

# WALTHAM TERRITORY NEWS

Waltham School

April 2010

## “ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT”... FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Well, the time is almost upon us! This year has flown by and we have accomplished much! Students, we have a message on our sign at the South building right now that states: “It’s not too late to Git R Done”! Now is the time to really give your best efforts to your academics! Finish the year in the strongest manner possible! Keep your eye on the goal!

Just a few reminders for upcoming events:

Early Dismissal days during the month of May will be on all Tuesdays. There are no additional early dismissal days at the end of the year – unless one is called in an emergency situation due to weather.

Field Day is set for May 21<sup>st</sup> at both North and South buildings

Kindergarten Promotion will be Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 1:30 at South.

Graduation is set for Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Waltham North.

Last Day of School is May 27th, 8:35-9:35 a.m. North, 8:50-9:50 a.m. South

If you have not registered your Kindergarten students – see Mrs. Hewitt at the South building ASAP!

The first day of student attendance for 2010-2011 is August 19, 2010 and is a half day for students 8:35 -11:40 – North, and 8:50 -11:55 South.

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I am reminded of just what a wonderful community this is. Parents are supportive and flexible, and almost always willing to help when asked! Thank you for that and thank you for all the wonderful things you do for kids! We make a terrific team! As I bring my tenure to close in this District, I want to take just a moment to say a simple – yet incredibly important word of THANKS for all you have done for me personally and professionally. I have been blessed with many new friendships and many opportunities while here at Waltham and I too will move on to a new endeavor taking with me a wonderful memory of my time spent here. That sentiment is one that I hear often from families who lived in the District and from students who attended Waltham. What a positive impact this District and community have upon those fortunate enough to be part of it! Best wishes to you for a successful 2010 and beyond! PEACE OUT and ROCK ON!



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### SAFETY CONCERN at SOUTH

If you are driving your child to school at South—please drop them off on the south side of the building (Canal Street). It is both illegal and extremely dangerous to drop off at the barricade area on 178. Please remember that we had a semi truck drive straight through our barricades a few weeks ago. Student and family safety is a priority!

**FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....MR. HAMANN**

After a long, cold winter, hopefully Spring is right around the corner! Soon the weather will be nice and students will begin wearing their summer clothes. It's time for my "Spring reminder" about our dress code. Our policy is outlined in our handbook so that students know what is expected of them. Please review handbook p.9-10 with your child. Rule of thumb – shorts must be longer than your child's fingertips when their hands are relaxed at their sides. Shoulders should not be bare and undergarments should not be visible. If we feel clothing is inappropriate, we will contact you to bring them different clothing. Please call me if you have questions or if you need clarification; we appreciate your cooperation

**ACADEMIC & AWARDS BANQUET**

The Awards Banquet will be held at Waltham North on Monday, April 19, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the success our students have had both academically as well as athletically. Please attend!

**EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM**

We are proud to announce that Ms. Jana Berman, Junior High Science Teacher and Mrs. Jennifer Smith, 3rd grade Teacher have been nominated for the Educator Award, and Mrs. Brenda Kirsteatter, Student Aide at Waltham South has been nominated for the Supportive Staff Award. Each nominee will be honored at a Banquet at Pitstick's Pavilion on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Congratulations!

**P.T.C.C. CERTIFICATE SALE UP-DATE**

As of 3/31/10 the profit from certificates is approximately \$1,713.00, with \$8,455 of certificates in inventory. Remember to place your order for store certificates when shopping at HyVee, Jewel, Kohl's, Wal-Mart or Thornton's and dining with Lil Bella's Pizza or Steak & Shake. Wal-Mart & Kohl's certificates make great Birthday and Graduation gifts.

Thank you for your participation!

Store Certificate Committee:

**HYGIENIC INSTITUTE PHYSICALS**

The Hygienic Institute will be at Waltham North soon (exact day tba) to administer High School physicals and 6th grade physicals for the 2010-2011 school year. Sports physicals will also be offered to any 5th-8th grade students. Parent authorization forms will be sent home soon. Anyone who would like to have a physical form sent home should contact the North office at 667-4417.

**A WORD FROM MRS. WILSON**

The 7th grade had a wonderful day in Springfield on April 14, 2010. We visited the State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. We had great weather and great tour guides at each stop. We ate our lunches at the Visitors' Center right by the Capitol and stopped at exit 145 for a quick meal on the way home. We got back to School at 7:00. Thanks to the parents who went on the trip with us. This is a great experience for our 7th graders.

The 8th grade class trip is coming up on Friday, May 14, 2010. We will be visiting GameWorks, Blue Man Group and Ed Debevic's.

Most 8th graders have purchased and taken home their graduation caps and gowns. If your student has not done this, please send in a check for \$23.35 made out to Waltham School. Get them home, try them on and we will have time to make adjustments or exchanges if necessary

**FAY'S BBQ**

The second annual Fay's BBQ fundraiser will be on Friday, April 23rd at Waltham South. Each dinner includes your choice of 2 pork chops or 1/2 chicken or 1 pork chop and 1/4 chicken with baked beans, cole slaw, applesauce, roll and butter. Tickets are \$11 each. All dinners are carry out only. Please stop by, pick up dinner, and support this delicious fundraiser!!!!



## 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS

Graduation is less than 7 weeks away. Graduation has been set for Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. We have a lot going on in the time we have left.

The class trip is Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

The caps and gowns are here and the cost this year is \$23.35. Please send a check made out to Waltham School and we will send the cap and gown home with your student the same day. I encourage you to do this as soon as possible. Get them home, try them on and we will have time to make adjustments/exchanges if necessary.

This year Valley Photo will be here on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, to take individual pictures of each 8<sup>th</sup> grade student with their cap and gown on. They will then make a composite. Packets will be available to purchase. I will send a reminder home but the students will need to bring their caps and gowns to school that day for the pictures. The pictures will be ready by the night of Graduation. This will take the place of having a photographer here the night of Graduation.

Final report cards for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be handed out before Graduation on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

As with all things, if you have any questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me here at school or through e-mail. I am looking forward to a great end of the year with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Mrs. Wilson  
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## PTCC OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

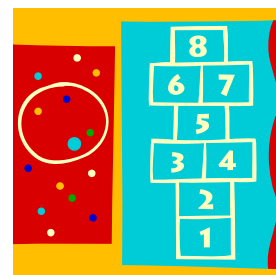
It is not too late to submit nominations for PTCC officers for 2010-2011 school year. We are seeking individuals for the office of President and Vice President. Interested parties please send your nomination to school in an envelope marked to Attention: Michele Luce or via e mail to [mejam5@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mejam5@sbcglobal.net). Call 815.667.5823 with any questions.

## HELP WANTED – CONCRETE FINISHERS FOR BASKETBALL COURT INSTALLATION AT WALTHAM NORTH

PTCC is seeking concrete finishers in our District to volunteer their time and skill to properly finish the concrete on the pour for the new basketball courts at Waltham North. Please call Waltham North office (815.667.4417) to leave your name and number or contact Steve Rietgraf at 815.667.4937 for more project details. Concrete pour date will most likely be on a Saturday and the actual date will be determined based on volunteer availability. The students will really appreciate having this outdoor surface during recess and/or PE class. Thank you in advance for your generous donation of time and talent to school district 185.

## FIELD DAY

The annual school Field Day will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010 at both Campuses. Rain date for North will be Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The students will be busy with many games.





**Six Flags READ TO SUCCEED Six Hour Reading Club**

Congratulations to the fifty students who participated in the Six Flags READ TO SUCCEED Six Hour Reading Club!

Kindergarten through sixth grade students were eligible to read (or be read to) for six hours of recreational reading. The students will receive their tickets (valid from June 14 to August 8, 2010) in May.

**Kindergarten:**

- Nick Chase
- Josh Grob
- Patrick Harmon
- Renn Ludford
- Joey Ovanic
- Caden Valenzuela

**First Grade**

- Maverick Andrews
- Morgan Cox
- Lizzy Echols
- Alyssa Heitz
- Alyssa Johansen
- Reese Kurtz
- Sydney Link
- Reese Ludford
- Samantha May
- Isabelle Monroe
- Savanna Rietgraf
- Zachary Roebuck

**Second Grade**

- Evan Hardy
- Jacob Ovanic
- Jarrett Reed
- Brea Sebastian

**Third Grade**

- Madison Aimone
- A.J. Bollis
- Andrew Chase
- Jalen Depenbrock
- Meygan Echols
- Ethan Henry
- Sophie Kurtz
- Seth Ludford
- Abbie May
- Ethan Monroe
- McKenna Rietgraf
- Malcolm Roebuck

**Fourth Grade**

- Annabelle Heitz
- Abigail Kamke
- Jordan Ovanic
- Tylynn Ramos
- Dylan Vizzone

**Fifth Grade**

- Nic Bollis
- Jace Hardy
- Kathryn Henry
- Bryanna Hoskins
- Chase Ludford
- Payton Rietgraf
- Brendon Sebastian
- Alex Smith

**Sixth Grade**

- Aaron Kamke
- Madeline Luce
- Melanie Wilson

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**April 19**

Academic & Sports Banquet 6:30 p.m.

**April 20**

Early Dismissal 2:05 North and 2:20 South

**April 21**

Hot Lunch Day

**April 22-23**

3rd grade visits North  
8th Grade VIP Lunch

**April 23**

Fay's BBQ @ South

**April 27**

Early Dismissal 2:05 North and 2:20 South

**May 4**

Early Dismissal 2:05 North and 2:20 South

**May 6**

Sport Physicals, 5th & 8th Grade Physicals

**May 10**

Market Day 4:30 pm at North

**May 11**

Early Dismissal 2:05 North and 2:20 South

**May 13**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Pictures 9:30 a.m.

**May 14**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Chicago

**May 19**

Hot Lunch Day  
Board of Ed Meeting 6:30 pm North

**May 21**

Field Day Both Buildings

**May 25**

Kindergarten Promotion 1:30 p.m.

**May 26**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7:00 p.m.

**May 26**

No School Teacher Institute

**May 27**

Last Day of School  
8:35-9:35 a.m.—North 8:50-9:50 a.m.—South