

# Watervliet South School NEWS



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## Parents & Families of Little Panthers . . .

**Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).** We kicked off the new year with an all-school assembly! It was a great way to get everyone together and introduce students to the new school-wide behavior expectations for the playground. We talked about the strategies we will use to “be a mighty panther” on the playground and students were given wristbands with this theme. When the students returned to class, their teachers taught a lesson on playground expectations. We are all now on the same page with these expectations!

This process will continue with other areas of the school (cafeteria, hallways, bathroom, school bus, etc.) in the coming months.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Bingaman, Mrs. Lanham, Mrs. Tag, and Mrs. Zuniga for leading this initiative!

**Reading Connection.** Included with this newsletter is the monthly copy of the *Reading Connection*. I hope you enjoy these ideas and will engage in some quiet time to snuggle up and read with your child this winter!

*As always, thanks for sharing your little panther with us!*

Carole Fetke, Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Monday, January 14

- School Board 6PM in auditorium

### Wednesday, January 16

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ½ day dismissal at 11:35

### Thursday, January 17

- ½ day dismissal at 11:35

### Friday, January 18

- ½ day dismissal at 11:35
- End of marking period #2

### Monday, January 21

- Early Release (Dismissal at 1:20 pm)
- MLK Day Activities

### Saturday, January 26

- PTO Movie Night: 5:15 pm @ South

### Friday, February 1

- **Spirit Day!** Wear your panther or favorite sports team gear ~ student council sells spirit items in the lobby before school (25 cents to \$2 price range)

### Wednesday, February 6

- PTO at South at 5:30 pm (*day care provided*)

## South School Bucket Fillers

Young 5s	Kindergarten	1st Grade	2nd Grade
Emilee Bowren Micah Lampros Nina Lynch Kylie White Abel Soto Aylah Forrester Jamie Cartwright Brayden Strong Dominic Wagner Mason Cowell Karson Jackson Silas Doffing	Damarian Rose Konner Poole Payton Rzeszut Baylee Flowers Kylie Hart Daniel Ross	Colt Mattner Daliza Rose Lillian Costner Gabby Layne Rylee Shawa David Kerr Noah Hutchins Daniel Nearpass Shawn Sammartino Eli Wood Bryan Hurtado Zyla Candace Jackson Bowman Parker Logsdon Marilyn Cano Kaylee Martin Jared Burgos Liam Robertson Lily PUNCHES	Langlei Smith Tyler Jarvis Emmah Glaze Malachi Halquist Olivia Lurkins Alivia Raymond Serenity Stinton Aaron Hayes Caroline Weber Sophia Radder Jolie Bertuca

# Some handbook reminders . . .

During this flu and cold season we are doing all we can here at school to help our little panthers stay healthy (hand washing reminders, increased cleaning protocols, etc.)! As much as your children love us here, when they don't feel well they just want to be home with you!



Our handbook policy is based on the recommendations of the Berrien County Health Department for keeping schools healthy. According to page 4 of our handbook, if your child has a fever or stomach illness please keep them home for 24 hours. They need to be fever free without fever reducing medicine before returning to school. (The same goes for vomiting and diarrhea -- they should be symptom free for 24 hours.)

Thanks for your help in keeping our little panthers healthy!

Please call the office or send a note to the office by 12:00 noon if your child is being picked up from school a different way. Please refrain from picking your child up early from school unless it is for an appointment or due to an emergency. (Refer to page 11 in our student handbook). Thank you.

