

**February, 2012**

Dear Wayside Families:

Please remember an important upcoming date. It is **February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012**. There are two things you need to do for this date: 1.) Buy your Valentine something special, and 2.) Vote on the Bartlesville Public School District's proposed bond issue.

This bond will not increase our taxes. It will not increase our class sizes. In fact this bond issue will help insure our class sizes do not have to increase. This bond will allow the district to provide needed classroom space for Kane Elementary School students who are currently housed in portable classrooms. Also, this bond will provide a new 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Center. It will finally give our high school students a pleasant cafeteria that is adequate in size. This bond will also improve the Mid-High's cafeteria as well as create a new entry and departure roadway for the buses at the Mid-High School. Further, it will allow the building of new classrooms to house our sophomore students at the High School. Improved lighting, sound and press boxes at the High School football stadium are included. These are only a few of the highlights included in the district's proposed bond.

If you have any questions regarding the bond proposal, you are welcome to call or stop by my office here at Wayside. May I also suggest a website that is informative in regard to some questions that have arisen about the bond proposal? The website may be found at [www.bruinvalentine.com](http://www.bruinvalentine.com) and has been built by Granger Meador.

Our district ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> of all 6A (large) district schools in the state of Oklahoma with a score on the 2011 API of 1325. Wayside Elementary ranks 8<sup>th</sup> best in the state as compared to all elementary schools with our 2011 API score of 1427. Bartlesville ranks first in advanced test scoring when compared to our State Department of Education appointed peer districts. We achieved a higher percentage of students scoring advanced on their grade level /subject tests when compared to our peer districts in 12 of the 24 grade level/subject tests. Our district's students scored an average A.C.T. score of 23.3 for 2011. This is well above the state average of 20.7 or the national average of 21.7. In the field of athletic performance our students shine as well. All together they have gathered six athletic Academic State Championship titles since 2007. These titles are earned when an athletic program earns a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Our district, our teachers, our students and our community have many things in which to take pride. I'm asking you to please consider your vote carefully this upcoming February 14<sup>th</sup>. Help Bartlesville Public Schools continue to provide high quality educational experiences for our children. I believe all our students deserve to experience the tradition we have begun.



Sincerely,  
Ken Copeland





# Library News from Mrs. Hixon



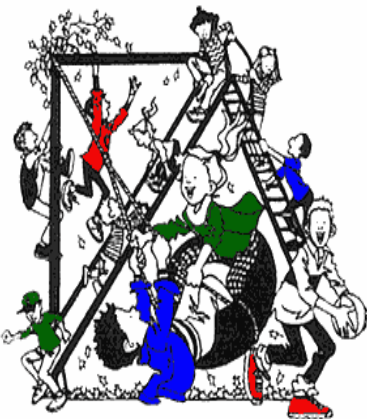
February begins the Caldecott Unit for second grade. Students will be reading books that have won the Caldecott Medal, which is awarded annually to the illustrator of the most distinguished American picture book for children. The unit will conclude in early March with a team competition and celebration.

Some important dates to remember are listed below. The exact date has not been set yet for some events.

March 27	Last day to take Reading Counts (RC) quizzes on Sequoyah Books for 2011-2012 prizes and voting. Third through Fifth Grades.
April 12	Last day to take Reading Counts quizzes for 2011-2012 prizes. Second through Fifth Grades.
April	Sequoyah Luncheon Banquet for those students who have read 15 Sequoyah book award nominees for 2012. Third through Fifth Grades.
April 23 - 27	Spring Book Fair "Book Fair Luau: It's a Reading Celebration!"
April 24	Book Fair Family Night 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Reading Counts Sundae Party. 140 points required.
May	2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Reading Counts Pizza Parties at Regular Lunch Time. Point Requirements are: 2 <sup>nd</sup> -80, 3 <sup>rd</sup> -120, 4 <sup>th</sup> -160, 5 <sup>th</sup> -200.
May	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Counts Special Event Lunch at Price Road McDonalds of Nowata Road Sonic. 210 points required.
May	4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Reading Counts Special Event Field Trip to Tulsa Air & Space Museum. 280 points required for 4 <sup>th</sup> grade, and 350 points required for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade.

My email address is [Hixonka@bps-ok.org](mailto:Hixonka@bps-ok.org) if you ever have any questions or concerns. Also, please feel free to stop by the library or call.

## Counselor's Corner with Mrs. Kesselhuth



It's February already! Our calendar has some events I'd like to mention. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing test is Feb. 21 and 22, and we will need some volunteers to help as proctors those two mornings from about 8:45 to 10:30.

District GATE testing for 2<sup>nd</sup> graders has been scheduled for February 9 and 10; detailed information was sent home earlier. Students who qualify will begin the GATE program in the fall semester of 2012. All results will be sent to parents in May. Since this testing program is a district-wide effort, it does take some time for all the tests to be scored and then for scores to be verified at two different levels. Thank you for your patience.

Classroom guidance in upper grades will finish its focus on career awareness. Lower grades will finish up our I-Care Rules this month after several lessons on feelings. We have learned that help is always available for handling our feelings especially those of anger, worry, and sadness.

Happy Valentine's Day!



Can you believe we have already celebrated the 100th day of school? It was fun seeing all the 100th day crowns on the kids in the hall way and even getting to attend a little party in William's 4th grade classroom! What a fun day! I have been thinking about the day and the fun the kids have doing little special things for the 100th day of school (and other milestones) and I count my blessings to be able to be a part of Wayside School and a part of the lives of each of the children that attend. What great memories we all share of being at such a great school. Thank you parents, teachers, staff and especially Mr. Copeland for allowing parents to share in the lives of their children as well as others!

January was a very quiet month for activities for WPSA. However, in the background, the playground committee has been busy meeting with different companies and Mr. Copeland to decide how to spend the money allocated for playground improvements. I think once the final decisions are made, the playground will become an even better place for the kids to play and have fun during their recess period. I don't know all their plans for certain, but from what I hear, it will be good for all!

There are other committees who have been working as well. I know that Book Fair will have a planning session with Scholastic soon. Calls will be made for help, and if you would like to help with the Spring Book Fair, please let either Melanie Refvik, Mrs. Hixon or myself know. We can hopefully work out a time slot that will fit into your schedule. Last fall we had 2 family nights which worked very well and were also very successful, however, finding people to work was hard. Working parents, this is a good time for you to help and not take off work, so please let us know if you can help.

Hospitality is planning an all staff lunch soon. If you are on the committee, I am sure you will be getting a phone call soon for that. If you would like to help by bringing something in, setting up or cleaning up, I am sure Pam Bilger would love to hear from you. (Sorry Pam, I don't remember the date on this!)

Congratulations to the WAVE on the arrival of the new furniture for the PRR. Janice and Bernadette were busy in the halls yesterday putting together tables and chairs. This room is available to parents to check out materials for their kids who might need just a little extra help in reading or math skills. This room has already been a great asset to the school and the volunteer tutors and I am sure that once parents are becoming more aware of its purpose and what it offers, will be an even greater asset to our entire school. Great job WAVE! Keep up the good work!

By the time you are reading this email, our spring fundraiser will have started. We will be selling cookie dough through Fundrazor. The money that is raised through this fund raiser will fund our 2012-2013 budget. This means what we earn now will help to help pay for teacher stipends and requests, magazine subscriptions for the classrooms, field trips, 5th grade promotion, WAVE, Field day as well as other expenses that arise. We also have Walk A Thon in the fall, however, that money is usually ear marked for special projects. So please, help WPSA as well as your school to aid in improvements and to help make available extra items for our children that cannot be funded through the school due to lack of funding for education through the state. The due date for the orders will be in the packets your child brings home. Good Luck!!

Don't forget to check out the school website for upcoming agendas and meeting minutes. This is the only way we can communicate of what will be discussed at our next meetings and minutes of what was discussed at previous meetings are distributed. Please use this tool to keep informed!

February is going to be a busy month! Upcoming events include: 2/10 Popcorn - Kindergarten hosts, 2/13 @ 9:15am in the cafeteria WPSA meets, 2/14 Valentine Day parties (watch for emails from your homeroom parents), 2/28 Spring photos.

See you in the halls!

Alice-Ann  
WPSA President 2010-2012



## The WAVE

We are pleased to announce the WAVE Parent Resource Room, also known as the Yellow Tutor Room, is undergoing a makeover! We were able to purchase new tables and chairs from the ConocoPhillips grants we received from Jeff Birk, the Eads Family, the Ontiveros Family, and ConocoPhillips' Black Employee Network's monetary donation. THANK YOU on behalf of all the tutors and students that use the room on a daily basis!

Congratulations to the February VIP parking spot winner, Kathy Faria! Thank you Kathy for all your volunteer work this school year in the library and for being a substitute tutor.

The 10 letter Word Wall Challenge was a huge success for the month of January. For the month of February, there will be Mad Lib posters. Drop by to fill in a noun, adjective, verb, pronoun, etc. to help create some fun stories for our wall.

As the students continue to work hard in the classroom, we encourage you to utilize the school subscription to Everyday Math online at home ([www.everydaymath.com](http://www.everydaymath.com) click on the Everyday Mathematics Online link). All students are provided a login and password (via Mrs. Samson in the computer lab). With your login, you can access the handbook, family letters, animated instructions for various algorithm techniques by grade level, print off practice sheets, etc. This is a terrific tool to help parents understand the sometimes "untraditional" approach to problem solving that Everyday Math teaches and also provides supplemental work for students that need additional practice.