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# The Bay Window

November 2018

Tradition of Excellence ~ Commitment to Progress

13  
the musical

*A hilarious, coming-of-age musical about discovering that “cool” is sometimes where we least expect it.*

*13* will be performed on Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 PM in the lecture center. Tickets are \$5 (3 and under free) and may be purchased at the door or reserved. If you would like to reserve tickets for either show, please send Ms. Wittmus an email, [hwittmus@williamsbayschool.org](mailto:hwittmus@williamsbayschool.org).



Fifth grade students enjoyed time exploring the fire truck during Fire Prevention Week in October.

## High School Student Council THANKSGIVING PROJECT



The Williams Bay High School Student Council will be collecting specific items to create Thanksgiving meal boxes during the week of November 11 through November 15. Student Council members are trying to collect enough food to create ten boxes that could be used to make a complete Thanksgiving dinner. Boxes will include things like turkeys, jars of gravy, potatoes, vegetables, rolls, etc. These boxes will be distributed to local families on November 19. If you have questions or are interested in donating, please contact Emily Snyder at [esnyder@williamsbayschool.org](mailto:esnyder@williamsbayschool.org)



Williams Bay Resident Marjory Weiler was most grateful for WBHS teacher Mrs. Sara Terrill and students who raked Ms. Weiler's yard. Lauren O'Brien, Braiya Nolan, resident, Mrs. Sara Terrill, Bella Solar, Emily Schultz, Caitlin Thies, Vincenza Robbins, and Bryn Shea.

## Charlie Mestek Community Service Day

A tremendous thank you to all the WBHS students and staff who participated on Friday, October 12 in the second Charlie Mestek Day of Service. Their work and kindness was greatly appreciated by the community. Students collected seeds at Kishwauketoe, cleaned vehicles at the fire station, mulched and collected brush at the Arboretum, cleaned up Frost Park, did cleaning along the highway leading into Williams Bay, worked at the Norman B. Barr Camp, and cleaned up resident homes just to name a few activities.

The day is a tribute to Mr. Mestek, a retired teacher who taught his students the true joy of service to others. It was Charlie's abiding love for the students and community of Williams Bay that sparked the idea of the Williams Bay High School Charlie Mestek Day of Community Service--a day where all 200 Williams Bay High School students went out in their community and did everything from wash a fire truck to rake leaves for older Williams Bay citizens. This community service day was a surprise retirement gift and tribute to a teacher who made an impact on so many lives.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs. Soplanda, Ms. Thiel and all the teachers who helped make this a successful day.

## Upcoming Events

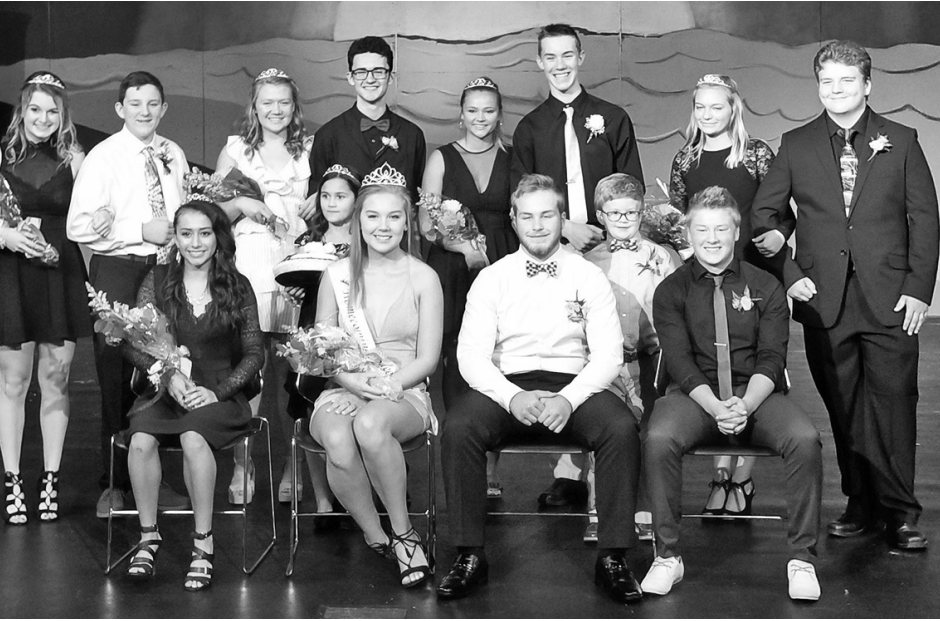
November 15	PTO Meeting in Elementary Library 6:30 PM
November 16 & 17	HS Musical, <i>13</i> at 7:00 PM in HS Lecture Center
November 21-23	NO SCHOOL--Thanksgiving Break
November 26	NO SCHOOL--Teacher Work Day
December 7	4K/5K Winter Concert 9:00 AM
	Grades 1-5 Winter Concert 2:00 PM
December 13	MS/HS Winter Choir Concert 7:00 PM (Grades 6-12)
December 14	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> 7:30 PM in HS Commons
December 18	MS/HS Holiday Band Concert 7:00 PM (Grades 6-12)
Dec. 22-Jan. 6	NO SCHOOL--Winter Break



## Drama Club Performances Scheduled

With Drama Club interest at an all-time high, club president, Faith Lensmith, vice president, Gina Digieso, and advisor, Mr. Matt Dunlap are proud and excited to announce that the 2018-19 WBHS Drama Club will be performing two separate plays this school year. The first is a one night only engagement on Friday, December 14 at 7:30 PM. Audience members will be able to enjoy dessert items, snacks, coffee and other refreshments as they sit back and enjoy a 40 minute performance of the classic, *A Christmas Carol*, presented as a “radio play”. Cost is \$5.00 at the door which includes admission to the show, one beverage, and all you can eat treats. Additional beverages will be for sale. Doors open at 7:00 PM. Due to the nature of this event, this performance will be held in the high school commons.

Our second performance will be the traditional springtime Drama Club play held in the lecture center. In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Written by D.W. Gregory and inspired by a true story, this year’s selected drama, *Radium Girls*, is a fast-moving, highly theatrical ensemble piece following the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Her chief adversary is her former employer, an idealistic man who cannot bring himself to believe that the same element that shrinks tumors could have anything to do with the terrifying rash of illnesses among his employees. Called a “powerful” and “engrossing” drama by critics, *Radium Girls* offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. Performances are Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9.



**The 2018 Sunset Boulevard Homecoming Court** includes Front: Princess Eliza Lopez, Queen and King Lexie Judd and Danny Essington, Crown Bearers Olivia Quiles and River Smith, and Prince Kyle Holmes. Back: Freshman Reps. Emily Gauger and Nolan Peyer, Junior Reps. Clare Heckert and Xavier Quiles, Senior Reps. Kloe Kiekafer and Banning Mielke, and Sophomore Reps. Megan Schmidt and RJ Pollak.

**2018-19 Middle School/High School YEARBOOK SALE**  
\$45 See Mrs. Quinn in the High School Office.  
Senior pictures for the yearbook are due to Mrs. Quinn by February 1.

## DISTRICT DISCUSSIONS

By Wayne Anderson, Superintendent

I want to extend a huge “Thank You” to everyone who voted in the November 6 Election. Voters turned out in record numbers to express their beliefs on a number of very important races and decisions. I was grateful and thankful that the referendum for the School Resource Officer passed, but I was also extremely proud of the large number of citizens who came out to exercise their right to vote and provide guidance for our District, State and Nation.

What are our next steps? First, the Williams Bay Police Department and the Williams Bay School District will make the final touches to our employment agreement. The School Resource Officer (SRO) will be a member of the Williams Bay Police Department, but will be stationed in the Williams Bay Schools during the days when students are present. Prior to the referendum, the Police Department and School District had worked on a draft agreement, now the final adjustments to that agreement will be finalized.

Next, the Police Department and School District will work on selecting the individual who will serve as the District’s SRO. We are looking for an officer who wants to be around young people and establish strong relationships with our students. I am a firm believer that many negative situations can be averted by the creation of strong relationships between students and adults. It is my hope that the officer selected will create these strong relationships with our students so that they feel comfortable going to officer for help and guidance.

The District will also be working with the SRO to determine how they can best interact with students and staff in the classrooms. We will be working to identify what topics the SRO has the knowledge, expertise and experience in that he/she can share with our students in the classroom. We will also be getting an office ready for the SRO, so that he/she has a space to call home when he/she is not in the hallways, commons or classroom.

It is our goal to have the SRO in our schools starting in January 2019 at the start of our second semester. Though I believe that our schools were a safe place for staff, students and community members before the passage of this referendum, I also believe that the addition of a School Resource Officer will bring an added layer of security to our buildings and make them an even safer place.

As always, “Thank You” for your continued support! Together we can accomplish great things for our staff, students and community. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be able to work with so many great individuals each day! I truly appreciate everything that you do.

## Lend a Hand Fundraiser

The elementary student council is running our “Lend a Hand” fundraiser in place of the Perky Turkey fundraiser. Student council members will be coming around to classrooms to collect donations ending on November 16. Money collected will go to Holiday Help and general fund.



**The WBHS Spanish Club collected socks during its “Socktober” event. Classes competed during Homecoming week for Spirit Points. The 422 pairs of socks that were donated will be distributed to families in need in Walworth County.**

## Shop with Scrip

Do you give gift cards for the holidays? What if you could purchase gift cards and a percentage would go to the PTO? It’s a great way to support our schools and get some holiday shopping done at the same time! Watch for the Scrip handout to come home on November 29. Orders are due on December 7.



Sixth graders Oli Sinapoa, Alex Johnson, Keegan Wehrwein, and Calleigh Gamble enjoy their time at Outdoor Ed.

## On a New Adventure

By Maddy Bergersen, 6th Grade

Outdoor Ed. stands for outdoor education. When you are at Outdoor Ed., you learn new sports and stuff about nature, and you stay overnight. We were there for two nights and three days in October. I went with my whole sixth grade. The middle school teachers who went were Mr. Breen, Ms. Landgraf, Mrs. Arneson, and Mr. Bailey. We split up into groups. There were about sixteen kids in my group.

Outdoor Ed. is part of Camp Timber-Lee. It is about thirty-minutes away from Williams Bay, WI. If you see a sign that says “Welcome to Camp Timber-Lee”, then you know you’re in the right place!

Some activities we participated in included: carpet ball, basketball, archery, rock climbing, fishing, and team building. I played games that I had never played before, and now they are my favorite games. After dinner my group went to animal encounter. We got to touch and see different animals. They have over seventy-five species you get to touch! All of these activities are awesome! You will not be bored at Outdoor Ed.

I think that Outdoor Ed. is very important for sixth graders because it teaches kids about nature and they spend more time outdoor instead of being on electronics. It also let’s kids meet new friends.

I learned how to play a game called carpet ball. The goal is to knock down the other person’s balls before they knock down yours. My favorite things were rock climbing and basketball. The rock climbing wall was tall and there were three stations with different rock climbing walls. I think the one that was the very hardest was the nose. I know it sounds weird, but this one was very complicated. It was a wall with a triangle that looks like to wall had a nose. The hardest part was were you were on the part of the nose that puts your back facing the ground. You have to use a lot of muscles do that part. Then basketball was a funky version. Some hoops were tall, some were short, and some were in the middle. There was a yellow, red, or green dot next to each hoop that showed how hard or how easy each hoop was.

My experience was awesome! I got to do stuff I had never done before and now I really like to do them. At Outdoor Ed. you will have the time of your life!



It has been a great fall for the Williams Bay PTO!

The PTO is thankful for the participation of so many families, community, and staff members in our fundraising initiatives, community events, and monthly PTO meetings this fall. Thank you!

- September 24 we raised \$458 in our first ever Papa Murphy’s Pizza Fundraiser. A big thanks to everyone who participated!
- In late September we raised \$675 through an online fundraising campaign in order to provide meals to our teachers for conferences on Oct. 11, 18 and 23. What an amazing way to honor and thank your Williams Bay teachers and staff!
- On October 9 we completed our first monthly SCRIP fundraiser of the year netting \$190 for our school.
- October 12 we fulfilled a teacher request for K-5 for Paper Mate Flair pens, providing 3 dozen pens per class to be used in new curriculum writing program.
- On October 19 we hosted a “Trucks & Treats” event at Kishwauketoe Nature Conservancy featuring life music, food trucks, and family fun for all ages. We had over 250 people in attendance for this inaugural event!

Our next general membership meeting will be Thursday, November 15 at 6:30PM at the Williams Bay Elementary School. Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook @ WilliamsBayPTO!

## From the Desk of Mrs. Ali Bond Elementary Principal

We are off to a great start this fall with many exciting things happening. We started the school year with a full day training to kick off the implementation of Writer’s Workshop using Lucy Calkins’ model. Mrs. Lile is working as a literacy coach this year to assist and support the classroom teachers and ensure a smooth and successful implementation. She spends time in classrooms working directly with teachers and students as well as behind the scenes researching and preparing resources. Students are demonstrating some great writing as they learn more strategies and tools for their writing toolbox. Kindergarten students are producing pieces that we would not have seen in past years until spring. We look forward to refining our skills in the workshop model and plan for teachers to visit a school in the spring to see both writing and reading workshop models in action. We will implement reading workshop next fall.

Another exciting happening is the implementation of PBIS, Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. We started this school year with common language regarding building and classroom expectations and taught these expectations to all students. We continue to reteach, review and practice these expectations to promote the three *BEs*: BE Respectful, BE Responsible, BE Safe, throughout the school. Students have opportunities to earn individual stamps to trade for incentive items from a large menu of choices. There are also classroom and school wide incentives built into the plan to encourage positive behavior for all students. We are always interested in feedback to continuously improve our school. After considering comments and suggestions from staff and parents, we have adjusted our plan to build in a layer of communication to inform families when students are having challenges with the expectations. Stop, “Paws” & Learn is a communication tool to inform parents of the behavior so support can be provided at home to help change the behavior to more positive choices. It has been fun to celebrate the accomplishments of individual students and classrooms.

Congratulations to students, staff and families regarding the overall score of *Exceeds Expectations* on the Williams Bay Elementary School Report Card. The last time we achieved this rating was in 2013-14. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) generates a School Report Card and District Report Card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. Report Cards are intended to help schools/districts use performance data to target improvement efforts that ensure students are ready for their next educational step – including the next grade level, graduation, college, and career.

The current **School Report Card is primarily based on last year’s performance, the 2017-18 school year.** At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Student Achievement** proficiency in English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **School Growth** measured by year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Closing Gaps** in performance between specific student groups (comparing English language learners, low-income students, students with disabilities, and members of a racial or an ethnic group with their peers)
- **On-Track and Postsecondary Readiness** showing reliable predictors of how many students are on-track to graduate from high school and student readiness for post-high school success

Schools and districts are also evaluated on their level of student engagement – chronic absenteeism rates and dropout rates – when applicable. As DPI stresses, these report cards are just one source of information about our school.

***We are looking forward to our winter concerts on Friday, December 7, 4K/K at 9:00 AM and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades at 2:00 PM.***



**4K took a field trip to Pearce’s Farm. There was no bus needed because Farmer Pearce drove his tractor and hay wagon to school and picked us up!! We picked pumpkins, jumped on the hay bales, and ate apple cider doughnuts.**

From the Desk of Dr. William White  
Middle/High School Principal

Middle School Cell Phone Policy

The middle school teaching staff has decided that cell phones will no longer be allowed to be used in the classroom. This new policy was reviewed with middle school students on October 30. Students will be asked to leave their cell phones in their lockers. Students may check their phones between classes and use them during lunch. In accordance with the electronic device policy found on page 29 of the Student Handbook, if the electronic device is used or turned on during instructional time without permission from the teacher, it will be confiscated by the teacher. Failure to comply with a teacher’s directive may result in a referral to administration.

- First referral: The device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day.
- Second referral: The device will be confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the day and the student will receive a detention.
- Third referral: The device will be confiscated and the student’s parent or guardian will be required to pick up the phone after a meeting with an administrator occurs.
- Fourth referral: The student will be required to follow an electronic device management plan developed by an administrator. The plan may include the student not being allowed to carry personal electronic devices during the school day.



The sophomores give it their all during the lunch time Tug-of-war competition during Homecoming week.

Junior Seminar – Volunteers Needed

The Junior Seminar class is looking for 5 to 10 people to help with mock interviews for students in the Junior Seminar class. If any parent or their employer would be interested in helping the classes with mock interviews on November 28, please contact either Mr. Tomaszewski or Ms. Williams.

Way to go!

Trailways Conference Volleyball – South Division – All Conference

Congratulations to the following members of the varsity volleyball team for being recognized by the Trailways Conference as First Team All-Conference. Kloe Kiekhafer, Annika Pfeil, Hanna Fredrickson, and Kayla Wittliff. Second Team All-Conference: Taelyn Smith. Annika Pfeil is **Player of the Year** for the South Division. The volleyball team won their third consecutive Souther Division Conference Championship. Way to go, Bulldogs!

Big Foot/Williams Bay Cross Country

Daniel Rees was voted Boys MVP for the team this season.

Badger/Williams Bay Girls’ Swim Team

The team won the SWC conference championship. Swimmers Lauren O’Brien and Megan Birkett are from the Bay.



Sophomore Renee Litton-Castellon plays balloon catch with kindergarten student Maddie Robb during a high school PE combo class.

Combo Classes in PE

By Liz Boss, Elementary PE Teacher

On Friday October 19, we had the first of our monthly Combo Classes in PE. The high school students came to the elementary gym when the schedule allowed for it and great fun was had by all! Activities for the day included climbing and swinging on the ropes, climbing on the rock climbing wall, playing Newcomb, playing with balloons, scoops, and Beanie Babies. Some classes also took out basketballs, soccer balls and soccer goals. It was heartwarming to see the students interact and it was a positive experience for both groups. Some of the high school students were happy to have a chance to get back into the “Monkey Club” (able to climb the rope to the 18’ mark). The smiles on the students’ faces of both groups showed us that it was a successful day! We hope to have our combo classes once a month.



Lauren Schnobel and Micalena Morrison pose by the 3D printer donated by the Fine Arts Boosters. The Fine Arts Boosters work to help support the arts within our school district. The 3D printer will be utilized by our elementary school Makerspace that is starting this year.



Camila Perez and Katie Stearns work on their cardboard creation in Sparkspot, the Williams Bay Elementary makerspace. Students let their imaginations go wild as they planned and designed something to “solve an everyday problem.”

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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