

Halbur's Happenings

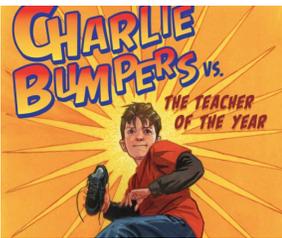
3rd Quarter newsletter from your elementary principal

We will be starting the 4th quarter of the school year this week. Where has the time gone? Thank you for your attendance at your child/children's conferences. If you were unable to attend, our teachers will work to make some type of contact with you concerning your child/children's progress. I am a firm believer that when teachers and parents are working together, great things happen for kids. Report cards will be coming soon!



The Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) is the new online assessment that will be given to all students in grades 3-11 in the areas of Reading, Math, and Language. Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will also take the Science test. The district testing window is March 25-April 18th. The 3rd and 4th graders will test the week of March 25th. Attendance for testing is important. Please do what you can to make sure your child is at school during the statewide testing. Some other tips that help kids perform their best on these types of assessments include: **1. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before the test. 2. Make sure your child eats breakfast. 3. Remind them to listen closely to instructions. 4. They should focus on addressing each question individually. 5. Coach them to stay relaxed and confident. 6. Remind them to review their answers.** This test is not timed, so students can take time to check things over before they submit their test. These assessments are new and all public schools in Iowa are taking them for the first time this spring. We will get the results sometime next August or September. Please check out the website for more information on these statewide assessments.

CRB's book of the year is...Charlie Bumpers Vs. The Teacher of the Year! Your students have seen the awesome Kick-off video the school team put together. This is my first year to experience this innovative and fun way to get families reading. Reading is a lifelong skill that helps us as we become lifelong learners. I'm excited and nervous to be the guest reader of Chapter 13 (my lucky number). Please mark your calendars for the Family Fun Night that will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 6:00-7:00!



The 2nd grade students will be gearing up for the annual Missouri Trip May 13-17.

The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26th beginning at 6:00. I am hoping that my schedule will allow me to go along this year. I have heard many great things about the trip and would love the opportunity to go along.

What another great CR-B PRIDE assembly we had learning about problem solving steps and recognizing students for their strengths. Many of our students already have great problem solving skills and we look at problems as opportunities for our students to practice using their skills. The more practice they have solving problems, the better they will become. Ask your child what STEP stands for and have them tell you about any problems they might have solved. You have amazing kids!



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