



Family Newsletter

WEST BRANCH- ROSE CITY AREA SCHOOLS

SURLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

West Branch-Rose City Area Schools

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

October 2026

"You are the captain of your own ship; don't let anyone else take the wheel." – Michael Josephson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Early Release 9/30 at 12:50
Dental Clinic 10/7-10/8
Parent Teacher Conferences 10/15 & 10/22
Pumpkin Carving Family Night 10/28
Early Release 10/30 at 12:50

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

- Important information is on Skyward Family Access. If you do not have access, go to the WBRC website>parents/students tab>click on Skyward Family Access>scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the Skyward Family Access 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.

GOOD THINGS at SES

THANK YOU to our SES PTO for donating the bounce houses for our September family night, we had a great turn out with over 520 people!

We have instituted more Physical Education time for students to maintain activity and movement for strong and healthy bodies.

CAPTURING KIDS HEARTS

The focus for October is "Self-Direct" which is broken down into "Think, Choose, and Act." One way to exhibit this behavior is by setting goals for who you want to be and what you want to do. Then, take steps on your own to accomplish that goal. An example would be learning a new hobby or skill. Think about it, choose the steps that need to happen, and then work on it. Accomplishing a small goal is a big self-confidence booster! Learning the skills of Self-Direct can help children become happy and successful later in life. Focus on who we can become and who we want to be, then work to get there!

Think, Choose, Act

Lead yourself to who you want to be.

This month, we're challenging students to envision future goals and take intentional steps toward who they want to be. We are partnering with you to grow and develop your child's ability to self-direct. We can model self-direction by celebrating the positive in each day, seeking the good in others, and emphasizing our responsibility to make positive choices.



1 ENGAGE: Find the Good!

Self-direct your thoughts and share Good Things as a family each day. After school, around the dinner table, or before bed, ask each family member to share something good from the day. We often see what we seek! Let's focus on finding the good.



2 EMPOWER: Make a Plan

If your student doesn't already use a planner, empower them to start using one to manage their time better. Have a weekly meeting with your student to share what they have added to their planners. You can help them add family gatherings, school events, and due dates.



3 EXCEL: Affirm Daily

Practice growing as a family through positive affirmations. At dinner or some point during the day, give affirmations to each other and share the good things you see. Take it to the next level and think of someone you could affirm outside your family. Challenge each family member to affirm or thank a different person every day this month for something they do or who they are. You can even handwrite a note to thank that person and send them the note in the mail.

Conversation Starters

- ♥ What is one way you can be more responsible at home or school?
- ♥ How do you feel when you finish a project?
- ♥ What is an activity you want to continue to improve?
- ♥ What is something you want to learn to do?