

## DATES TO REMEMBER

As we head into the month of November, we are reminded that one-fourth of the school year is already behind us. We have enjoyed great times with a cooler than normal August and September. We learned of our district being rated as “Excellent” for the second consecutive year. We were blessed with very high rates of student attendance until the flu hit our schools. Fortunately, our attendance seems to be going back up closer to 95%.

Now, as we head into the second quarter of this school year, we look forward to some things that are just around the corner. Our Annual Veterans’ Day Observances took place earlier this week. As always, parents are welcome to attend any of these observances. I hope that some of you took the opportunity to observe your school’s Veterans’ Day Program either on November 9th, 10th, or 12th. They are always very good assemblies. Veterans—WE THANK YOU! You have sacrificed for all of us, and you continue to give back to your communities. You are very much appreciated.

We will be dismissing school early on Tuesday, November 10th, for staff work. November 11th is the official day set aside for Veterans’ Day. Schools will be closed in the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District on this day.

Soon after Veterans’ Day will come Thanksgiving, a time for all of us to count our blessings. Schools will be closed in the AC/OVSD from Wednesday, November 25th through Monday, November 30th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, December 1st. Actually, our elementary libraries for each of our existing elementary schools will be

closed, packed up, and prepped for moving to the new elementary libraries before the Thanksgiving Break.

Moving on to December, our Dedication Ceremonies for each of our three new buildings will occur on Saturday, December 12th. The first ceremony will be at the new North Adams Elementary School at 11:00 a.m. The festivities will then move to the new Peebles Elementary School for a 1:00 p.m. program, and will conclude with the dedication ceremony at the new West Union Elementary School at 2:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these ceremonies. The move to the new elementary buildings will begin to occur during the evenings of the week of December 14th-17th. Students will be touring their new classrooms and buildings with their teachers on December 16th and 17th, and will be moving their books and personal items to their new classrooms on these two days. Because of the move, and the need to have classrooms set up and ready to go before January 4th, the Christmas Break will be a bit longer this year. Students will be dismissed at the end of the school day on Thursday, December 17th, which will be an early dismissal, and will return to class on Monday, January 4th.

I should also remind you of the various Christmas Holiday concerts that will be offered to the public. They are as follows:

- North Adams H.S. – December 12th at 7:00 p.m.
- North Adams Elem. – December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Peebles H.S. – December 15th at 7:00 p.m.

- Peebles Elem. – December 7th at 7:00 p.m.
- West Union H.S. – December 6th at 3:00 p.m.
- West Union Elem. – Date to be determined.

Please check with your school for more information on these events. In the meantime, I will be hoping for good weather until the construction projects are completed and our “big move” to the new buildings is finished.

If you have any questions about the information in this article, please feel free to contact your elementary principals or me (544-5586). Thank you.

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