



Blue Devil News



West Central will be hosting a community meal on Veterans Day, November 11th. Community members are invited to attend our school's Veterans Day program at 10 AM and/or stay for lunch. If you plan to eat at the school, please contact the office to RSVP. Meals are also available for pick-up or delivery within Maynard city limits.



The WC Music Department will once again be selling fruits, meats, nuts, and cheeses. Profits will primarily fund equipment, honor band & honor choir registration fees, and other related music department materials. If you are interested in purchasing fruit sale items, please reach out to your favorite music student in grades 6-12, or contact twalter@wc.k12.ia.us.



News from Kindergarten

Kindergarteners have been working and playing hard during the first few months of this year. In math, we have been working hard on counting to 100, finding patterns, and learning the basics to equations. In literacy skills, we have been learning letter sounds one at a time. As we learn more and more sounds, we have started working on blending them together to make words, as well as learning to quickly recognize "tricky" words (high-frequency words). This has also led us into practicing writing our letters and numbers in primary lines correctly to ensure that they are easy to read. We just finished up our Nursery Rhyme unit in literacy knowledge and have been transitioning into the Five Senses. Students have been having a lot of fun with the senses by exploring an "unknown object," which we used our senses to find out was an orange, going on sensory scavenger hunts and learning about how our eyes, ears, hands, tongues, and noses work.

On a more fun note, students also loved learning about fire safety, bus safety and farm safety with our fire prevention day and farm/bus/fire safety day. Getting to see equipment hands-on made them incredibly excited and helped them build real world connections to what we are already learning in our classroom (our five senses help keep us safe). We can't wait to continue seeing where our curiosity connects to our learning so that we can continue to work just as hard as we play!

-Mrs. Schnoor

My name is Kelcie Smith and I'm your College & Career Coach within the school! You can find me in the high school commons from 7:15 - 12:00 over by Mrs. Fliehler's room!



What I can help with:

- Career planning
- College planning and preparation
- Financial aid
- Job shadows
- Mock interviews
- Advising
- College visits
- Application process
- Scholarship awareness

Why I'm here: To help you decide your path! It doesn't matter where you want to go, I'm here to support!

The list is truly endless!

Kelcie Smith
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West Central Alternate School Week Committee

Public Meeting Update

The committee continues to study alternate school-week options and their potential effects on students, families, and employees. No final decision has been made.

- **Schedule options:** Along with a four-day week, the committee is exploring a modified four-day schedule in which students would attend school on some otherwise nonstudent days. Including those days could allow for shorter daily school hours than a full four-day schedule.
- **District research:** The committee is reviewing information from Saydel and arranging a Zoom meeting with Cardinal School to learn from other districts' experiences.
- **Nutrition:** The Food Bank of Iowa has expressed interest in West Central becoming a food hub. Space within the school and donations for larger food backpacks are being explored.
- **Enrichment:** Conversations with area agencies suggest that monthly enrichment activities on nonstudent days may be achievable. Details remain under development.
- **Support staff compensation:** The committee is gathering examples of how other districts have maintained adequate support staff compensation.
- **Childcare:** Local options remain limited. Financial assistance may be available to eligible families, and a potential provider may consider opening if sufficient interest exists. School-based childcare does not currently appear feasible.
- **Family input:** A family survey has been approved. Results will be reviewed at the next meeting, and roundtable discussions will begin in January.

Interested community members are welcome to join the committee by emailing westcentral@wc.k12.ia.us.

Scan this QR code answer the survey.



Get Out and Vote

As we approach the upcoming election, I encourage everyone to get out and vote and to learn about the candidates and their positions on public education. In addition to student enrollment, decisions made by the Iowa Legislature have a significant impact on our school budget and the opportunities we are able to provide our students.

The Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) recently established its priorities for the 2027 legislative session. These priorities include adequate school resources, quality preschool, property tax reform, support for public schools, increased resources for students with greater needs, operational sharing incentives, local school board authority, and continued support for AEA services. To learn more about the work of RSAI and its legislative priorities, visit www.rsaia.org.

Principal's Note: Looking Ahead to Quarter Two

As we wrap up the first quarter, we look forward to connecting with families during conferences and reflecting on the progress our students have made so far this school year.

Overall, we have seen several positive trends at West Central, including increases in student achievement and a decrease in the number of D/F grades. These improvements are encouraging and reflect the continued efforts of our students and staff to build strong habits, maintain high expectations, and focus on academic success.

As we head into the second quarter, our teachers are preparing some exciting opportunities to increase student engagement and celebrate student success. From Student of the Month recognition and student government-led initiatives to impressive performances planned by our fine arts department, there is plenty to look forward to in the coming weeks. As we work toward the end of the first semester and the close of 2026, we remain focused on creating meaningful experiences that help our students grow academically, socially, and personally.

Thank you to our families, staff, and community for your continued support of West Central. We appreciate the partnership we share in helping our students succeed, and we look forward to the opportunities and accomplishments that the new quarter will bring.

Go Blue Devils!
Matthew Molumby

Upcoming Dates

- November 6th & 7th - Variety Show
- November 11th - Veterans Assembly 10am
- November 11th - Senior Citizen Holiday Meal
- November 12th - 5th - 8th Band Concert 7pm
- November 23rd - 5th - 8th Choir Concert 7pm
- November 25th - 1:10 Dismissal
- November 26th - Thanksgiving
- November 27th - No School

News from 2nd Grade

As a whole second grade, (29 total students) we have read 381 books and 401,126 words so far this year! This is the first full year of AR for the students. They have started the year off with excitement and determination. AND, the more they read the better their fluency will become!

We have been working with the art teacher to do some cross curricular planning with literacy. Pictured, you see our flounders the students made in art to go along with one of our fairy tales we read in literacy.



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