



Valley News



January, 2022

Dear Parents,

The cold weather has arrived and the snow has changed our schedule several times over the past two weeks. We have been finding indoor activities for recess at both buildings when we can't get outside. Flat Ridge students in grades 2 - 4 are practicing for the ping pong tournament. We are getting some new ping pong mini nets for tables in the classrooms at Wise as well as setting up the volleyball net in the gym for a change of pace from dodgeball.

I have been meeting with the advisory board to discuss a volleyball court project at Wise. We have been talking about installing a volleyball court with Forever Lawn (artificial turf) in the area to the northwest side of the pavilion. This would be a great addition to Wise as the court would be playable much of the time when weather permits. It will drain well and not get muddy. We are starting the planning now. If things go well, we will see this project finished late summer or early fall of this year.

Sincerely,
Casey Travis

Spelling Bee

Luann Hershberger represented Wise at the Holmes County Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 20th. Good job Luann. Isaiah Swartzentruber from Chestnut Ridge won the spelling bee, and Gabrielle Mullet from Berlin Elementary was the runner-up. East Holmes had a total of 11 students participate in the spelling bee.

Honor Roll Gathering at Wise

We had an honor roll gathering at Wise on Wednesday, January 19th. All students received a treat and then we had a question activity with 5th / 6th grade students together in one group and the 7th / 8th graders in another group. Students who earned all A's and B's on their report cards were recognized and given a certificate for the 2nd grading period.

Reading Reward at Flat Ridge

The reading reward for the month of January for the 1st - 4th graders will be pancakes made by Mr. Travis. We are planning on having the pancakes on Wednesday, February 2nd. Please help your child continue to reach their reading goal for the month. Thank you.

Leader in Me

As Leader in Me continues at Flat Ridge and Wise, I want to give students a challenge this month. On the next page, students can fill out the Leader in Me paper and return it to the box at school. Students that complete the paper and have it returned by February 3rd will receive a small treat and they will be entered in the drawing for a Dairy Queen or Burger King gift card. Parents, please help younger students if they need your help.

Leader in Me Challenge for January

Name _____

Grade _____

Answer one of the following questions. You can pick the question you like best. Return this form to the box at school by Thursday, February 3rd.

-Flat Ridge box will be by the copy machine and mailboxes

-Wise box will be by the front entrance

What is one thing in Leader in Me that you have learned about that really makes sense to you? Why?

Or

Of the 7 Habits, which Habit means the most to you? Why?

Habit 1 - Be Proactive

Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind

Habit 3 - Put First Things First

Habit 4 - Think Win-Win

Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

Habit 6 - Synergize

Habit 7 - Sharpen the Saw