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A Word from the Principal

Greetings Nashville and Lakeville Parents,

Welcome to February! I assure you warm weather is around the corner. I am just not sure which corner!

This has been an interesting start to 2026, between sickness that has hit some classrooms and uncooperative weather, it has been difficult to get back into a normal routine.

Inside the front doors at Nashville, I have a poster that says "If they are here, they will learn." Obviously, situations like weather and illness are unpreventable and sometimes it is just not possible for students to be here every day. So, take this as encouragement and appreciation for getting your child ready for school on all those "normal" days. Even on those normal days when they might be sniffly or say they just don't want to go to school. Encourage them, be firm if needed and send them on their way. It usually is just a little extra push from parents on those difficult days, especially when we haven't been in a normal routine, to get them past that feeling of not wanting to go to school. Once they are here, they are good, and once they are here, they will learn.

Thanks for your support in so many different ways! It is appreciated and doesn't go unnoticed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 Kindergarten Registration begins for 2026-2027
- Feb. 3 Primary Parents 4:00
- Feb. 9-12 Book Fair
- Feb. 9 P/T Conferences
- Feb. 11 P/T Conferences
- Feb. 13 Non-Student Day
Teacher In-service
- Feb. 16 Board Meeting/Killbuck
- Feb. 17 No School/
Presidents' Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- March 19 Spring Pictures
- March 30-April 3 Spring Break
- April 6 No School
Conf. Comp Day



**LIVE LAUGH
LOVE**

Library News....

The annual Scholastic Book Fair held in the library will be February 9th – 12th. The days for the Book Fair during school hours will be Monday, Feb. 9th, Tuesday, Feb. 10th, and Thursday, Feb. 12th.

Students will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair with their class during the week. The Library Book Fair will also be open during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday, Feb. 9th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

If you can't make it to the Book Fair in person, you can shop online at the following url address <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/nashvilleelementaryschool>

The Book Fair online will be available from Feb. 9th – Feb. 22nd, with all online orders being sent directly to your home.

Thank You,
Mrs. Strouse

Kindergarten Registration

West Holmes Kindergarten Screening February 2 – February 28, 2026

Parents with children who will be five on or before August 20, 2026, are asked to register their child with the West Holmes Elementary School. Register by calling 330-378-2111. You will be asked basic information about your child and, a screening time will be assigned.

Once you have called and registered your child for screening, you will receive an email explaining how to log onto the district website, www.westholmes.org, then click on the Final Forms link. From here, you will complete the necessary forms to register. Also, at this time, upload the following documents to Final Forms:

- **your child's birth certificate**
- **immunizations**
- **proof of residency**
- **proof of custody (if applicable)**
- **your photo ID**

**Please complete the Final Forms portion by
Thursday, April 30th.**

Kindergarten screening dates:

June 1, 2026

June 2, 2026

June 3, 2026

Location – West Holmes High School

WINTER RECESS

Recess will be outside when the temperature is 20 degrees or above, including the wind chill. On the days of outside recess, those wearing snow pants and boots will be permitted to play off the blacktop in the snow. Please be sure your child comes prepared with the necessary items for outside recess, such as winter coat, snow pants, hat, boots and gloves.

Update Your Information

If you have a new phone number or have recently moved, please log onto www.westholmes.org, click on Parents, then Final Forms/Instructions. Here you will be able to update your information.

