

WILDCAT BULLETIN



Word of the Week (Main): *Rebuff*
Number 32

Word of the Week (Birkett): *Remorse*
April 17-April 23, 2017

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*“So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.”*

~ William Shakespeare, Sonnet 18

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- School Improvement Day, April 17:** All of the details about department work, Ed Camp, PLC time, and our *Neuqua at 20* Celebration can be found on the [Splash Page](#).
 - Here is the complete SIP Day link: [Agenda and Registration](#)
 - Agenda Timeline:**

○ 7:30 am	Department Meetings in various locations
○ 8:30 am- 11:30 am	Ed Camp
○ 11:30 am	Lunch on Your Own
○ 12:15 pm	PLC Team Time
○ 1:15 pm	Auditorium: <i>Neuqua at 20</i> Celebration
○ 2:30 pm	Adjournment
- Professional Development Wednesday, April 19:** This week is a good time to extend your conversations from Monday’s Ed Camp. How can your team use 1:1 technology to engage students in *planning* their learning, *pacing* their learning, extending the *place* where learning occurs, creating *products* of learning, and involving *peers* in coursework. There are tremendous resources on the [Splash Page](#), and I would encourage PLC teams to explore the tutorials that Steve Wick and Melissa Wilson have prepared. **This Week:** [Google Drive](#).
- Wildcat Pride (Main), April 20:** On Thursday, April 20 we will celebrate Wildcat Pride at the Main Building at 6:30 am in the Auditorium Lobby.
- Confront the Elephant, April 20:** Our annual testimony at the Birkett Freshman Center of how substance abuse and addiction can impact real lives will take place on Thursday, April 20. While we try to create a semi-adult free zone in this presentation, it is great for faculty members to stop in. Good for you professionally. Good for you personally. Periods 1-8 all day on 4/20.
- Principal Meetings with Seniors, April 21:** My annual meetings with members of the Senior Class will take place on Friday, April 21. The emphasis is on finishing strong and respectfully. As always, I am eager to take any advice from you about the appropriate message.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND APPRECIATION

- Thanks!** It was another busy week last week despite the short, four days. Thanks to:
 - Indian Prairie Scholars:** Our ceremony last Wednesday was a tremendous celebration of seniors who have earned a 3.6 GPA over seven semesters. Thank you to **Lance Fuhrer** for organizing this event and to **Sue Lein** for assisting him. **Mick Ruettiger** was an outstanding, inspirational speaker. The Senior Class House of **Rodney Jones, Heather Fong, Dan Stadt,**

- and Shawna Stanley* did a great job ushering and reading names. Thank you to *Sandy Schuller* and *Kerry Cahill* for their supporting roles as well as to *Kevan Kosobayashi* for having a string quartet on hand to provide the music.
- **Jazz Showcase:** Many thanks to our band staff for a great evening of music. *Andy Seidel* and *Jonathan Lauff* did a great job leading our jazz bands while *Corinne Collier* and *Emily Binder* helped our middle school jazz ensembles. Great sounds and night!
 - **National Signing Day:** Thank you to *Barb Barrows* and her staff for hosting the final National Letter of Intent signing ceremony of the year for our students who will continue their athletic careers on the collegiate level. This was Barb’s final signing ceremony!
 - **Poetry Month Coffee House:** What great events at Main and Birkett last Thursday in our LMCs. Terrific poetry, expression, and student gathering. Thank you to *Eric Bodwell*, *Carrie Ory*, *Mary VanMilligen*, *Gillian Schneider*, and our entire English Department.
7. **Illinois Health Teacher of the Year:** Huge congratulations to *Laura Kurtyak* who was named Illinois Health Educator of the Year by the ISHA. If you know Laura’s work with online and traditional health, you know that her energy, innovation, skill, and depth of knowledge earned her this honor. Very proud of you Laura!

ADMINISTRIVIA and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8. **Instructional Leadership Team:** ILT met last Thursday, and our focus was on the SIP day and some spring items such as budget preparation. Here is a link to the notes: <https://goo.gl/yU28t6>
9. **Teachers of Seniors:** If you see grades slipping, please communicate. Also, be sure to pay attention to **attendance**. After 12 total absences, excused or unexcused, a student is eligible for Withdrawal w/ Failure. Please click on this link to see a full memo in terms dates/expectations for Seniors: [Seniors at Risk of Failing 2017](#)
10. **Nominate an Equity Champion:** On behalf of the Parent Diversity Advisory Committee, please consider nominating a teacher, TA, DA, secretary, administrator, counselor, social worker....etc that you consider a “champion” of equity and diversity. Here is the link to the nomination form: [PDAC subpage](#).

*Field Trips
April 17—April 21*

Date	Teacher/Group	Where	How Many	Time/Period
4/20	Business	Student Leadership Academy	10	Per 1-8
4/20	FACS	Disney Cook Around The World	4	Per 6-8
4/21	Activities	Interact Banquet	30	Per 1
4/21	Activities	NISPA Conference	52	Per 1-8

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