



WALTHAM TERRITORY NEWS

Waltham School

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

2010 NEED: TRACK COACH, ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

If interested, please contact Mr. Jason Hamann at 667-4417 or Dr. Kristen School at 667-4790.

Happy Holidays to all! As we near the end of 2009, it is important to reflect on the generosity and support this great school district is fortunate enough to have! A mere “thank you” is not nearly enough. We are grateful for parent and grand-parent volunteers, community and local business support, student success, caring staff members, a supportive and well-respected board of education, and an overall supportive and generous community. On behalf of our school district, I want to wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2010!

Special Thanks to Donna Rochnowski (Donna the Dietician as we know her) for sharing her time, healthy treats, and her expertise with the students of Waltham South! Thanks also to Hy-Vee, and Mr. Doug Overlee for allowing her to share this time with our district. Donna has been bringing different healthy fruits or veggies to share with south students on a monthly basis. During November she brought three of the more than 2,500 different types of apples in the United States and gave them to our students to try. After their taste test students were asked to choose which type they liked best to participate in our informal survey. (Red Honey crisp was the winner) In December Donna brought a sample of a Disney orange and Clementines. Students again received samples and were given a wealth of information as to where these fruits come from and how they are grown. At the end of each session, Donna (and Hy-Vee) provided our students with a coupon for one free apple and one free orange. **MANY THANKS!!** We look forward to your next visit!

As we look forward to the New Year ~2010~ and strive to have a prosperous and successful one I ask you to remember this quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson:

“What is Success? To laugh often and much; To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; To appreciate beauty; To find the best in others; To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; To know even one life breathed easier because you have lived; This is to have succeeded”.

Questions, Concerns, or Comments, my door is always open!

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....MR. HAMANN

We hope each of you have a relaxing holiday break. It will be a perfect opportunity to spend quality time with your children and family. We have had many positive experiences in the first half of our school year and we hope each of you feel the same way. I would encourage all of our students to spend time reading a good book while away from school. Have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in 2010. School will reconvene on Tuesday, January 5th.



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Happy Holidays!



WINTER EMERGENCIES /SNOW DAYS/EARLY DISMISSAL

In preparation for the Winter season, please note the following information regarding snow days and early dismissal procedures. Should circumstances arise, please listen to your radio for any information we may have to pass along to you. Also, please be sure to provide the school office with telephone numbers of employment, childcare provider home and cellular numbers, etc. The following stations will keep you posted to any closings:

1220AM WLPO 95.3 FM WRKX
1430 AM WCMY 99.3 FM WAJK
100.7 FM WKOT

You can also check our school website at www.wesd185.org for any cancellations.

You will be notified through our new AlertNow emergency call system of any school closings or early dismissals.

A WORD FROM MRS. WILSON,

Happy Birthday Illinois! Illinois celebrated its 191st birthday on December 3rd and the 6th grade Illinois History class celebrated with cupcakes.

The 6th grade is waiting for responses from our requests for tourism information. Over half the class has already received some very interesting packages. We do not open anything until every student has received a reply.

7th grade will be taking their United States Constitution test on Thursday, December 17th.

8th grade is busy with the study of Europe in Geography. They are also preparing for the "Christmas Around the World" project. Each student picks a country and researches holiday customs, holiday foods and holiday greetings from that country. We finish with our Holiday feast on Thursday, December 17th.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours,
Mrs. Wilson.

THANK YOU TO THE PARKING ATTENDANTS

We would like to extend a special thank you to Roger Giovanine, Terry Pezanoski, and Jeff Rothrock for helping to park cars on the evening of our Winter program at the North building. We couldn't have done it without you. Thanks again!



ELKS HOOP SHOOT CONTEST Results of Elks Hoop Shoot Contest

- Girls 8-9 Jolene Flynn—Winner
Mary Claire Tomminello-Runner Up
- Boys 8-9 Ryan Skoog—Winner
Billy George—Runner Up
- Girls 10-11 Kathryn Henry—Winner
Chase Ludford—Runner Up
- Boys 10-11 Lukas Schwartz—Winner
Jace Hardy—Runner Up
- Girls 12-13 Maggie Durdan—Winner
Cierra Johnson—Runner Up
- Boys 12-13 Jon Simcich—Winner
Joe Kim—Runner Up



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Grocery Certificate Committee! We appreciate the support you show for the children at Waltham. Please continue to buy grocery certificates through a committee member over our holiday break. We also have Wal-Mart certificates for your holiday shopping. Have a great new year!

A WORD FROM MRS. SMYTHE

Our cadet band would like to welcome 4th grade student, Claire Senica who plays keyboard. We are very glad that she has joined us.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHY BEE

For the 22nd year, the National Geographic Society is holding the National Geographic Bee for students in the fourth through eighth grades in thousands of schools across the United States and in the five U.S. territories, as well as in Department of Defense Dependents Schools around the world.

The classroom competitions will take place between December 8th and December 15th. This will determine class winners in grades 4th through 8th. The school wide competition between class winners will be January 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

The winner of the Waltham Bee will advance to the next level of competition, which is a written examination to determine state competitors. All school winners are eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship, at the national competition in Washington, D.C.

A WORD FROM MRS. WASILEWSKI

I would like to extend a big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Low, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Schwartz for sending apples to school so that I could bake apple treats for the students. The sixth graders enjoyed apple pie, apple crisp, and apple cake. I would also like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Dale Graham for sending pumpkins to school. I was able to bake pumpkin pie, pumpkin cake, and pumpkin bars for the children. The sixth graders enjoyed these treats because of the generosity of the parents who sent in apples and pumpkins. Thank you very much.

The junior high math students made and decorated paper shoes in class. On the morning of December 4, they found candy in their shoes, probably from Sinterklaas, who left a message saying that he was here.

LOST AND FOUND

Mrs. Hewitt at the South Building has a vast array of items ranging from jewelry to hoodies and jeans. There is also one red and white girls basketball shoe that has been there since picture day. If your child is missing items (hats and gloves too) please call her at 815-667-4790 to see if it is there.

DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December

- 10 Winter Program at South, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 PTCC Mtg. 6:30 p.m. South
- 15 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**
- 16 Board of Education Mtg. at North, 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Hot Lunch Day
- 18 Holiday Parties 3rd-8th, 1:00 p.m.
- 18 Holiday Parties K-2nd, 1:15 p.m.
- 18 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**
- 21 **No School**, Winter Holiday Break Begins

January

- 5 **School Resumes**
- 5 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**
- 6 Volleyball Pictures, 3:30 p.m. (South)
- 7 Lice Check (All Grades)
- 8 Geography Bee 2:00 p.m. (Grades 4-8)
- 11 Market Day 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- 11 PTCC Mtg. 6:30 p.m.
- 12 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**
- 15 Report Cards Distributed
- 18 **No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 19 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**
- 19 Vision & Hearing Screening (South)
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- 20 Hot Lunch Day
- 20 Board of Education Meeting at North, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Spelling Bee 2:15 in North gym Grades 6,7,8
- 21 Vision & Hearing Makeup's
- 26 **2:05 Dismissal (North) 2:20 (South)**

