



SILAS WILLARD WILDCAT NEWS

February and March 2016 Newsletter

WINTER WEATHER

Parents,

Thank you so much for sending your students in warm coats, gloves, scarves and hats! As we are experiencing this cold weather, we are also noticing that some classrooms are not regulating temperatures as well as others. Some rooms are very warm, while others are cool. Please dress your child in layers so they are comfortable during the day!

LUNCH

This is just a reminder that you can access the lunch menus on our school website at:

<http://silas205.weebly.com/>

You can also put money in your student's account by logging into your Skyward account!

NEW WEBSITE INFO.

The district has released new websites throughout the district, in an effort to enhance communication. The new website should prove to be more mobile friendly and help you find the information you need, in a more efficient way!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW, FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:

- February 1**-School-wide Spelling Bee at 10am in the gymnasium at Lombard Middle School, check-in at 8am with the 1st match starting at 8:30am
- February 3**-55 min. Early Dismissal
- February 5**-Major Saver Assembly at 2:45pm
- February 8**-Chess Club 3:30-4:15pm
- February 12**-1/2 Day Early Dismissal and Valentine's Day Parties in Rooms
- February 18**-PTO Mtg. at 6:30pm in the Library
- February 22**-Student Council Meeting and Chess Club after school
- February 23**-PBIS No Referral Celebration and 5th Grade Visit to the Orpheum
- February 25**-2nd and 3rd grade to the Orpheum for *Room on the Broom*
- February 27**-Geography Bowl
- March** PARCC Testing and Make-Up
- March 7**-Elem. Girls' Choir 4/5 at GHS 4-6pm and Chess until 4:15pm
- March 8**-Elem. Boys' Choir 4/5 at GHS 4-6pm
- March 11**-2 Hour Early Dismissal and End of Quarter 3
- March 14**-Elem. Girls' Choir 4/5 at GHS 9:15-11:15am
- March 15**-Elem. Boys' Choir 4/5 at GHS 9:15-11:15am
- Elem. Choir Festival at GHS, 7pm
- March 17**-PTO Mtg. at 6:30pm in Library
- March 21**-Student Council and Chess after School
- March 25**-No School, Spring Break Begins

Winter Funderland was a great success, with over 300 Silas family members in attendance. We appreciated the time that PTO took to host this event. We look forward to doing this again in December of next school year! We hope that we can add more stations and manpower to this next event and hopefully see even more families in attendance. As always, there are pictures of this event on our Facebook page, Twitter account and Silas Website! **Thanks** again to the many parents and Silas staff that volunteered their time to make this event a great success!





As we move into March, we will begin the month with PARCC testing. This will effect students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. Students will not be taking more than 2 PARCC tests on any given day. As always, it is important for your student(s) to get plenty of rest each night and be here on time daily--so that they are prepared for the school day.

We are looking to provide snacks for students to eat, prior to their testing times. Teachers will be sending information out about this, as we approach the testing time. We are looking for nutritious, low calorie snacks that can provide "fuel" for our students, as they strive to do their best on the test!

In addition, we are planning a PARCC Test Assembly to cheer on our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders and relieve any testing jitters that students might have. We are confident that we are preparing our students to do their best and show what they know on the test!



The PTO is hosting a Family Movie Night on Feb. 9th! We hope that all of you can join us for Kung Fu Panda 3 at the AMC Showplace 8 in Galesburg. Students must come with a supervising parent or adult.

The cost of each ticket is \$4 (this is the adult and student price). Popcorn and pop can be purchased separately on that day. Kids can purchase a "Kids Pack" for \$4.50 at the theater.

There will be a 5:30pm showing and a 7pm Showing. Tickets need to be purchased through the school, by noon on Feb. 8th.

There will be more information to follow from the PTO.

Family Skate Day at the Monmouth Roller Rink will take place on February 15th!

Cost is \$4.00, which includes your skate rental.

The time of the skate is from 2pm-4pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

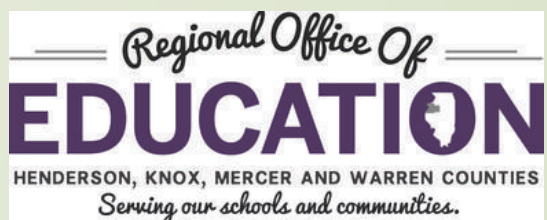


As many of you know, we will be moving into the new Silas Willard building over Spring Break. For staff, this means that we will be spending a good amount of time boxing up materials, supplies and such so that when Spring Break arrives, we can then begin moving boxes, equipment and furniture over to the new building.

As for students, we will need for them to take all of their school supplies and materials home before Spring break, including any and all items in their lockers. We know this is a temporary hassle, but the end result is well worth the effort! We will have more details on the move, as we approach the beginning of March.

Please be looking for information as the moving day approaches. We hope that you are just as excited as we are about the new facility. We are confident that the facility will highlight and enhance the amazing things that we do and offer here at Silas Willard.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to ask! We seek to keep you



Silas Willard Geography Bowl Team Members:

Jay Martin, Juniper Schwartzman, Liam Collins, Jordan Sperry, Bobby Estrada, Trey Dunn, Autumn Choma, Jesse Hendrix, Clara Tibbets, and Braden Wallace

Thank you to the ROE for coordinating our Geography Bowl!