

The Walnut Street School Newsletter

October

October 8, 2009

Dear Parents,

Below please find a summary of recent highlights along with important information for the month of October.

Reminder – Schools are closed on October 12th in observance of Columbus Day.

Emergency Forms, Notes, etc.

Thank you for returning the necessary school forms in record time! There was a great deal of clerical work that needed to be done in September, and your prompt attention to completing necessary forms and returning them to school was greatly appreciated. If you haven't already done so, please email Mrs. Thomas, our school's secretary, at bthomas@delanco.com to make sure that our school has your current email address.

Back to School Night

On behalf of the faculty and the students, I want to thank all of you who attended *Back to School Night*. We look forward to working with you throughout the school year. Special thanks to **Mrs. Thomas** and our **Student Council** volunteers for all of their help with this event.

Study Island Information Night

On October 6th a letter went home to parents inviting them to a **Study Island Information Night** on **Tuesday, October 13th**, at 7:00 P.M. at the **M. Joan Pearson School computer lab**. The purpose of the meeting is to share with you information on **STUDY ISLAND** – How it works, how we are using it, how student grades are calculated, and how your child can access it from home. Following a brief presentation, there will be time to answer any questions you may have.

White Elephant/Bake Sale

The Walnut Street School held its White Elephant/Bake Sale from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26th. The Student Council will donate the \$188 made during the event to the ***Leukemia & Lymphoma Society***. We are very grateful for all of the help, donations of baked goods and sale items, and general support that was received from so many students, parents, teachers, friends, staff, and administrators. Special thanks to **Mrs. Farley, Mrs. Zacher, Ms. Hutchinson**, and the **Student Council** for all of their hard work.

Character Education Program

The character education word of the month for September was **Friendliness**. Congratulations to the following students, who were chosen by our faculty, for the way that they personified this character education trait:

Grade 6: **Andrew Belcher**

Grade 7: **Dustin Mufalli**

Grade 8: **Katharine Stypinski**

These students will be formally recognized at the next Board of Education meeting on October 14th, 2009.

The character education word of the month for October is **Respect**.

Giraffe of the Month

The student selected, by the faculty, for **Giraffe of the Month** for September is **Josh Foreman**.

Josh was recognized as a student who not only represents the character trait of the month, but one who also “sticks his neck out” and helps others in the WSS community.

Safety Patrol

Congratulations to the **Safety Patrol Officer** of the Month for the month of September, **Jimmy Bernard**. We appreciate all that our Safety Patrol Officers do to provide safety for our school.

Special thanks to **Mrs. Stuck**, the Advisor to the Safety Patrol, for her excellent job working with the students.

Interim Reports

Our teachers posted grades for all of our students electronically using *Genesis*, our Student Information System. Interim reports were sent home with students on October 6th. A *Global Connect* message was delivered to our parents/guardians that communicated to them that all students received interims on October 6th. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, if you have a question or concern regarding your child's grades. All teachers' email addresses are located on the Delanco Township Schools' Website. Simply click on the **Personnel Directory** link, under the **Contact Us** category, and you will find a complete list of all teachers along with the correct email address and phone number. All faculty members, and everyone within this school community, want your child to achieve all that he/she can. We are always happy to hear from you.

Mock Election

Our 7th graders enjoyed our Mock Election field trip on October 7th. They were able to learn firsthand how a local government works. Special thanks to everyone at the municipal building for going out of their way to provide our students with a valuable learning experience. Also, special thanks to **Mr. Shields** for organizing the mock election for our 7th grade students, and for chaperoning the trip.

Student Council Officers

Congratulations to our newly elected officers! Thank you for your service.

President: Lucas Wagstaff

Vice President: Leanne Lieberum

Treasurer: Blake Nestor

Secretary: Hannah Orfe

Historian: Leandra DiMiero

Homeroom Representatives

Congratulations to our newly appointed homeroom representatives! Thank you for your service.

6th Grade:

Christian Furniss

Andrew Belcher

Eric McCombs

Adrian Salek

Autumn Perlmutter

Alex Feby

Unnati Sonni

Dominick Desante

7th Grade:

Pat Boltz

Nick Hubler

Carley Newman

Maureen O'Malley

Sasha Chang

Christina Sweet

8th Grade:

Mandie Paygar

Juliette Stockton

Yearbook

Mrs. Hammell is working hard on the yearbook. She's asking that all 8th grade students bring in a baby picture by **December 22nd**. She'll only keep the pictures for a few days so that she can scan them into the computer.

PTO Membership

Dues are only \$3.00 to join the PTO. This year, our goal is to have 100% participation for parents and teachers. If you are interested in joining the PTO, please call Colleen Truncer at 856-764-7476.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) 10/19 – The week of October 19th is **Red Ribbon Week / Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week**.
- 2) 10/21 – Chick-Fil-A **Spirit Night** @ Delran Chick-Fil-A from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 3) 10/21 – “**Discovery Night**” @ BCIT (Westampton + Medford are both having one) from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and parents are invited to tour the campus, meet the faculty, and explore all career and academic offerings
- 4) 10/30 – **Halloween Dance** at WSS from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
- 5) 11/5 + 11/6 – **Schools are closed**

6) 11/11 – End of the 1st Marking Period

7) **Report cards** will be distributed on **11/19**. **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are scheduled for November **20th**, **23rd**, and **24th** @ 12:40 p.m.

8) 11/17 – **Make-up Picture Day @** Walnut Street

9) 11/20 – **The Walnut Street Drama Club** will put on a performance of ***The Greatest Sideshow on Earth*** at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$4.00. Special thanks to **Mr. Shields** and **Mr. Mount** for all of their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Cogan
Director of Curriculum/Building Administrator