teas or coffee
- \* Meals in a can (ravioli, etc.)

- \* Chips, pretzels, crackers (individual sizes)
- \* Fruit cups, applesauce, pudding (individual sizes)

## Cleaning Products

- \* Paper towels/napkins
- \* Disinfectant wipes
- \* Liquid hand soap/dishwasher soap
- \* Swiffer wet mop refills/liquid/pads
- \* Vinyl gloves (latex free) size medium and large
- \* Sandwich/snack gallon size zipper storage bags
- \* Swiffer dusting cloths
- \* Clorox spray
- \* Laundry detergent pods
- \* Fabric softener sheets

## Toiletries

- \* Trial size shampoo/conditioner
- \* Combs/brushes
- \* Trial size deodorant
- \* Toothbrushes

- \* Trial size toothpaste/floss
- \* Trial size lotion
- \* Feminine hygiene products
- \* Disposable razors
- \* Trial size shaving cream

## For Fun

- \* Activity/coloring books (for kids & adults)
- \* Crayons
- \* Puzzles
- \* Batteries (AAA, AA, D)
- \* Instrumental CD's

