Family Newsletter

West Branch- Rose City Area Schools

SURLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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"The School of Choice for Educational Excellence . . . Your Future Begins Here"

November 2026

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."
— Henry Ford

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pumpkin Carving Family Night 10/28
Early Release 10/30 at 12:50
No School 11/2
Picture Retakes 11/5
End of First Trimester 11/24
Thanksgiving Breakl 11/25-11/27

A full calendar is available on our district website at www.wbrc.org

You can also follow us on Facebook at: https://www.facebook.com/WestBranchRoseCitySchools

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE STAFF

- For preplanned absences of more than 2 days, complete a trip request form
- Please make sure your address, phone number, and emergency contacts are up to date on Skyward. We no longer use paper student information cards.
- If you need to pick your child up early from the office for an appointment, we ask that you do so by 3:30 to avoid dismissal issues.
- PikMyKid: make all changes by 2:00 so staff can have students in the correct dismissal.

GOOD THINGS at SES

THANK YOU to our SES PTO for organizing our book fair!
We have the beginnings of a rock garden at the front entrance, check it out!
Our 3rd & 4th grade MStep scores from the spring were impressive!

CAPTURING KIDS HEARTS

The focus for November is TEAMWORK and we are learning that we are "Better Together." Working with others is a life skill that is needed at school, work, and home.
What is Teamwork?
Teamwork is the ability to work in unity with others towards a common goal. For us to learn how to become team players, it is important that we learn to listen, encourage our peers, and allow and invite others to contribute their talents and skills.
Congratulations to our October Falcons of the Week, we are proud of your self-direction!

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Better Together

Work together to reach a goal.

This month we're challenging students to work together toward a common goal and shared purpose. We are partnering with you to grow and develop teamwork in your child. We can do this by modeling gratefulness, acknowledging positive moments, and affirming each other. Use this month's activities to practice working together and celebrate your family as a team.



1 ENGAGE: Grateful for you

I am grateful for you! Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member all month. What you give attention to grows! On a sticky note or small piece of paper, write one thing you appreciate each day about your child and post it on their bedroom door. Doing this will plant seeds in their heads and hearts to help them see good things about themselves.



2 EMPOWER: Walk in My Shoes

Create a culture of appreciation and gratitude at home by celebrating the best in each family member. Have every family member trace one of their shoes, then trade drawings and write three words you admire about that family member on their "shoe." Discuss how each family member brings something great to your family team.



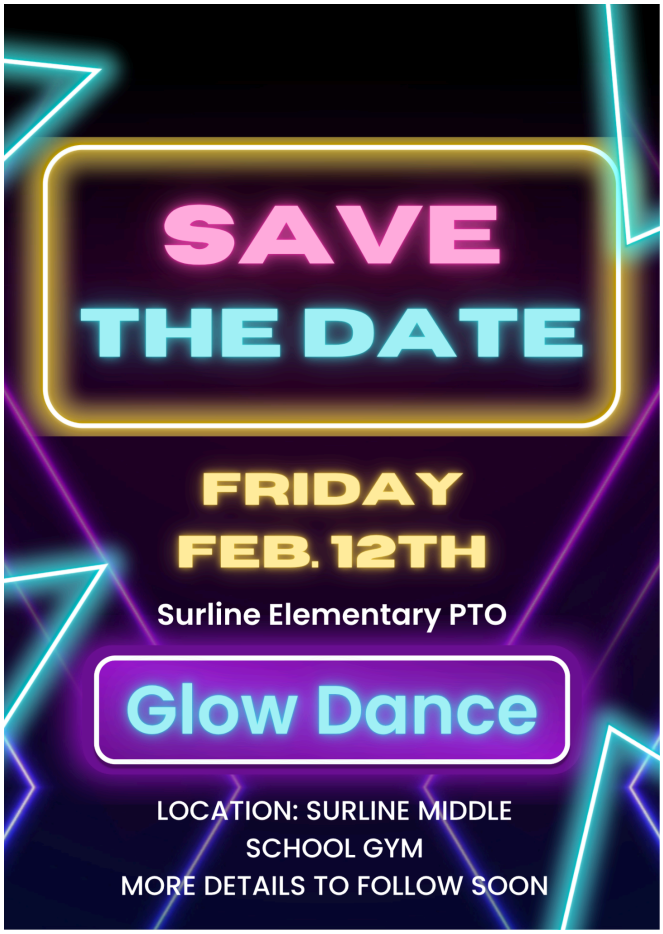
3 EXCEL: Pay it Forward

When someone does something nice for you, do something nice for someone else. Doing this is a wonderful way to continue the cycle of gratitude. "Paying it forward" is a way of showing love and kindness to others. It could be something as simple as holding the door open for someone or buying coffee for a stranger. Once a week, share as a family one time you "paid it forward" during the week.

Conversation Starters

- What is the best affirmation or compliment someone has ever given you?
- What are some things we are lucky to have but sometimes find ourselves complaining about?
- What is your favorite family memory?

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SCHOOL GYM
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Saturday May 22, 2027
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