This week at WLE:

02/03 — 7:00 p.m., WLE PTA, Media Center
02/04 —
02/05 —
02/06 — 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m., Walled Lake Schools Incoming Preschool Open House, WLE, see page 3 of the newsletter for additional locations
02/07 — Popcorn Friday!

DATE CHANGE

WLE FIELD DAY has been moved to FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020, due to a conflict. Please make a note of this important change. We hope that this much notice, families can adjust their schedules accordingly. We apologize for any inconveniences this may cause.

Attention 4th Grade Families:

March 18th is a half day of school. Our fourth graders have a great opportunity take a field trip to the Walled Lake Outdoor Education Center for a Disability Awareness Network Workshop that morning. The main emphasis of the workshop is to help children become more aware of the challenges that people with disabilities face every day. The program includes several hours of activities centered on empathetic understanding of physical, speech, hearing, vision and learning impairments.

In order to make this opportunity possible, we will need many parent volunteers to help run the day. A sign-up genius and additional information will be sent out soon. Please consider volunteering the morning of March 18th to support this wonderful opportunity for our students.
**3rd Grade Reading Law**

Have you explored Walled Lake Schools’ [webpage](#) dedicated to informing families about the Michigan Third Grade Reading Law? It is very informational and includes a new communication from Walled Lake Schools, Deputy Superintendent of Learning Services, Cathy Kochanski.

Please visit [this page](#) to learn more about the law, our district’s commitment to literacy, and many practices in place to support your child.

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**WLE BOX TOP CHALLENGE!**

Earning money for our school is easier than ever with the Box Top$$ For Education app. Please consider downloading this app and scanning receipts to start earning money for WLE!

Our goal is to earn $500 from Box Top$$ for Education by **March 2, 2020**! If we reach our goal, WLE students will be able to go to Safari Playground for free play on a date TBD. Additional information will be sent home with your child.

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**Second Step**

This month, our school wide theme is **EMOTION MANAGEMENT**. In our morning announcements and school assembly we’ll be prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we’ll be reminding them to use their *Second Step* skills to calm down:

- **Stop**—Use your signal
- **Name** your feeling
- **Calm down**: Breathe, count, use positive self-talk

These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

Ask your child about the “Calm it Down” song or “Belly Breathing.”
Walled Lake Consolidated Schools  
Preschool Open House  
February 6, 2020  
5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Walled Lake Schools will host a Preschool Open House this Thursday. You can find a 3-year old Head Start Open House here at Walled Lake Elementary in room #6. You can find a 4-year old GSRP Open House in room #22 at Walled Lake Elementary. We hope to see you there!

For more information and additional locations, please see this flyer.

SHINING STARS AWARD  
Nominations Due March 1, 2020

Please consider nominating a special person for this meaningful award. Nominations can be made here.

The Shining Stars Award is to recognize an outstanding individual who has supported the special needs community within Walled Lake Schools. Some of the qualities of the nominee might include: a positive attitude, dedication, dependability, self-motivation, helpfulness, etc. Nominees can be anyone associated with the special needs community: teacher, para, parent, volunteer, etc.
The Walled Lake School District is holding its 9th annual EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST!

Earth Day is almost here and we would like a Walled Lake Elementary Tiger to design this year's poster to be placed in all the schools throughout the district. Click here for details. 11x17 paper for the poster is available in the office, upon request. All entries must be turned into the school office by March 5, 2020. Good luck!

Looking for a fun and educational activity for you and your kids on their day off from school? Oakland Schools is sponsoring a FREE event for students 3rd–8th grade, February 17, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 a.m. The event will include a free showing of “Dream Big: Engineering Our World” documentary. It will be followed with a STEM activity after the movie to further their interest in engineering and STEM careers. Additional details can be found here.
Come have a blast on the slopes this winter! Alpine Valley has a great discounted evening program for skiing and snowboarding. It’s the perfect opportunity for those who want to learn to ski/snowboard, as well as those who already know the ropes.

Our group goes on Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to close. Payment is due to Carrie Murphy, our district’s ski club coordinator, by Tuesday morning of the week(s) you are skiing. The club is open to parents, students, siblings and friends (including those outside of our district).

Participants provide their own transportation to/from Alpine. We need at least 20 people signed up each week for the discounted rates to apply (this minimum is often achieved by combining numbers from several Walled Lake schools). Break the winter blahs and spread the word!

For complete details, review the attached documents. Email Carrie Murphy at carrielm123@gmail.com if you have questions.
PTA News

Our current PTA president will be moving out of state in March and the position needs to be filled before she leaves. We have at least 1 current board member who is willing to step in, but if anyone would like to run for the position, please notify Mrs. Amann or a WLE PTA Executive Board Member by 02/10/2020.

Please visit the Walled Lake Elementary Website and select the PTA tab to learn more. Click here to go directly to the page. Want to contact us? Send us an email to wlepta-group@gmail.com.

Sign up for Free or Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Program

Parents who are having financial difficulties or who are unemployed may apply for the free or reduced price meal program for your child. More information is available on our district website. Applications are available in our school office.

Future Events:

02/12 — Student Count Day
— Spring Picture Day
02/15 — 02/23 — Mid Winter Break, No School
03/02 — 7:00 p.m. WLE PTA Meeting, Media Center
03/02—03/06 — Spring Book Fair
03/03 — 12:25 p.m., Dismissal, Student ½ Day
03/04—6:00 p.m., PTA Pancake Dinner
03/12—6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. — WLE PTA Movie Night, details to follow