



WALTHAM TERRITORY NEWS

Waltham School

March 2010

One School of Thought "... from our Superintendent"

Happy SPRING and Happy Warm Weather! As Spring arrives, so too does the PTCC annual Pancake Breakfast and once again it was a smashing success! As always, I wish to take a moment to thank all the families, business', staff and students who helped make this event such a success. The Waltham District is blessed to have such a wonderful and extensive support system of volunteers!

In these tough economic times everyone seems to be feeling the difficulties in one way or another. I was made aware of an agency that can provide assistance with Natural gas bills, propane, fuel oil and electric bills and wanted to share the contact information with you as follows: Tri-County Opportunities Council has a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and they have money for assistance. In order to qualify, the applicant must provide proof of 30 day gross income for everyone in the household to ensure they are income eligible. There is also help for ComEd customers that may be in a hardship situation. Please call for details as the guidelines do differ for both programs. The contact number is 1-888-225-2099 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We have had a number of our students compete and/or participate in the Science Fair, The You Be the Chemist Challenge, the Spelling Bee, the St. Baldrick's fundraising event for charity and the like and we want you to know we are PROUD of you! If your child(ren) are participating in activities outside of the school, we ask that you please let us know so that we can help cheer them on and recognize their interests and successes! Keep up the great work!

As we approach this time of year, Spring Fever hits and students become less inclined to focus on their academics. Now is the most important time to keep things going strong and ensure that kids keep their routines at home and school. A strong push toward the end of the school year begins now. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teachers to see how they are doing at any time!

VOLUNTEERS will be Needed: Thanks to PTCC and some individual supporters who have donated time and materials, the district will be able to put in a double basketball court at the north building to use both during physical education classes and recess times. The actual date(s) are TBA later this Spring, but help will be needed with laying cement and placing basketball hoops. If you are interested in helping with the project, please contact either office – 667-4417 North, or 667-4790 South to leave your name and contact information. Thanks in advance for your assistance!

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From our Principal, Mr. Hamann
Make sure attending school is a top priority for your child

Your child's teachers will do their best to help your child learn and succeed in school. But there's one thing that only you can do—get him/her to school every day. Children who don't attend school regularly fall behind and score lower on tests. They can have a hard time making and keeping friends—especially in the elementary school. A study of the nation's fourth graders, conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, showed that almost one in four (19 percent) had been absent from school three or more days in the last month. Show your child and his teachers that you know attendance counts:

- Tell your child how important school is.
- Make dental and other appointments during non-school hours.
- Don't let your child skip school for reasons that wouldn't prevent you from going to work.
- Avoid taking your child out of school on test days.
- Keep track of your child's absences. See if there are any patterns that need to be changed.
- Discuss the consequences of missing school such as not understanding the work, needing to do make ups, missing out on friends.
- Talk to the teacher if your child regularly does not want to go to school.

Field Day

The Annual School Field day is tentatively set for Tuesday May 25th at the South building and Friday, May 21st at the North building. Please watch the newsletter next month for more information. If you signed up for the committee at registration, the chairperson will be in contact with you soon. If you did not sign up to help and would like to please contact the chairpersons Ed and Nanci Monroe (815)250-0250 at Waltham South or Michele Luce (815)667-5823 at Waltham North.

Students Participate in Music Contest

Jace Hardy and Samantha Whalen will be competing in a Music Contest after school on Friday, March 19th at Henry Grade School. They will be taking Instrumental solos. We wish both of them good luck.

Mrs. Smythe

Spring Break

Spring Break is March 29– April 2nd. School will resume on Monday, April 5, 2010.

Tetanus Shots

LaSalle County School Health Services will be here on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. to administer Tdap boosters to the 8th grade class.

Academic & Awards Banquet

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

PTCC Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast was once again a huge success! Thank you to all the volunteers—planning committee, workers and those who purchased tickets. Our totals have not been finalized, but the approximate amount of total profit is \$5,200.00. Thanks again for all your support

Market Day

Our next Market Day is set for Monday, April 12th. You may order on-line at www.marketday.com. There are extra specials when ordering on the internet. Our account number is 5790.

If you have any questions, or would like to place an order, please call Jody Pawlak at 667-4749.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Desk at the South Building has overflowed! We have articles of clothing that are too big for our students. Please take a moment to stop and see if anything belongs to your child. Leftovers will be taken to the Goodwill Store soon!



Magic Waters Books for Fun earn Waves of Fun Reading Program 2010

Kudos to 48 Waltham students (K-6) who participated in the **Magic Waters Books for Fun earn Waves of Fun Reading Program**. Each student completed 6 hours of recreational reading and will receive a FREE admission pass for the 2010 summer season, a FREE kid's meal from Applebee's, and a FREE apple dipper from McDonald's. Tickets will be distributed in April. Participants include:

KINDERGARTEN

Abbie George, Patrick Harmon, Grace Hendrix, Joe Ovanic, Ethan Picco, Christopher Swayne, Caden Valenzuela

FIRST GRADE

Maverick Andrews, Morgan Cox, Liz Echols, Tyler Hartman, Alyssa Heitz, Reese Kurtz, Samantha May, Isabelle Monroe, Savanna Rietgraf, Zachary Roebuck, Joe Tomminello

SECOND GRADE

Matthew George, Evan Hardy, Jacob Ovanic, Jarrett Reed, Brea Sebastian

THIRD GRADE

Madison Aimone, A. J. Bollis, Jalen Depenbrock, Meygan Echols, Zachary Hartman, Ethan Henry, Sophie Kurtz, James Luce, Abbie May, Ethan Monroe, McKenna Rietgraf, Mary Claire Tomminello

FOURTH GRADE

Annabelle Heitz, Abby Kamke, Jordan Ovanic,

FIFTH GRADE

Nic Bollis, Julia Browning, Adam Claggett, Jace Hardy, Kathryn Henry, Andrew Kim, Chase Ludford, Payton Rietgraf

SIXTH GRADE

Aaron Kamke, Madeline Luce

A Word from Mrs. Jane Wilson

The 7th grade trip to Springfield and the Lincoln sites will be on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. We will visit the State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb and the Presidential Museum. We will be leaving at 8:40 and returning around 6:30-7:00 p.m. Students are to bring a sack lunch and drink to eat at the park near the Capitol building. We will stop for a fast food meal on the way home.

The 8th grade class trip is fast approaching. On May 14, 2010, the 8th grade will be going to Schaumburg for lunch and games at GameWorks, then driving downtown to a 4:00 performance of Blue Man Group at the Briar Street Theater. Depending on the weather and travel time, we hope to stop by Lincoln Park Zoo or Navy Pier. We will finish the day with dinner at Ed Debevic's and be back at the North building by 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

MARCH

- 16 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 18-19 VIP Lunch 3rd grade and 7th grade
- 23 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**
- 24 Hot Lunch Day
- 25 Holiday Dinner, 11:30 a.m.
- 26 Report Cards Distributed
- 26 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**
- 29-April 2 No School, Spring Break**

APRIL

- 5 School Resumes**
- 6 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**
- 8 Lice Check 9:00 a.m.—All Grades
- 9 Tetanus Shots for 8th grade at North
- 12 PTCC Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 12 Market Day 4:30-5:30 North
- 13 Early Dismissal 11:40-N 11:55-S**
- 16 Progress Reports Distributed
- 19 PTCC Awards Banquet 6:30 p.m. North
- 20 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**
- 21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 21 Hot Lunch Day
- 22-23 VIP Lunch 8th grade
- 27 Early Dismissal 2:05-N 2:20-S**