

April 11, 2018

Hello Westside Families ~

Please take a moment to look at our notes for this week!

Forward Exam testing is underway for our 3rd and 4th grade students. We encourage you to make sure your children are getting plenty of rest and having a healthy breakfast. Also, when you are at school we ask that you help us keep our building as quiet as possible during these important testing weeks – thank you!

Just a reminder that this Friday is Patriotic Day at Westside. Dress in red, white, and blue to honor America!

DON'T FORGET: The FAMILY NIGHT at the Timber Rattlers ticket orders are due this **FRIDAY, April 13th**. An additional form is attached if you need one!

Here is a list of upcoming events in our community for children and families:

- [WI DNR Boater Safety Classes](#), March, April and May, various dates and locations offering
- [Pollyanna](#) presented by the Papermaker Players April 12, 13, 14, 2018
- [YMCA Kids Fun Night](#), April 28, 2018
- [Girls Intro to Hockey](#) at Fox River Girls Hockey Club, April and May 2018
- [Kimberly High School Car Show May 19, 2018](#)
- [4H Summer Camp](#) at Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center July 8-12, 2018
- [YMCA Camp Nan A Bo Sho](#) Summer 2018 Camp Offerings
- 2018 Baseball/Softball/Tee Ball [Registration](#) for Combined Locks Rec. Dept.
- 2018 Baseball [Registration](#) and [Information](#) for Kimberly Park and Rec.
- Summer 2018 Summer Program [Guide](#)

Enjoy the rest of the week and please give us a call if you have any questions!

Thank you!

THINK SPRING! ☺

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Parenting 1 2 3



Teaching Children How to Follow Directions and Listen Effectively

Many children in their developmental stages will shy away from following directions and listening. It's a natural reaction; children don't want to be told what to do, because the world is so fresh and new. However, it's important that, as a parent, you understand the necessity for developing these skills at an early age. If your child chooses not to listen to your directions, they may do the same in school and continue to do so for the rest of their life. By instilling a sense of importance and urgency around following directions and listening effectively, you can help your child come to understand why it's so important to you and the rest of the family.

When a Child Doesn't Listen, Employ Defensive Strategies

Let's say your child throws a tantrum in the middle of the grocery store and won't stop screaming. As a parent, would you leave the store with your child immediately, or give them what they want? Many parents would choose the latter simply to make their child be quiet. This is not the optimal choice for teaching children how to listen and follow directions in the long run! Gentle but firm is the prescription for these situations.

Just because you think it's okay this one time, it isn't — your child will automatically resort to crying and fits to get what they want from that point forward. It is far better to experience the momentary discomfort than set this pattern up for future repetition.

Listening Is Just as Important as Following Directions

Helping your child become a better listener is the second step. When you tell them to do something and they give you an attitude, have them repeat your first direction. If they still refuse to listen, you might have to resort to disciplinary action.

REMEMBER:

- *Never respond to your child's request just because it's for something they want. Do they deserve it? Why or why not?*
- *Rely on other members of your family to help with these steps, and illustrate the need for everyone to help out. When it comes from everyone, your child will likely change their ways.*
- *Encourage your child to be open with you in a healthy way, no matter how old they are.*



FANG'S READING CLUB

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DATE: Friday, April 27

TIME: 6:35

Let's get together and celebrate our success with Fang's Reading Club! Join us for an evening of fun for everyone!

Students who have completed the reading program earned a 'complimentary' ticket and hot dog & soda voucher. Tickets for family and friends are \$9.00 each.

Please return form and payment in an envelope marked "Fang's Reading Club Tickets" no later than April 13th

Special Note: If tickets are not purchased in advance with the school, seating is not guaranteed with the rest of the group. Also, tickets not purchased in advance need to be purchased through the Ticket Office at regular price. **If tickets for the Family Night are not used, the unused ticket(s) can be exchanged for grass seating to another 2018 regular season Timber Rattlers game (based on availability).**

The stadium is located at 2400 N. Casaloma Drive, Appleton. Telephone 920.733.4152

Name _____ Telephone _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Number of free student tickets _____

Number of tickets at \$9.00 each _____ Amount Enclosed _____

*Make checks payable to your school. All orders are non-refundable.
Children 2 & under do not require a ticket if they sit on a parent's lap.*

- Please check one: I will pick up these tickets at school
 Please send the tickets home with my child



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