




THE CHARGER NEWS

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In the top photo, Mr. Yoder, West Noble Elementary Principal welcomes students. Bottom photo, West Noble Elementary Assistant Principial, Mrs. Duncan, welcomes fourth grade student Kate Barrientos with a hug as she gets off the bus.

Excitement for another school year

By Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Ligonier - The empty rooms and hallways are now filled with smiling faces and laughter. West Noble Elementary School is back in action. Teachers are ready to be back to teaching, but that's not the only priority.

For Mrs. Grotemat, a fourth grade teacher, teaching is essential, but it's not the only thing she strives to do each and every day.

Her daily goal is to teach, so that students can grow and succeed academically, but she also strives daily to assure that her students are happy.

"Academics are important, but it's also important to create meaningful relationships with and among my students," said Grotemat. "I want to make sure everyone feels valued, feels important, and feels loved."

As for how the first days of school are going, Mrs. Bair said her

classroom is a friendly group of kids who are ready to learn.

"These kids want to do the right thing," said Bair. "I like that and appreciate it."

Bair said the students are learning about the rules and expectations and she has seen growth day by day.

Another thing Mrs. Bair is excited about is the parent support this year.

"I feel like I have a lot of parent support this year and that is essential for student success."

Students are also happy to be back to school. They are looking forward to learning new things and enjoying another school year.

Ashley Flores, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Barnett's class, said she is happy to be back in school.

"It is good to be in school and I am really enjoying it," said Flores. "I am happy because I get to see my friends, plus I am learning a lot of new things."

Charger Champion takes over Leader in Me



By Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Ligonier – Charger Champions will soon take over West Noble Elementary.

Charger Champions is a new character education program that will be implemented starting this month.

In prior years, the students were recognized through Life Skill Leaders and Leader in Me in a school wide

program. This year, recognition will be a little different.

Student recognition will be on a daily basis. Students will be recognized by a school staff member when they display the character trait that is being emphasized for the month.

As a form of recognition, the students will receive a Charger Champion sticker and a Charger Champion ticket.

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Teacher Spotlight: Ms. Barnett

By Juliana Casillas-Riegsecker

Ligonier - First year teaching, first year at West Noble Elementary School.

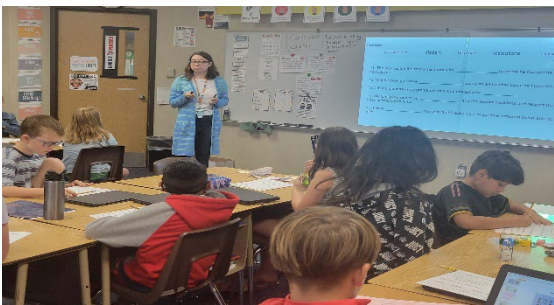
Mrs. Barnett, a graduate of PFW, is the new fourth grader teacher at WNE. She is from Kendallville.

In her spare time she loves to read.

"My mom was a librarian since she was 16 years-old, so I grew up surrounded by books."

Barnett also likes to spend her time with her 13 year-old cat Nugget and her 3 year-old black goldendoodle.

The love for learning and



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Ms. Barnett explains to students how to complete a class assignment.

working with children is the reason why Barnett is a teacher.

"I hope to inspire students to believe in themselves. I want to help them become the best they can be," said Barnett.

The sticker will go home and the ticket will be placed in a 'Charger Champion' classroom bucket.

At the end of the month, two student names will be selected from the bucket. Those students will have the opportunity to invite an adult to come to school and enjoy a donut, popcorn or something else.

Student recognition will be more intimate, rather than school wide. This will allow for the student and a special adult in their lives to enjoy some time together.

If your children come home with a 'Charger Champion' sticker make sure to ask them what they received it for. They will be excited to share with you.

Charger Champion: Character Traits for the year:

September: Kindness and Respect
October: Compassion/Empathy
November/December: Gratitude and Generosity
January: Integrity
February: Perseverance/Effort
March: Compromise and Conflict/Fairness
April/May: Conflict and Problem Solving

Welcome from the Editor



Welcome to the first issue of The Charger News. I am very excited to be able to share with all of you some of the exciting things that are happening in our school.

My name is Mrs. Riegsecker. I am the Spanish teacher. Before I was a teacher, I was a newspaper reporter for the Kendallville News-Sun. I also was the writer and editor of a Spanish newspaper called El Rincon Latino.

The goal of this school newspaper is to be able to share school news with you, but also to share my journalism skills with the students.

In this initial issue, I have written all the articles. This will be different in the next

issues. My goal for the future articles is that they are written by the students.

The articles will be written by fourth grade students, who will be part of the West Noble Elementary Newspaper Club.

The students will be learning about the basics of a newspaper: what a newspaper is, how to find stories, how to interview, and how to write the articles.

A Spanish version of this newspaper will also be written, therefore some of the students will be translating stories into Spanish. This will allow students to practice their bilingual skills.

I hope that you enjoy our school newspaper.

Mrs. Riegsecker

Chargers in



Action *It's All About Teamwork*

New Playground Equipment



Stacy Blosser



Paige Barnett

Fourth grade students work on team bulding skills. Top photo, students in Mrs. Blosser's classroom work on building the tallest tower with spaghetti and marshmallows. Shown from left, Audrey Kline, Sherlyn Esparza Trujillo, Mrs. Riegsecker observing, Abbi Button, Samantha Jaimes, Teddy Gow and Dominic Flores.

Bottom photo, students in Ms. Barnett's use a rubber band and pieces of string to build pyramids with cups. Shown from left, Jocelyn Calix, Kenia Flores, Savannah Bontrager, and Alberto Bonilla.



Amy Groff



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Students play soccer and volleyball with new equipment purchased with a grant. The soccer goals and volleyball nets were purchased this summer with funds from a \$1,581 grant from Noble County PULSE.

READING DETECTIVES



Jennifer Schiffli

Third graders, Izak Martinez, left, and Hynlee Bromlee, right, work as reading detectives to find controlled r words in books in Mrs. Schiffli's classroom.