

WILDCAT NEWS

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DINNER WITH THE ARTS & PTA FUNDRAISER

The 9th Annual Dinner With the Arts Event will be held on Thursday,

January 28th. We are very excited about the night and looking forward to a great dinner, art exhibit, talent shows, scavenger hunt, arts and crafts classes, and of course, the "famous" basket raffle.

This event is considered a PTA fundraiser and all the profits from this evening will go to the PTA to supplement extra programs and events. So your support is greatly appreciated.

We are very excited about the wonderful *pasta dinner* that will be catered by 'That's Amore' (advanced tickets required). The night will also include an *Art Exhibit* full of creative works done by Amy

Belle students. You will also be able to view the many talented "Wildcats" at one of the *Talent Show* locations. We will be hosting a *Scavenger Hunt* during the evening. The theme is "Oodles of Noodles".

See what your teacher and other staff members have created. We are offering two *Arts & Crafts Classes* this year. You can make a decoupage plate or work with clay and create a relief sculpture (registration required). We hope to have a successful *Basket Raffle* again this year. Each classroom is sponsoring a basket. Make sure to get your donations of either an item, container, or money in to your teacher soon. Your support is greatly appreciated. Let's make it the best

basket raffle ever.

WOW! What a night this is going to be! We are looking forward to spending the evening with our many friends and Amy Belle families.

Watch for the many flyers that will be coming home. Remember that Talent Show Audition slips are due January 6th. Auditions will be held during the lunch hours starting January 12th. The dinner ticket deadline is January 21st. No exceptions and no tickets will be sold during the event. Also, if you could volunteer some time, it would be greatly appreciated. There are also baking opportunities.

It is going to be a great night, don't miss out!

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WANTED...

PTA is looking for volunteers to join a "Technology Committee". We are interested in a chair and also volunteers to be on the committee. We have some exciting decisions to make regarding technology and the future of Amy Belle.

If you are interested, please contact Robin Kloeden at 262-628-7834.



SHOPPE THE BELLE

The Holiday Shoppe was a huge success. Thank you to all of the students and families that turned out for a wonderful festive breakfast with Santa. A good time was had by all. There was wonderful food, festive decorations, and plenty of arts and crafts projects to keep everyone busy. A special thank you to Mrs. Mandli for offering the Germantown High School Students to help. Also, Pearl and Sue from Food Service were both awesome. A big thank you to the over 60 volunteers! You were a huge help! We could not have done it without you! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and bakers! Thank you to the committee for working long hours to make this event a treat for our families. And last but not least, we need to thank the "Man in the Red Suit" for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us!

JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year	2
3	4 Welcome Back	5	6 Permission Slips Talent Show Auditions Due	7	8 Sunburst Reading Log Due	9
10	11 Board Mtg 7 pm	12 Talent Show Auditions-Lunch	13 Talent Show Auditions-Lunch	14 Talent Show Auditions-Lunch PTA Mtg 6:30 pm	15 Theme Basket Money & Donations ←	16
17	18	19 BLT Mtg 7:40 am	20	21 Last Day to Order Dinner Tickets & Craft Classes Registration Due	22 No School—Teacher Inservice	23
24	25 Board Mtg 7 pm	26 Theme Baskets on Display	27	28 Dinner with the Arts Event	29	30
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REMINDERS & UPDATES

Hat & Mitten Tree We collected so many pairs of mittens, hats, and scarves, thank you so much! Our tree was packed with generosity. We were able to donate to our families here, the health room, and the rest was given to the Kids' Closet. They were very grateful to receive our call as they are averaging 40 families a month shopping the facility. Contact Dyanne Van Hecke with any questions or if you wish to make a donation at jvanhecke@wi.rr.com.

Kids 2 Kids Christmas Our Salvation Army toy collection went well this year. Thank you to those that donated. We received some great gifts that I am sure made many children happy on Christmas morning. This was a combined effort between 620 WTMJ, The Salvation Army, Piggly Wiggly and Kapco Metal Stamping. Kapco came to pick up the toys and brought Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer along. He was able to visit a few of the classrooms. What a wonderful day of Making a Difference.

Author Visit Amy Belle School is excited to welcome a visit from Bill Buczinsky on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Check out the website for more information at www.childs-voice-poetry.com

Bus Driver Appreciation a Appreciation Breakfast was held on Tuesday, December 22 sponsored by the Amy Belle PTA. The school bus drivers had a chance to enjoy a great breakfast in appreciation of their hard work in safely driving our students to and from school.

All **Sunburst Reading Incentive Logs** are due on Friday, January 8th, 2010. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Holmi.

New this year, the **Reflections Exhibit** will be held this spring after judging at State Level. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you for all that participated.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE BELLE

ART

Mrs. Cheung

To ring in the New Year, we will be learning about celebrations from countries around the world. Students will be talking about Asian cultures and the Chinese New Year by making lanterns, kites, and paintings, and more!

Kindergarten will be making paper lantern sculptures. We will also be creating abstract paintings about letters and studying artist Jasper Johns. **First grade** will be finishing up our printing project about ocean animals. We will also be making Japanese carp kites. **Second grade** will be making bamboo paintings this month. **Third grade** students are creating tea bowls out of clay. Tea bowls are like tea cups without handles. We will also be having a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. **Fourth grade** will be making paintings of dragons, a good luck symbol for many cultures. We will use books and computers to do research on how to make our drawings have lots of details. **Fifth grade** will make clay figures in the style of the terracotta army. These were clay statues built to be buried with a Chinese emperor, Sui Huangdi of the Qin dynasty in 210 BC. There are estimated to be 7,000 soldiers, which are still being excavated today!

We will also be getting ready for Dinner with the Arts. Student work will soon cover the halls all over the school! January is going to be a busy month!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mr. Oscieczanek & Ms. Peil

This month we will be working on team building activities and then we will be doing a school wide program on the Winter Olympics. Please talk to your child about his/her Olympic team.

MUSIC

Mrs. Nokovic

Thank you for all the support in December for the 2nd and 3rd grade Holiday programs. Great to see so many families. The Talent Show auditions for the Dinner with the Arts Event will be held January 12th, 13th, and 14th during the lunch hours. Don't forget your permission slip. Please consider performing. See me or Ms. Brandl if you have questions about an act you are thinking about performing. Welcome 2010!

GUIDANCE

Mrs. Wolff & Mrs. Nettesheim

Happy New Year! We are continuing to focus on problem solving during this month's guidance lessons. The most important thing to do before solving a problem is to calm down. Then we need to identify what the problem is, brainstorm possible solutions, pick the best solution (Is it safe? How will people feel? Is it fair? Will it work?), and do the solution. After, we need to evaluate the solution to see if it worked or if we need to try another possible solution.

The motto for Wisconsin school counselors is "By All, For All," which means school counselors are here for and help all students. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding issues that might be affecting your child's academics. Mrs. Wolff is here on Tuesdays and Mrs. Nettesheim is here on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

BLT UPDATE—DECEMBER 7TH & 11TH

The BLT met on December 7th and 11th. We discussed the role of BLT and the direction and intent of the committee.

- AM Bell Time
- Tabled Items
 - ~Rotation of BLT
 - ~Committees

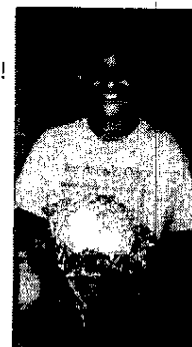
The Next Meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 7:40 a.m. in the Library.

- Opening Activity
- Brief History of BLT
- Who Are We? Direction?
 - ~Created Amy Belle Expectations & Responsibilities
- Decision Making Grid
 - ~Modifications to Decision Grid
- Chair and/or CoChair
- PG&H's

THE BEST CUPCAKE SALE EVER

"The Best Cupcake Sale Ever" Mrs. Holmi's Class had the Best Cupcake Sale Ever on December 17th. It was a huge success! There was a cupcake of every flavor and a design on the top of the cupcakes to please everyone. Thank you to all the students who purchased cupcakes and the many people who participated in the big cupcake raffle. Congratulations to Devin Kitchenakow, from Mrs. Die-drich's class. He was the winner of the big cupcake. With the sale of the cupcakes and the raffle of the big cupcake,

Mrs. Holmi's Class collected \$267.26 for the Washington County Humane Society. What a difference the school will make to the lives of the animals at the center! The class would like to thank all of the people who supported the class and for making a difference!



I MADE A DIFFERENCE!

I Made a Difference at Amy Belle Elementary! Congratulations to the students listed below that have their picture posted on the "I Made a DIFFERENCE" Board outside of the office.



December 7th 2009

Bottom Left to Right: Matt Wilbert, Lauren Head, Shea DeCramer, Kellie Hasbrook, Amy Dienberg, & Bethany Otto

Bench Left to Right: Kyle Clow, Joey Gilles, Amy ScIstad, & Lauren Miller

Standing Left to Right:

Seyenna Boegel, Jason Brodell, Joe Block & Juilana Mahler



December 21st 2009

Bottom Left to Right: Owen Miller, Kristin Taylor, Skylar Kelley, Adelle Mulligan, Hailey Hessler, Connor Lee & Tyler Hess

Bench: Samantha Mahlum, Alex Schwab, Amanda Mahlum, Prithvi Tanna, Matthew Harris,

Tanner Kons & Emma Stadler

Standing Left To Right: Matthew DeMichiel, Devin Kitchenakow, Connor Thompson, Ashley Thompson & Lauren Head

Not Pictured: Jackson Tremelling

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



NOVEMBER STUDENT of the MONTH

3BR – Quinn Crocker, KJ – Andrew Hanson,
4H – Eric Sawyer, 1OH – Brad Kohn,
2KO - Jillian Argersinger, 5E – Marissa Marks



DECEMBER STUDENT of the MONTH

2SA – Matt Kohn, 4G – Lexi Zingsheim,
1K – Lindsey Hessler, KSC – Julia Kranz,
3T – Stephanie Marks, 5F – Seyenna Boegel

JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Radon causes 21,000 lung cancer deaths a year in the United States. The only way to know if you have radon in your home is to test for it. Radon test kits can be picked up at the Washington County Health Department, 333 E Washington St., Suite 1100 in West Bend Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM for the low cost of only \$6.00. If you prefer to have a kit mailed to you, send your name and address along with a check for \$8.00 made out to the Washington County Health Department to the Washington County Health Department, P.O. Box 2003, West Bend, WI 53095.

Additional information is available at: www.co.washington.wi.us/chn or by calling the Washington County Health Department at 1-888-569-7236 or 262-335-4462.

AMY BELLE MISSION
WHERE CHILDREN DEFINE THEIR
FUTURE THROUGH THE
EDUCATION THEY RECEIVE
TODAY. THE MISSION OF AMY
BELLE SCHOOL IS TO ASSIST ALL
LEARNERS TO ACQUIRE THE
NECESSARY SKILLS AND
ATTITUDES TO BECOME
RESPONSIBLE, PRODUCTIVE
MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY.

2010 DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Congratulations to all the students that tried out for the Destination Imagination teams at Amy Belle. You all did a great job. It requires a great deal of courage to perform in front of your family, peers and judges. Below are the team members and managers.

Challenge B: DI®-Bot

Coaches: Mrs. Marchewka & Mr. Weber
 Sarah Kinn/5F
 Taylor Weitermann/5F
 Jade Wahlgren/5F
 John Weber/4W
 Rick Meyer/4W
 Caitie Hjelsand/4H
 Maxwell Granados/3T



CHALLENGE C: YOU'RE GONNA FLIP!

Coaches: Mrs. Griesemer & Mrs. Beckes
 Danielle Thurman/5D
 Rosie Basis/5E
 Kelly Kubicck/4H
 Jessica Koprek/4H
 Kellie Hasbrook/4W
 Ellie Griesemer/3BR
 Kiran Bajwa/3BR



CHALLENGE C: YOU'RE GONNA FLIP!

Coaches: Mr. Barclmann & Mrs. Fixel
 Kayla Fixel/5D
 Alex Janzen/5F
 Maddie Yont/5D
 Alicia Stanisch/4G
 Andrew Barclmann/4G
 Stephanie Marks/3T
 Hannah Brown/3BE



Challenge D: Do or DI®

Coaches: Mrs. Abel & Mrs. Timmerman
 Sara Puccini/5D
 Lauren Head/5D
 Alex Timmermann/4G
 Brett Abel/4G
 Connor Langley/4W
 Andrew Becker/3L
 Shannon Hasbrook/3BR
 Andrew Becker/3L



Challenge E: Breaking DI® News

Coaches: Mrs. Gramoll & Mr. Beckes
 Dayne Gramoll/5F
 Marissa Marks/5E
 Juliana Mahler/5D
 Connor Fixel/4G
 Chance Beckes/3L
 Kayla Ramstack/3L
 Corine Sass/3T



RISING STARS!

Coach: Mrs. Ambrose
 Christopher Ambrose/1K
 Reece Wojahn/1OH
 Ashley Stanisch/1H
 Alexandros Tsioutstopoulos/2SA
 Ian Leonard/2KO
 Ashley Puccini/2KR



RISING STARS!

Coach: Mrs. Langley
 Zander Langley/1OH
 Trevor Bowerman/1K
 Sophia Brown/1OH
 Melanie Marks/KJ
 Skylar Kelley/2KR
 Jillian Argersinger/2KO



SAFETY PATROL

5th Grade Safety Patrol deserves a **BIG THANK YOU** for helping classmates safely out of their vehicles during morning drop-off, guiding them to the playground, and also helping with morning bus duty in the **COLD WEATHER**.

This group of 5th graders was recruited in the spring, attended a training session, and have proven to be responsible, courteous, punctual, dependable, good role models, and leaders.

Safety Patrol is a program that was started by AAA in the early 1920's and has been utilized by schools in at least 30 countries. For more than 80 years AAA has proudly sponsored, promoted and aided AAA School Safety Patrol programs. AAA has guidelines that every registered Safety Patrol Group must follow. For more information, log on to www.AAA.com; follow the links to news/safety, traffic safety, AAA Safety Patrol.

With safety in mind, the next time you drop your child off, **PLEASE**:

- Pull forward cautiously to one of the designated drop-off points.
- **DO NOT GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE** and if you need to park your vehicle, please use one of the designated parking spots in the front of the building..
- Have your child ready to exit.
- Follow the flow of traffic.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION!!!



AMY BELLE SCHOOL

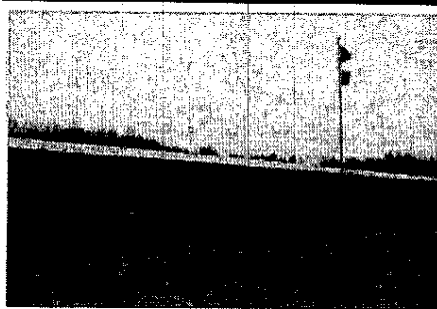
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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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2009-2010 Yearbook Orders
will be taken from
January 13th – March 12th
\$13.50 each
An order form will be sent home.

AMY BELLE HISTORIANS



The Yearbook Committee is starting to design the 2009-2010 Yearbook. If you have taken pictures on a field trip, during a special event, or a classroom party, and would like to share them with the Grade Level Historians, please contact one of the following people:

- KINDERGARTEN: Jamie Enders 262-628-9904 jamie_enders@yahoo.com
- 1ST GRADE: Stacey Clement 262-623-6333 stacey.clement@siemens.com
- 2ND GRADE: Monica Leonard 414-659-0607 twoml@wi.rr.com
- 3RD GRADE: Jane Boudreau 262-628-8380 bugabou@charter.net
- 4TH GRADE: Kate Ragland 262-623-6063 ragland0668@gmail.com
- 5TH GRADE: Katie Zellner 262-327-2626 zellner@yahoo.com

We would prefer your pictures to be on a CD and would be happy to provide you with one. Please contact Deanne Pearlman @ 262-623-6083 or deannepearlman@yahoo.com and a CD will be sent home with your child. We will be collecting CD's again in February & March

Please forward all pictures, either on a CD, by e-mail, or hardcopy

Thank You!!

2009-2010 Executive PTA Board

- President—Melissa Timmerman 262/628-3690
- 1st Vice President—Stephanie Brown 262/408-0771
- 2nd Vice President—Katie Zellner 414-364-3225
- Secretary—Deanne Pearlman 262/623-6083
- Treasurer—Robin Kloeden 262/628-7834



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January PTA MEETING
Thursday, January 14, 2010
6:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY HUGS

Thank you so much for your generous contributions toward the PTA Holiday Hugs Program. We collected \$649 which was used to purchase an assortment of games, puzzles, classroom supplies, and gift cards. We also purchased a one year subscription to Enchanted Learning, which is a website that gives teachers and staff unlimited access to educational resources, such as worksheets, book templates, and classroom project ideas. We were able to fulfill a few items from every teacher's wish list, including support staff and specialists. Gifts were distributed on Wednesday, December 23rd. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated not only by the Amy Belle Staff, but also by your children!!

~Amy Belle PTA

