

# The Walnut Street School Newsletter

## September

September 21, 2009

### Back to School Night

Walnut Street will host its annual Back to School Night on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Parents will have an opportunity to see the school, travel to their child's classes, and meet our teachers and staff. Hope to see you there!

### Health News

Please take a look at the attachment from the Burlington County Health Department regarding the 2009 H1N1 influenza. Do not hesitate to contact our school if you have any questions after reading this letter.

### After School Plans

We care tremendously for our students' safety. Students are expected to go directly home when school is over unless previous arrangements have been made. If you give your child permission to go anywhere but home after school, we request that you notify the school in writing.

### White Elephant/Bake Sale

The Walnut Street School will hold its White Elephant/Bake Sale from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine). All proceeds will be donated to charity. Items accepted for the sale include toys, games, CDs, books, bric-a-brac, housewares, etc. Clothing cannot be accepted. Please bring your donations to the WSS or send them with your children. Donations will be accepted until Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call Mrs. Farley @ 856-461-0874 (ext. 111).

### Character Education Program

We realize that in addition to teaching our students academics, we must also teach them what it means to live and work in society. To this end, each month there will be a character education trait of the month and our teachers will make it a priority to weave this word into their lessons. The Word of the Month for September is **Friendliness**. **One Student of the Month** will be chosen from each grade for the fine job he/she has done in bringing the Word of the Month to life.

Additionally, one middle school student will be chosen every month for the way that he/she sticks his/her neck out for others. This student will be identified as our **Giraffe of the Month**.

### Email Addresses

We believe that strong communication is vital to student achievement. Our school and its teachers will be reaching out to parents via email this year. At the present time, we're still missing a few parent/guardian email addresses. Kindly email Mrs. Thomas, our school's secretary, at [bthomas@delanco.com](mailto:bthomas@delanco.com) to make sure that our school has your current email address. This email address will be posted on our school's data management system so that it can be accessed by all of our teachers.

### NJ ASK Testing

I am pleased to announce that testing will occur at the same time this year for our students in grades 6 – 8. The NJ ASK will be administered April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Student Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council officers!

President: **Lucas Wagstaff**

Vice President: **Leanne Lieberum**

Treasurer: **Blake Nestor**

Secretary: **Hannah Orfe**

Historian: **Leandra DiMiero**

A list of our homeroom representatives will be announced in the October newsletter.

### Safety Patrol

We are very fortunate to have a group of dedicated students who volunteer their time to make sure that our school is safe. **Mrs. Stuck** works as the Advisor to the Safety Patrol and she does an excellent job teaching and working with these students. The following is a list of our Safety Patrol Officers for the 2009 – 2010 school year:

<b>Sarah Adams</b>	<b>Katharine Sytpinski</b>	<b>Evan Radcliffe</b>	<b>Emily Noe</b>
<b>James Bernard</b>	<b>Christina Chang</b>	<b>Mandie Paygar</b>	
<b>Timothy Rottinger</b>	<b>Leanne Lieberum</b>	<b>Damaje Domine</b>	

### Parenting Workshop

The Family Support Organization of Burlington County is offering a free workshop to parents on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Willingboro Public Library. Please call (609) 265-8838 if you'd like to learn more.

### Picture Day

Picture day is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup>. Information will be sent home shortly.

### Camp Dark Waters

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, all of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students went on a teambuilding field trip to Camp Dark Waters in Medford, New Jersey. The purpose of the trip was to not only provide the students with an opportunity to get to know each other in a non-classroom setting, but to also teach them about important character education traits that are necessary for a successful middle school experience. **Ms. Hutchinson** played an integral role in organizing the trip. Special thanks also go out to **Ms. Bozarth, Mr. Shields, Mr. Mount, Mrs. Wilden, and Mrs. Rafanello** for chaperoning the trip and making it a success.

### Mock Election Field Trip

Our 7<sup>th</sup> graders will attend our annual Mock Election field trip on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. In addition to participating in a mock election, our students will visit the Delanco municipal building to learn firsthand how a local government works. Permission slips will be coming home shortly.

### PTO Membership

Dues are only \$3.00 to join the PTO. This year, our goal is to have 100% participation for parents and teachers.

### Upcoming PTO Events:

- 1) 9/18 – PTO Membership Drive
- 2) 9/25 – 10/13 – Fall Fundraiser
- 3) 9/28 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- 4) 10/2 – Back to School Bingo
- 5) 10/21 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night (@ Delran Chick-Fil-A from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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We are truly fortunate that we have such a small and caring school community. Please never hesitate to contact me at 856-461-0874 if you ever have a comment, question, or a concern. Your feedback is always welcome.

Sincerely,

John Cogan  
Director of Curriculum/Building Administrator  
Delanco Township Public Schools