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## Students Hop to It, Create Frog Follies Entries



*The Junior/Senior High Frog Follies' entry, Froggie Went a Courtin', features courting scenes from master artists. At work are students Hanna Kovenock (left) and Kelly Strickler.*

frog  
FOLLIES

*Every Happy Hollow student had a hand in creating the school's Frog Follies' entry, a collage of smaller frogs glued on the giant fiberglass frog. Sixth grader Kate Jones is pictured at work.*

West Lafayette student creativity will be on display when some 65 giant fiberglass frogs hop into Frog Follies' public art spaces around the community this summer.

Three frogs, one from each school, will be represented.

### Cumberland Off to See the Wizard

Cumberland's "Follow the Yellow Brick Toad", sponsored by the school and designed by artist-in-residence Connie Waltner, will debut as Dorothy, complete with red shoes, from *The Wizard of Oz*.

Cumberland students' names are inscribed in a castle painted on the back of "Dorothy's" dress.

### A Collage of Happy Hollow Frogs

Happy Hollow's frog, sponsored by the school's parent council, came to life under the direction of art teacher Katherine Pechin. Every student created a small frog that became part of a collage adorning the large hopper.

"The whimsical freedom of the children's art adds character and charm to this frog," Pechin says. "The point was to get all the students involved." Students plan to name the frog before it makes its public appearance.

### Jr./Sr. High "Courts" Masters

At the junior/senior high school, art teacher Verna Yoder oversaw student creation of "Froggie Went a Courtin'". Sponsored by the City of West Lafayette, the frog boasts famous courting scenes from master artists, such as Marc Chagall, Jan van Eyck, Pierre Auguste Renoir and Pablo Picasso.

Continuing the community-wide theme, 7th graders also made and decorated their own 7-inch frogs.

Frog Follies is an event that benefits the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette and CASAs for Kids Fund Inc.

## Learn About Delays and Closings

When bad weather strikes, the WLCSC superintendent notifies these radio and television stations of delays or cancellations:

- WASK, 98.7 FM
- WAZY, 96.5 FM
- WBAA, 920 AM and 101.3 FM
- WGLM, 106.7 FM
- WKHY/WXXB, 93.5 FM
- WSHW, 99.7 FM
- WLFI-TV 18

School delays and cancellations are also immediately posted on our website, [www.wl.k12.in.us](http://www.wl.k12.in.us)

# 2005-2006 WLCSC School Year Calendars

## FEBRUARY 2005

- W 9 No school for students  
Teachers all day for professional development day
- Th 24 Staff professional development day, students a.m. only

## MARCH 2005

- M 14 Spring break begins
- M 21 School resumes
- F 25 Third nine-week grading period ends
- M 28 Fourth nine-week grading period begins

## APRIL 2005

- Th 7 No school for students  
Teachers all day for professional development day
- W 13 Elementary parent conferences, p.m. only  
1/2 day for elementary students, a.m. only
- Th 14 Elementary parent conferences, p.m. only  
1/2 day for elementary students, a.m. only
- F 15 Snow Make-up Day #1

## MAY 2005

- F 27 School year concludes  
1/2 day of school for students, a.m. only, staff all day
- S 29 Graduation
- M 30 Memorial Day, no school
- T 31 Snow Make-up Day #2

### Nine-week Grading Periods

Second Semester:  
January 11 - March 25  
March 28 - May 27

### Nine-week Grading Periods 2005-2006:

August 15 - October 14  
October 17 - December 23  
January 10 - March 24  
March 27 - May 26

### Half-day professional development dismissal times:

11:05 a.m., Happy Hollow  
11:50 a.m., Cumberland  
12:05 a.m., Junior/Senior High

### Half-day conference dismissal times:

10:45 a.m., Happy Hollow  
11:30 a.m., Cumberland  
12:05 a.m., Junior/Senior High

## AUGUST 2005

- M 15 School year begins  
Staff all day, students p.m. only

## SEPTEMBER 2005

- M 5 Labor Day, no school

## OCTOBER 2005

- Th 6 Elementary parent conferences  
1/2 day for elementary students, a.m. only
- F 7 Elementary parent conferences,  
1/2 day for elementary students,  
a.m. only
- F 21 Fall break, no school

## NOVEMBER 2005

- Th 24 Thanksgiving holiday, no school
- F 25 Thanksgiving holiday, no school

## DECEMBER 2005

- M 26 Winter break begins

## JANUARY 2006

- T 10 First day after winter break
- M 16 Martin Luther King Day, no school

## FEBRUARY 2006

- W 8 No school for students  
Teachers all day for professional development day

## MARCH 2006

- M 13 Spring break begins
- M 20 School resumes

## APRIL 2006

- Th 6 No school for students  
Teachers all day for professional development
- W 12 Elementary parent conferences  
1/2 day for elementary students,  
a.m. only
- Th 13 Elementary parent conferences,  
1/2 day for elementary students,  
a.m. only
- F 14 School makeup day #1

## MAY 2006

- F 26 Last day of school, a.m. only
- M 29 Memorial Day
- T 30 Snow makeup day #2



## Students Take to the Stage



*Happy Hollow students gave several musical performances during the fall semester.*

Happy Hollow students showed off their musical talents by entertaining family and friends last semester. The orchestra and choir gave performances in November; the beginning and intermediate bands, in December. All four groups combined for a school-wide concert on December 10.

## Bring Labels, Box Tops to High School

Students in the GLASS Resource Room and teacher Kelti Ratcliffe are collecting Campbell's soup labels and "Box Tops for Education" labels.

This activity allows the class to earn funds for classroom items while providing students with school-based job experience. Students clip, organize, count and compile labels for redemption.

Contributions can be dropped off in the collection boxes in the high school office.

## Asbestos Notification

This statement is the official notification that the West Lafayette Community School Corp. has developed and has been complying with an approved

Asbestos Management Plan. Surveillance inspections continue to be conducted at least once every six months, with appropriate responses to problems identified in the inspections. A detailed list of all known asbestos-containing building materials located in our buildings is available upon request at the school corporation maintenance office.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires each of the WLCSC buildings to be re-inspected every three years. The 2003 re-inspection report for each building is on file with the respective building principal, for your review. A complete set of the 2003 re-inspection reports is also on file at the WLCSC maintenance office, 1000 Cumberland Ave., West Lafayette, Ind. Please direct all questions to Larry Reed at 464-3303.

## Students Perform Well on ISTEP+

WLCSC 3rd, 6th and 8th grade students fared well on the Fall 2004 Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus (ISTEP+) test, as shown in the accompanying table.

Results for 4th, 5th and 7th grades are expected before January 31, 2005, and for 9th and 10th graders' GQE by March 1.

### 2004 Language Arts

Grade	Number tested, WLCSC	Number exceeding standards	Percent exceeding standards
3	153	143	93%
6	156	141	90%
8	167	147	88%

### 2004 Math

Grade	Number tested, WLCSC	Number exceeding standards	Percent exceeding standards
3	153	132	86%
6	156	141	90%
8	167	161	96%

### 2004 Combined Language Arts and Math

Grade	Number tested, WLCSC	Number exceeding standards	Percent exceeding standards
3	153	129	84%
6	156	135	87%
8	167	146	87%



## Alumni Choose WLCSC Again

When it comes to schools for their own children, many WLCSC alumni choose their alma mater, some even making a move to do it.

### 1980 Valedictorian Picks WLCSC

"West Lafayette gave me the confidence that I can do anything," says 1980 class valedictorian Shannon (Kelley) Oates. "I was well-prepared in all kinds of ways."

When it came time to raise and educate a family, she and her husband, Larry Oates, looked all around the Midwest before choosing West Lafayette.

"We kept coming back to how good West Lafayette was," she says. "I experienced everything at West Lafayette schools—a little music, fun sports, and lots of great academic and service opportunities. I got an incredibly good high school education." Today, three of their children attend Cumberland and one is at Happy Hollow.

### Firefighter Liked Knowing Everyone

For firefighter Bruce Brandt, who graduated in 1983, and his wife, Robin (Barrett) Brandt, a 1984 alumnus, Happy Hollow and West Lafayette Junior/Senior High are proving to be wise choices for their two sons.

"They're fitting in, and that makes all the difference in the world," says Bruce, who's paying transfer tuition this year and is thinking about moving into the school district.

"We enjoyed going to a small school where you knew everyone," he says. "We got a good education there, and to this day, I run across teachers I had who still remember me."

### '84 Grad A Fan Two Decades Later

After his 1984 graduation, Greg Christopher headed to Miami University, next the East Coast, then to Indianapolis. When he took an athletic post at Purdue University in 1997, he was the father of one. "The quality of schools was important to us and one of the driving factors in selecting where we would live," he says. His fond memories at WLCSC influenced that decision. "What I remember most are the people. When I was a teenager, I didn't have a perspective for quality of education. I didn't realize that until a little bit later. But I did realize the quality of the people, both the faculty and the friends you have." He's now the father of three—two at Cumberland and one soon to be.



## Alumni Spotlight - Bob Friend



Bob Friend walked the halls of West Side graduating in 1949. He played high school football, basketball and baseball with Bob Kriebel. It was clear that Bob Friend was destined for a college or professional team but in which sport! According to the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame website it was as a pitcher in baseball: "In 1960, the Pirates, led by (Bob) Friend, played the Yankees in the World Series and won on the famous Mazerowski home run. In 1957 and 1960 he was selected to play in the All-Star game and got wins in both events, a record. In 1958 he tied for the league lead with 22 wins and led the league in ERA in 1955 with a sparkling 2.83. During the 1956-58 seasons he led the league in starts with 42, 38, and 38 respectively. His five shutouts in 1962 led the league... He pitched for Pittsburgh from 1951-1965 and spent the '66 season with the Yankees and Mets before retiring". On October 22, 1956, local fans named the varsity baseball field at Burtsfield School "Bob Friend Field" to honor him. In 1974, the "Bob Friend Field" moved to Cumberland School.

## Klumpe Receives Crystal, Golden Apple Awards

Mid-November was an award-winning time for West Lafayette High School math teacher Douglas Klumpe, who received a Crystal Apple Award and a Golden Apple Award within a week's time.

### Crystal from Purdue

Given to 13 Indiana educators by the Purdue University School of Education, the Crystal Apple recognizes those who make a difference in students' lives. Klumpe was cited for the rigor of his classes and his mentoring of Purdue student-teachers.

"These exceptional individuals exemplify the kind of committed educators who strive to make Indiana schools some of the best in the nation," Purdue Education Dean George Hynd said of the winners.

### Gold from Chamber

The Golden Apple came from the Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, where the selection committee heard from numerous nominators about Klumpe's zeal and "gentle, positive teaching style."

"Mr. Klumpe makes a difference in school because he's so upbeat," one of his student nominators said. "He's always positive and smiling. West Side students do better in quantitative skills because of his well-structured teaching."

Klumpe has been a Red Devil teacher for 18 years and also coaches the Academic Super Bowl and girls' volleyball.

## Shaeffer Wins Golden Apple

WL Junior/Senior High School teacher and author J. Craig Shaeffer won a Golden Apple Award in November from the Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

A third-year West Side teacher, Shaeffer's classes include 8th grade English, film literature and creative writing. He also coaches girls' varsity basketball.

A fellow teacher who nominated him cited his passion for the subjects he teaches. "Although he is an educator, he has never forgotten to be a student, too," the colleague said. "He is constantly reading, writing and/or seeking professional development opportunities to become more knowledgeable in his field."

## About the Chamber Award

The Lafayette-West Lafayette Chamber of Commerce began awarding Golden Apples to local teachers in 1987 to recognize top local educators. Winners receive a \$1,000 stipend and membership in the Golden Apple Corps, a group that promotes teaching excellence and positive interaction with the business community. West Lafayette teachers represent 30% of past award winners.

This year's two West Lafayette winners, Doug Klumpe and J. Craig Shaeffer, were among five winners chosen from 137 teachers who were nominated.

## Fenn Elected to Reading Recovery Board

Cumberland teacher Mary Ann Fenn, at WLCSC 31 years, has been elected the teacher representative to the board of directors of the Reading Recovery Council of North America. Her three-year term began July 1, 2004.

The vision of the 11,000-member nonprofit association is to see that children become proficient readers and writers by the end of first grade.

## Seniors Earn National Merit Recognition

Hitting the books proved to be a worthy pastime for 23 West Lafayette seniors who landed top distinctions in the National Merit competition.

Their recognition is based on scores measuring writing, verbal reasoning, critical reading and math problem-solving skills demonstrated on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, taken as juniors.

### Semifinalists

A baker's dozen of West Lafayette seniors earned the semifinalist spot. They are among 15,000 in the nation competing for merit scholarship awards.

The semifinalists are:

Nicholas Carson, John Chen, Mitia Gabrielov, Caitlin Galer-Until, Neil Kalwani, Aya Nakanishi, Joy Nyenhuis, Margarita Shalaev,

Douglas Sutton, Thomas Szalasny, Stephanie Triplett, Cassie Xu and Haiyun Zhao.

### Commended Scholars

Ten seniors earned Commended Scholar status, placing among the top five percent of all students who took the exam. They received letters of commendation citing their exceptional academic process.

The Commended Scholars:

Robin Arnett, Ben Baker, Allison Bauman, Morgan Crawford, Rachel Edwards, Derek Farnsworth, Sam Needham, Priya Poulsen, Paulina Szpankowska and John Warner.

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## Spellers Win First



The Happy Hollow Spell Bowl team, coached by teacher Paul McKowen, spelled its way to a tie for first place in the state.

Two months of practice on a 750-word spelling list paid off for Happy Hollow's Spell Bowl team in November when its perfect score of 56 earned a tie for first place in the state. The competition included 103 schools with students through 6th grade.

Fifteen students prepared for the competition, with eight chosen as the team. The winning spellers and one of their seven words:

<b>Anirudh Prabhu</b>	quesadilla
<b>Mihika Prabhu</b>	vociferously
<b>George Zhang</b>	esophagus
<b>Apsara Iyer</b>	zwieback
<b>Grace Lazarz</b>	laryngitis
<b>Stephanie Yang</b>	thoroughfare
<b>Wanyoung Kim</b>	gloxinia
<b>Sameer Mishra</b>	aborigines

## Board Makes Facility Decisions

On December 15, 2004, the West Lafayette Community School Board rendered its decision about proposed renovations to the Happy Hollow Elementary School.

Before this, the Board conducted several studies on the status of the building, potential configurations, and cost estimates. The most recent was a task force of community citizens, who reviewed the educational program for our current grades 4 through 6 and recommended options. The Board received that study in April, 2004, and began reviewing various proposals. Additional cost estimates and proposals were also reviewed.

The Board determined:

- The best option for grades 4 through 6 is construction of a new facility at the Burtfield site, where we can utilize a recently constructed gymnasium, rather than pursue renovations at Happy Hollow.
- Present economic conditions and concerns about state funding for our regular education program make it prudent to delay construction of the new building until our operating challenges are resolved, although the Board may pursue initial steps for planning purposes.
- The School Board authorized necessary maintenance to proceed on the present Happy Hollow structure in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$2,000,000. Some necessary repairs and renovation had been delayed at Happy Hollow until we were more certain of its future.
- The Board determined a pressing need for improvements in our Junior/Senior High School music department and authorized using \$800,000 from corporation Capital Projects Fund for the band room renovation.

The administration is now proceeding to implement these decisions.

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765/464-3212  
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Grades: K-3

**Happy Hollow Elementary School**  
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West Lafayette, IN 47906-2498  
765/746-0500  
Robert Foerster, Principal  
Grades: 4-6

**West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School**  
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West Lafayette, IN 47906-2481  
765/746-0400, High School  
765/746-0404, Junior High  
Dr. Anne Koivo, Principal  
Ron Shriner, High School Assistant Principal  
Bob Troyer, Junior High Assistant Principal  
Grades: 7-12

## Board News

Parents and community residents are welcome to attend board meetings, held at 6:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month, with a 6:30 p.m. work session on the third Wednesday. Meetings are held at the Administrative Center, 1130 N. Salisbury, unless posted otherwise. Check our website, [www.wl.k12.in.us](http://www.wl.k12.in.us), for current agendas.

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### Upcoming board meetings:

Date of Meeting	Type of Meeting
January 12, 2005	Regular Meeting
January 19, 2005	Work Session
February 2, 2005	Regular Meeting
February 16, 2005	Work Session
March 2, 2005	Regular Meeting
April 6, 2005	Regular Meeting
April 20, 2005	Work Session
May 4, 2005	Regular Meeting
May 18, 2005	Work Session
June 1, 2005	Regular Meeting
June 15, 2005	Work Session

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