



# WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## 20th NO SCHOOL – Teacher Inservice

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY

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#### FEBRUARY

4th – 6pm Washington School Parent  
Advisory Committee Meeting

11th – Parent/Teacher Conferences

13th – Parent/Teacher Conferences

14th – No School

17th – No School –Inservice

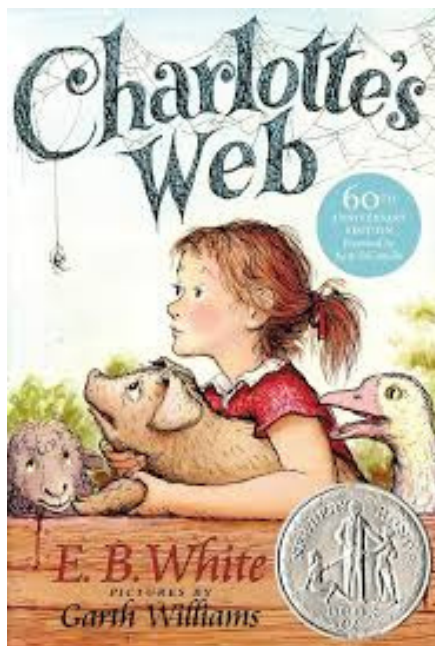
## One Book, One School

During the month of January, we will be participating in One Book, One School activities, which is an all-school and family reading event. The book that was selected this year is Charlotte's Web. Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White is considered a classic among children's literature, receiving recognition as a Newbery Honor Book, a Great American Read according to PBS, and Laura Ingalls Wilder Award recipient. The book should provide ample discussion opportunities with your child while reading the book together. The purpose of One Book, One School is to reinforce the connection between literacy at home and school as well as help students develop consistent reading habits.

A 20 day suggested reading schedule is attached. Depending on the student's age, students can read the book to you or you can read the book to them. Each Friday during January, classes will participate in a question/answer session with discussions that reinforce important literacy skills and concepts.

Additionally, we will be hosting a book swap later in January where students can bring in books they have read and exchange them for other books at school. More details will be coming regarding the book swap.

Thank you for your help in making this a successful event and supporting literacy for your child. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wilson at Washington Elementary.



Reading Schedule for Charlotte's Web

\*\*\*\*\*Kick-off Virtual Meeting on Friday, January 3, 2025

Day 1 (Sunday, Jan. 5th)	Chapter I: Before Breakfast
Day 2 (Monday, Jan. 6th)	Chapter II: Wilbur
Day 3 (Tuesday, Jan. 7th)	Chapter III: Escape
Day 4 (Wednesday, Jan. 8th)	Chapter IV: Loneliness
Day 5 (Thursday, Jan. 9th)	Chapter V: Charlotte ** Class Discussion on 1/10
Day 6 (Sunday, Jan. 12th)	Chapter VI: Summer Days
Day 7 (Monday, Jan. 13th)	Chapter VII: Bad News
Day 8 (Tuesday, Jan. 14th)	Chapter VIII: A Talk at Home
Day 9 (Wednesday, Jan. 15th)	Chapter IX: Wilbur's Boast
Day 10 (Thursday, Jan. 16th)	Chapter X: An Explosion ** Class Discussion on 1/17
Day 11 (Sunday, Jan. 19th)	Chapter XI: The Miracle
Day 12 (Monday, Jan. 20th)	Chapter XII: A Meeting
Day 13 (Tuesday, Jan. 21st)	Chapter XIII: Good Progress
Day 14 (Wednesday, Jan. 22nd)	Chapter XIV: Dr. Dorian
Day 15 (Thursday, Jan. 23rd)	Chapter XV: The Crickets **Class Discussion on 1/24
Day 16 (Sunday, Jan. 26th)	Chapter XVI: Off to the Fair
Day 17 (Monday, Jan. 27th)	Chapter XVII: Uncle
Day 18 (Tuesday, Jan. 28th)	Chapters XVIII & XIX: The Cool Evening and The Egg Sac
Day 19 (Wednesday, Jan. 29th)	Chapters XX & XXI: The Hour of Triumph and Last Day
Day 20 (Thursday, Jan. 30th)	Chapters XXII: A Warm Wind **Class Discussion on 1/31

## January Assessments

### Aimsweb & i-Ready

During the month of January, our students will be taking some formalized assessments. These include:

#### Aimsweb Early Literacy Screener (grades K-3).

This is a required state assessment to help us determine any students that are at-risk in their reading skills.

#### i-Ready Reading & Math Diagnostics

These computerized assessments give us information on how students have grown over the first semester and some specific next steps in each student's learning.

More information about each of these assessments will be sent home on January 2nd. Your child's results from these assessments will also be sent home in January.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

February 11th & February 13th

Conferences provide important two way communication between parents and teachers.

Combined with assessment data, parent/teacher conferences help provide a solid understanding of your child's current school performance. Please make every effort to attend this important part of your child's education. Please watch for more information on how to sign up for conferences using Skyward Family Access.

### Weather Reminder

As our weather turns colder, we want to remind parents to please send children with jackets, hats, and mittens. Students go outdoors for recess each day for fresh air and play unless the temperature or windchill is zero or below.

Students should wear all snow gear if they want to play in the snow (on the grassy/playground area). If the blacktop is slushie and/or has accumulated snow, students must have snow boots on.

Please take a few minutes to write your child's name in his/her winter clothing. This really helps to get lost items to their owner.

### Progress Reports

Progress reports will be mailed home to families on January 24th. Use this opportunity to show pride in your child's academic growth and to encourage your child to work hard.

### Late Starts

On occasion we run into inclement weather and there is a need to start school late. If we should have a late start, the welcome bell would be at 10:30am, with a school start time of 10:35 am. Breakfast IS available on late start days. Bus students would be picked up approximately 2 hours later than their normally scheduled time.

## REMINDER

### NO PARKING OR STOPPING

**between the parking cones on Grove Street.  
This area is designated for Bus and Taxi  
pick up and drop off only. We ask that even  
if you are just dropping  
off your child quickly, that you please  
avoid this area.**





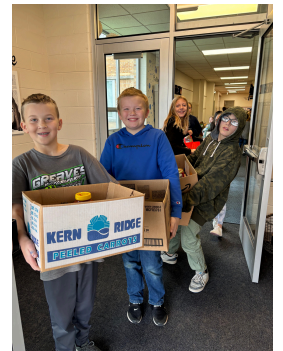
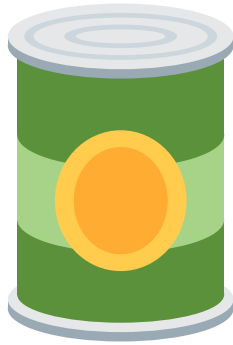
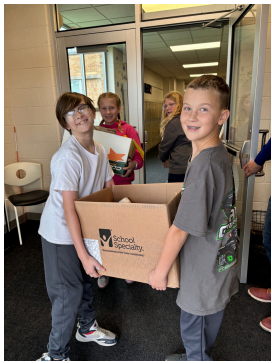
# Project ♥ Linus

**5th Grade students created 27 beautiful tie blankets to donate to Project Linus! Project Linus is a wonderful organization that collects and delivers blankets to local hospitals for children who are sick or injured, and homeless shelters for children who may not have much to call their own. A big thank you to all of the families and staff for their donations.**





**THANK YOU to our community for their generous support in helping us collect over 9,560 lbs of food District Wide! BDUSD students, staff, and families went above and beyond to donate items for our district food drive to support our community in a big way. A special thank you to Mr. Pete Duesterbeck and the Key Club students for their assistance collecting and delivering all the food.**



**Beaver Dam Unified School District's Food Service Department held their Kids in the Kitchen class. Washington Bulldogs made homemade lasagna and garlic bread!!**





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## Food Service Update



Our Kids in the Kitchen Classes are complete for the year! Be sure to watch your child's school for more information on signing them up for our spring classes. \*This is for 4th & 5th grade students. \*

Thank you to all who have allowed us to celebrate your child's birthday with our Birthday Treats in the Classroom Program- we love getting to do this!

We hope you all enjoy the Holiday Season with family & friends! Have a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Please be certain to review your Skyward Lunch Account by the end of each school year. You need to request changes or ask charged questions before the school year ends in order to receive the possible credit to your account. Any questions or concerns about previous school year charges will not qualify for reimbursement once that current year had ended.

*For Parents & Students at  
Beaver Dam Unified School*



The Food4Life app is accessible through Alexa so you can ask for the daily menu.

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**



### 2024-2025 MEAL PRICES

<b>BREAKFAST</b>			
Elementary.....	\$1.45		
Middle/High		School...	
	\$1.70		
Reduced.....	\$0.30		
<b>LUNCH</b>			
Elementary		School.....	
\$2.80	Middle	School	
			\$3.05
		High	
School....	\$3.20/\$3.40	Milk	
			\$0.50
Reduced			
\$0.40		Adult	
			\$4.08

*The dining program needs the support of students and the entire school community to succeed!*

*Please support the dining program through your patronage.*



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# 2024 Wall of Fame Awards

## ABOUT THE WALL OF FAME

In 1997, the district and community recognized Actor Fred MacMurray, a 1925 Beaver Dam High School graduate, as the first recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award. In 1998, the district formed a district/community committee and, each year, the committee accepts nominations from the public to consider selection of one Outstanding Alumni and up to five Friends of Education.

The Wall of Fame display is located adjacent to the High School Auditorium. It honors all Wall of Fame recipients and provides inspiration to future graduates.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNI:

A graduate of the Beaver Dam Unified School District who has made exceptional accomplishments may be nominated for the Outstanding Alumni award. One alumnus may receive this award each year. Nominees must fulfill one or more of the following criteria:

- made outstanding contributions to society
- is a person of historical significance
- displayed outstanding leadership
- has been a prominent local, state, national and/or world figure



### FRIENDS OF EDUCATION

Individuals\* or organizations that have provided distinguished service to the Beaver Dam Unified School District and its students may be nominated for the Friends of Education award. Up to 5 individuals or 4 individuals and 1 organization may receive the award each year.

*\*Current employees of the Beaver Dam Unified School District are not eligible for this award. Nominations of former Beaver Dam Unified School District employees will be considered based upon voluntary contributions not related to their employment with the district.*



## NOMINATION INFORMATION

**Deadline:** March 15, 2025

**Mail or deliver to:**

Beaver Dam Unified School District  
Wall of Fame  
400 E. Burnett Street  
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

Forms are available online at [www.bdusd.org](http://www.bdusd.org)

OR

Educational Service Center  
400 E. Burnett Street  
Beaver Dam, WI 53916

### MORE INFORMATION:

Visit [www.bdusd.org](http://www.bdusd.org) or contact Mary Posthuma at [posthumam@bdusd.org](mailto:posthumam@bdusd.org) or (920)885-7300, ext. 1002

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