

WCES Star



Dashing Into December!

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

Mrs. Jayme Bishop is busy preparing the kindergarten through sixth grade students for the annual Christmas Program, which will beheld on December 5th at 7:00 PM in the auditorium at the Wichita County Junior-Senior High School. I have had the honor of being in the classroom to hear students preparing for the program, and they will bring you a show that will touch your hearts with songs that portray the Christmas message, as well as songs to make you laugh. In addition, under the direction of Mrs. Melanie Lofstrom, the fifth and sixth grade bands will be performing. It will be fun to see everyone's hard work come together on the 5th. We hope you will be able to join us.



As anticipated, the roofing project has not been completed according to the original timeline given to the district. We are patiently waiting for the project to be completed, so the roof has the best protection possible as we enter the winter season. At this time, we do not have a target date for the roof to be completed. We thank you for your patience with the changes in drop-off and pick-up. Your support has kept everything running smoothly as students arrive and leave the school. As soon as we know more about the project's completion, we will let you know.

Since the mid-year is approaching, we will begin DIBELS testing to gather data to compare fall and mid-year reading scores. We will adjust our interventions in order to meet the needs of the students who have not shown growth. We will also look for ways to continue to challenge those who are meeting the benchmarks.

Classroom parties will be held on the last day of school before winter break. Classroom teachers will send information about the details for their room parties.

We at WCES wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please be safe as you travel this holiday season.

Why Are We Releasing Early on Wednesdays?

By: Lori Maxwell, Principal

In September, the district began releasing students at 2:30 on Wednesdays. Many parents and community members have asked why this decision was made. I would like to provide an update to let you know about the great things the teaching staff has been able to accomplish

during early release. The elementary staff has completed a vertical alignment of English Language Arts curriculum. During the alignment, teachers were able to identify areas that may need attention, and areas where students are doing very well. Many teaching strategies were

shared among staff, and they feel more unified after working together. The next step is to look at resource samples in order to find the best textbook to match the curriculum standards. We will be using early release to evaluate samples in order to make a recommendation to the Board.

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The WCES Winter Program is Thursday, December 5th at 7:00 PM.



Upcoming Dates:

Christmas Program @ 7:00 at JSHS Auditorium	12/5
BOE Meeting @ 12:00 PM	12/9
DIBELS Testing for Mid-year	12/9-12/13
Prizes with the Principal @ 3:00 PM	12/16
NO EARLY RELEASE the 18th!	12/18
Classroom Christmas Parties	12/20
Winter Break!	12/21-1/6
Teacher Work Day School Resumes for Students	1/6/20-1/7/20

