

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Good afternoon, parents, it's Mike Ykimoff at Bean with a few announcements for the upcoming week. First, we had a great time last Friday night at our St. Patrick's Day student Lock-In. Over 200 students joined us for three hours of fun and games. Thanks to all parents who helped make this a fun and safe activity for the kids.

Second, our Accelerated Reader store will be held tomorrow during the school day and students will be able to spend their hard-earned Accelerated Reader points on a variety of school supplies.

Third, we will celebrate our annual Donuts with Dad and Muffins with Mom event this Wednesday morning from 7:30 am until 8:25 am in the cafeteria. We invite everyone to bring a good book and join us for donuts, muffins, juice and coffee as we spend a little time celebrating reading together.

Fourth, fifth graders took a music test last week and will be fitted for instruments this Thursday. While not all students may choose to be in band in sixth grade, all students will be fitted for an instrument in the event they choose to join the Western Middle School music program.

Finally, parents, we are geared up for an amazing school fundraiser we are calling the Panther Pounce. This fundraiser will take place during the school day on Thursday and Friday, April 20 and 21, and all students will participate. Our gym will be filled with inflatables and students will be bouncing in the gym during their regularly-scheduled gym time. We are asking students to collect donations in the weeks leading up to our event. Students will receive prizes based on the amount of donations they collect. Information for this event went home a few weeks ago, since we wanted to give students the chance to collect donations early. As our PTA officers outlined in the letter that went home earlier in March, neighboring school districts have done similar events with tremendous success. Our goal at Bean is to try this fundraiser this Spring to work out the kinks; depending on its success, we would love to have this be the ONLY PTA fundraiser we have next year. We will be sending additional information home regarding this exciting event, but feel free to call the school if you have any question about this or any other upcoming events.