

JANUARY 2022

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Check the BW website for more details

- January 13
West Coast BBQ Fundraiser
Papa Panda Meeting
- January 14
Early Dismissal
- January 15
Legoland Mile
- January 17
MLK - No School
- January 20
Auction Meeting
- January 22
E-Waste Event

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2022?

Media Lab- We will be going back to a bi-monthly schedule for classes to visit the media lab. Over the past 2 years we've seen quite a change in the Media Teacher's job description! Due to the changes in teaching and learning with technology, Mr. Dev is now putting a lot more time in the day into supporting the technology on campus. Balancing that and teaching 21 classes each week has become very challenging! Moving classes to every other week has some added benefits. We can now restart the Journalism Team during the school day so all interested students can participate. An AV club to offer student led tech support and an Ambassador team will also be offered.

In the month of January students will have an opportunity to show their interest in joining:

- AV club (tech team)
- Journalism team (podcasting, video making, news reporting, yearbook)
- Ambassador team (lead school tours, speak at educational conferences)

STAFFING CHANGES

We are sad to say goodbye to **Ms. Ormonde**, one of our beloved 3rd grade teachers. She will be leaving our district for personal reasons. Ms. **Samantha Copeland** will be taking over her class for the rest of the school year. **Grammy Dee** who helps at lunchtime and in numerous other ways will also be leaving for personal reasons. We will miss both of them terribly!

Please welcome **Ms. Michelle Hendrickson** back to BW. She and Ms. **Janice Bogage** will join our amazing paraeducator team supporting students.

EARLY DISMISSAL JANUARY 14

Get a head start on the MLK traffic, we will have early dismissal Friday, January 14th @ 11:45am.

MLK HOLIDAY, JANUARY 17TH

Enjoy the day off in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

PTA SPONSORED VIRTUAL CARTOON DRAW EVENT

Our wonderful PTA is sponsoring cartoon drawing classes on January 21st during the school day. Please follow up with your students to see how they enjoyed the virtual event.



PARKING SPOT WINNER

The Bell Family are the winners of the parking spot for the remainder of the year. Congratulations!

JOGATHON KICK-OFF

Click [HERE](#) for the 2022 Jogathon Kick-off information- Power up Pandas!

LEGOLAND MILE



Get ready for Jogathon by running your first mile on Saturday, January 8th [Register by clicking here](#)

TUESDAY COVID TESTING

Although parents may not be notified of the negative test for several hours to days (or not at all), the testing staff and school is notified within 15 minutes. If a child tests positive during the weekly test, parents are immediately called and the child is sent home. This week we had no positive tests.

BW HAPPENINGS

5th grade students visited Biz-town today to learn about financial literacy and running businesses.

