



Waltham Territory

Waltham C.C.
Elementary School
District #185

November 2009

ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

Happy November – and Happy Fall! I want to take this opportunity to say “THANK YOU” to all who have supported the Waltham School District so far this year. Thanks to area businesses and individuals who support our schools. We are focusing our efforts on ways to give back to you this year! YOU CAN HELP US WITH THIS PLAN! How? If you are a local business in need of something – i.e. decorations for your windows, decorated menus, support in any other way – please contact Dr. School at 667-4790 or Mr. Hamann at 667-4417 to let us know what you need and we’ll try to make arrangements for community service assistance! Our students and staff want to show you their appreciation. When we work together we can accomplish much!

A Few small examples of our Waltham efforts to be of GOOD CHARACTER and show our citizenship include: Collecting Pennies for the Parade – to help with the cost of the local Utica Veteran’s Day Parade, Project Santa – a Collection of non-perishables and letters to send to our troops, and currently, a collection of new or gently used hats, gloves and coats for our Mitten Tree. Pay it Forward!

UPDATE on LIFE SAFETY and Possible BUILDING NEEDS:

Approximately 3/4ths of the required/urgent life safety items were completed during last summer and the summer before. Those items included: asbestos abatement, a new boiler at south, a new septic system and leach field at north, new restrooms to replace those not working, a new cooling unit for the computer lab, and replacement of numerous heating units at the north building. The few remaining items should be completed over Christmas Break and summer 2010. The final items on our life safety lists include upgraded alarm systems at both facilities. Thanks to local businesses and our own maintenance team for the excellent job they've done!

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

As we've mentioned frequently over the last couple of years, space for students is at a critical point. Although our numbers overall have only grown slightly over the past two years, the enrollment growth has been at specific grade levels which has caused a need to split classes and hire additional staff members. This means that our classroom space is an issue of great urgency. HOW CAN THIS SPACE ISSUE BE ADDRESSED? It is possible that the district may be forced to pose a question to voters as to passage of a building and education fund referendum. The Board is also investigating other possible options with neighboring school districts facing the same or similar issues. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE THUS FAR? We have already moved the 3rd grade to the south facility and have reduced the size of the library at north and placed the library at south in another classroom area. Quite simply stated, we have only one classroom at the north facility not being used 100% of the time for a grade level or subject area. Anyone with questions may contact Dr. School at 667-4790. When more information is readily available, we will seek community involvement to assist us in our decision-making.

The WALTHAM ELEMENTARY EDUCATION FOUNDATION is currently up and running and in the process of electing a full board of directors. Current directors are: Mrs. Vida Schwartz, President, Mrs. Renee Kim, Treasurer, and Mrs. Christy Ovanic, Director. We are in the process of obtaining our 501 c3 status and will be seeking ideas to help move our foundation forward. The Foundation's purpose is to address Waltham Staff, Student, and District Educational needs. For interest, assistance, and information contact Dr. School at 667-4790.

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**FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....MR. HAMANN****Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Conferences were well attended by our parents again this year. We received a lot of positive feedback about having two evenings for conferences and a longer conference time. If you have any feedback regarding conferences, we would like to hear it. Please contact Waltham North at 815-667-4417 or Waltham South 815-667-4790. We remind you to contact your child's teacher at any time if you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year. With one grading period already behind us, it is important to maintain good work habits and open communication with school. By working together, we can maximize our students' learning experience. Important dates: Progress Reports on November 25th and Report Cards on January 15th.

WINTER PROGRAM

Mark your calendars! The Waltham Christmas Concert dates are as follows: Grades 4-8 will perform on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm at Waltham North. Grades K-3 will perform on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm at Waltham South. We made this change to split the concert dates and grade levels to help with seating and parking, and to help make this a more enjoyable experience for everyone. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Band members for the 2009-2010 school year are:

7th grade: Brody Frig—drums, Joe Kim—drums, Samantha Whalen—clarinet.

6th grade: Olivia Graham—cornet, Aaron Kamke—keyboard, Anna Low—flute, Gabbi McCabe—clarinet, Kyle Small—clarinet.

5th grade: Nic Bollis—trombone, Julia Browning—flute, Emily Ficek—flute, Jace Hardy—sax, Kathryn Henry—flute, Joe Jansen—drums, Andrew Kim—trumpet, Owen Stoneking—drums

4th grade: Abby Kamke—flute, Autumn Lucas—flute, Jordan Ovanic—sax, Tylynn Ramos—clarinet, Austin Snyder—drums, Hannah Turigliatti—clarinet

Mrs. Smythe

A WORD FROM MRS. WILSON

A big thank you goes out to all who helped the 8th grade by purchasing candy or Bergner's coupon books. We did it!!! The 8th grade sold 100 Bergner coupon books. We are in the top 10 sellers and are eligible for a bonus of over \$500.00. Thank you for all the support! Our class trip will be Friday, May 14, 2010. We are going to GameWorks, "Blue Man Group" and Ed Debevic's.

All classes are doing well this second quarter. The 7th grade will start work on the United States Constitution and take their test before Christmas Break.

The 8th grade is into the 20th Century in U S History and will start work on their Christmas around the World project right after Thanksgiving.

6th Grade has started the Illinois Tourism project by writing letters to different cities around Illinois, asking for information. They will use this information and what they can find on the internet to create tourism brochures for our chosen city.

Campbell's Labels for Education Program

The Campbell's Labels for Education Program is currently working on the 2009 Holiday Bonus offer. When Waltham School submits a total of 2,500 points between October 21, 2009-December 31, 2009, Campbell's will match it giving Waltham School 2,500 Bonus Points (Limit one bonus per school). This is an excellent opportunity to earn 2,500 "free" points. Please send your Campbell's UPC's to school before December 4, to allow time for counting and shipping.

We banked all of our points earned during the 2008-2009 school year. Our current bank balance is 16,881.

If you would like more information on the Campbell's Labels for Education Program please visit www.labelsforeducation.com.

Thank you to everyone that clips and collects the Campbell's points!

Christy Ovanic
Campbell's Labels for Education Coordinator



FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL RESULTS

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade: Jacob Adams, Danielle Claggett, Falyne Dawson, Nolan Durdan, Trevor Finnan, Morgan Grubar, Nicholas Lewis, Michaela Russell

Seventh Grade: Maggie Durdan, Joe Kim, Chris Moshage, Rachel Senica, Samantha Whalen

Sixth Grade: Fred Becker, Olivia Graham, Aaron Kamke, Madeline Luce, Adam Schwartz, Max Senica, Melanie Wilson

HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade: Allison Andreatta, Brianna Atkinson, Samantha George, Zack Giovanine, Dylan Guerrero, Anna Harmon, Marissa Martin, Joshua McTee, Justin Miller, Reed Pezanoski, Brittany Poda, Drew Radke, Kyle Rothrock

Seventh Grade: Madison Anderson, Breann Aubry, Brandon Bryan, Taylor Cimei, Cody Corcoran, Cody Flynn, Brody Frig, Tiara Golgin, Cierra Johnson, Micah Johnson, Dylan Krager, Alena Laws, Jane Leonatti, Ryan McSherry, Christine Perona, Erica Poda, Hannah Sheth,

Sixth Grade: Garrett Andreatta, Kaleigh Cox, Matthew Cummings, Austin Flow, Mariah Gibson, Logan Guerrero, Anna Low, Gabbi McCabe, Taylor Moriarity, Roberta Rehor, Frank Senica, Kyle Small, Kalli Steele, Kendra Yade

BOOK FAIR

The book fair was a huge success!! Thanks to all of your purchases, Waltham was able to add 342 new books to our school. Total sales were \$4000. Much appreciation goes to co-chairs Deb Sokol and Sonya Atkins as well as the many volunteers and teachers who helped the children select books. Hats off to our behind the scene helpers who transported the Book Fair from the north to south campus plus many thanks to Keri Claggett who provided invaluable advice to the new co-chairs. Everyone's collective efforts were very beneficial to our school!

WALTHAM'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Mark your calendars!! **Waltham's Trivia Night** is scheduled for **January 22, 2010** at Celebrations!!! The committee will be seeking much support from our Waltham parents, teachers and community! It will be a fun evening of camaraderie and friendly competition!! Don't miss it!! More details and flyers will appear very soon!!

Tidbits from Waltham's PTCC

Thanks to Ed and Nanci Monroe for compiling our 2009/2010 **Waltham School Directory**. It is a great tool to have for rapid communication with our Waltham families. We appreciate your time and effort in organizing the data!!

Fall Festival turned out to be another evening of fun and laughter. Thanks to all who attended this annual event. Kudos to the McCabe family for their tireless effort to make this night a special time for Waltham families. Thanks to the new committee members as well as our teachers and 8th grade students who volunteered their time and talent to the Fall Festival. McDonalds in Utica graciously donated orange drink and hamburgers. Both were a big hit. HyVee donated all of the two liter bottles of soda for the ring toss game. Thanks McDonalds and HyVee!!

Golf Outing

Mike Adams and Ginger Ludford have volunteered to co-chair the **2010 Golf Outing**!! Missy George is still a go-to person on this important committee. Thanks to you all for your enthusiasm for this Waltham Fundraiser!

Don't forget to utilize store certificates for your upcoming holiday shopping! It is as easy as calling Renee Kim at 815.223.2847 or Tiffany Lewis at 815.667.4417.

Happy Holidays,





WALTHAM ART ON DISPLAY

The artists of Waltham School have their chance to shine from November 30-December 14th at the Ottawa Regional Hospital. If you have a reason to visit the hospital or just passing by, students work will be hanging in the hallway in display cases. It is always a pleasure hanging the work, as I receive so many compliments about the students' work. Way to go, Waltham artists!

PROJECT SANTA

Since 2005, volunteers have worked to share a little holiday cheer with the men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and hospitals in Germany. Approximately 30,000 stockings later, these volunteers have continued to create a super network to keep the holiday cheer alive.

For our third year, Waltham students have "printed" stockings and written letters to the soldiers. The Waltham families have donated supplies and groceries that will fill some of the stockings. One-hundred and sixty eight stockings, 168 heart-warming letters, and boxes of groceries and supplies show the spirit of the Waltham community once again! Thank you to all of you who helped in any way to make Project Santa a success at Waltham.

CHARACTER COUNTS' COAT & MITTEN DRIVE

From November 2nd—December 11th, Character Counts Committee is sponsoring a Coat and Mitten Drive. Please send in any gently used or new: coats, gloves, scarves, mittens, snow pants, or boots.

If any families in our district are in need of these items, please contact the school's office. North 667-4417 or South 667-4790

The trees in the lobbies of the buildings will be decorated with the items brought in. Thank you for your generosity!

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This year's goal is set at \$550.00. It seems high, but we are almost to that goal! As of the end of October, I submitted over \$300.00 worth of Box Tops. That's really great!!!!

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and kids (Mrs. Lewis & Mrs. Hewitt!!) for getting the Box Tops to school, and then to me.

The next submittal date is February 27th, so keep them coming!!! Make sure that the dates can be read or they will be rejected.

Lisa Corcoran
Box Top Coordinator

IMPORTANT DATES

- Nov. 25—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S**
- Nov. 26&27—No School Thanksgiving Break**
- Nov. 30—Market Day Pickup**
- Dec. 7—Winter Program 6:30 pm (North)**
- Dec. 10—Winter Program 6:30 pm (South)**
- Dec. 14—PTCC Meeting at Waltham South**
- Dec. 15—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S**
- Dec. 16—Board of Ed Mtg. 6:30 pm**
- Dec. 16—Hot Lunch (cheese pizza)**
- Dec. 18—K-3 Holiday Parties; 2:20 Dismissal**
- Dec. 18—4-8 Holiday Parties; 2:05 Dismissal**
- Dec. 21—No School, Holiday Break Begins**
- Jan. 5—School Resumes**



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