



WALTHAM TERRITORY NEWS

Waltham School

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“ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT”...from our Superintendent

Well, the 2009-2010 school year is near the end, but there is still time to work hard, do your best as you finish out the year, and GIT R DONE in WALTHAM STYLE! Thank you all so very much for another great year. This has been another year of fantastic support – from parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, neighbors, and the whole Waltham Community. Thanks for your generosity both financially and otherwise. Thanks especially to those of you who have been willing to jump into the classrooms and assist teachers and students!

Thank you PTCC for being our rock every year! We have so much to be thankful for – but most of all thanks for caring! Your commitment makes Waltham a better place!

Congratulations and welcome to Mr. Robert Abney, our new superintendent! I know it will not take you long to discover how awesome the staff, students, parents and community are in the Waltham School District!

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL....MR. HAMANN

Thank you to the students and families at Waltham for another great year! I would also like to thank the staff for all their hard work and the community for the support and input throughout the year. Many parents and community members have volunteered in classrooms or on a committee this year. I would like to encourage students to participate in academic programs throughout the summer such as the Waltham summer reading program, programs through local libraries, and IVCC. Maintaining a reading routine will help our students to maintain the skills they have built and will help create a smooth transition into the next school year.

I would like to congratulate our 8th grade students for completing their elementary and junior high experiences this year. I wish you all the best of luck in high school.



Good Luck Graduates!!

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION

Eighth Grade Graduation will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Waltham North. Our speaker will be Mr. Richard Myers, Regional Superintendent

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Have a wonderful summer!



FORMER STUDENTS VISITING WALTHAM

In an effort to protect the education time of our students and to minimize distractions, former students will only be allowed to visit after students have been dismissed.

KINDERGARTEN SHOWCASE AT WALTHAM SOUTH

Kindergarten Celebration is set for Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. at Waltham South.

A WORD FROM MRS. SMYTHE

Concert Band gave a wonderful band program for the 3rd graders on Thursday, April 22nd. The 3rd grade students were a very good audience.

BAND LESSONS

Beginning May 17th, there will not be any band lessons after school.

Instruments that are rented from the school need to be turned in by May 24th.

FIELD DAY

The annual school Field Day for both buildings will be held on Friday, May 21, 2010. The students will be busy with many games. TBA will be served at South for lunch and nachos will be served at North. PTCC will be providing dessert and drinks will be provided by the Room Mothers at both buildings.

A WORD FROM MRS. TOWNSEND

I would like to give a special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out this year during computer times and during Kid Writing. With 25 students in a classroom it is difficult to meet all of the students' needs without help from other adults. You are appreciated!

The volunteers include Jan Hauger, Nanci Monroe, Ericka Tomminello, Ginger Ludford, Angie Lee, Jason Lee, Jen Andrews, Beth Hamilton, Angie Hartman, Shannon May, Wendy Olivero, and Sherrie Kurtz.

REGISTRATION FOR 2010--2011

Registration for Kindergarten through Eighth grade for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on **Tuesday, July 20th from 8:00 am-4:00 pm and from 5:00-8:00 pm.** A reminder will be published in The Times, and News Tribune in June.

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 North has been nominated for the Support Staff Award. Each nominee was honored at a Banquet at Pitstick's Pavilion on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Congratulations!

ALL FEES INCLUDING DAMAGED OR LOST BOOKS & LOCKS MUST BE PAID BY **MAY 21st.**

A WORD FROM MRS. WILSON

May 2010, we have been waiting for this all year. So much is going on this May; we have a lot to remember.

May 6, 2010 at 1:00, we had the Law Day presentation of the "Wicked Queen vs. Snow White". The trial will take place in the North Gym with teachers and students taking the parts to teach us about law and the court system.

May 13, 2010, the 8th graders will bring their graduation caps and gowns to school for Graduation pictures.

May 14, 2010, the 8th graders will be going on their class trip to Chicago. We leave at 8:00 am and return at 10:00 pm. The schedule includes GameWorks, Blue Man Group and Ed Debevic's.

May 21, 2010, is field day for all students

May 24th and 25th we will have Graduation practice.

May 26, 2010, there will be no school for students but Teacher Institute Day. Graduation will be at 7:00 pm in the North Gym. We ask that the 8th grade students be in the classroom by 6:45. Each 8th grade student will receive 4 reserved seats near the front of the gym and there will be open seating after that on the gym floor and on the bleachers. Graduation traditionally lasts about an hour.

May 27, 2010, there will be no school for 8th graders and last day for all other classes.

Have a great summer! **READ!!**

**Many Waltham students participated in the 2010 Young Authors program.****Second Grade**

Evan Hardy – winner
Aspen Johnson – honorable mention
Jacob Ovanic – honorable mention
Cassidy Antle
Gabriella Berry
Andrew Linn
Emma Mertes
Riley Pode
Jarrett Reed
Brea Sebastian
Christine Senica
Evan Snyder
Logan Turigliatti
Hannah Vizzone

Third Grade – Mrs. Mitchell

Chelsea Espindola – winner
A.J. Bollis – honorable mention
Jalen Depenbrock – honorable mention
Anna Jereb – honorable mention
Madison Aimone
Joe Baker
Paige Bunzell
Andrew Chase
Julia Graham
Mason Guerrero
Zach Hartman
Ethan Henry
Samantha Kielski
Robby Linn
Ronnie Moriarity
Abby Plankenhorn
Malcolm Roebuck
Cherish Sabotta
Z'en Webster

Third Grade – Mrs. Smith

Billy George – winner
Lynsay Humpage – honorable mention
Seth Ludford – honorable mention
Jacob Pocivasek – honorable mention
McKenna Rietgraf – honorable mention
Caleb Tomaseski – honorable mention
Mary Claire Tomminello – honorable mention
Meygan Echols
Katie Stoneking

Third Grade – Mrs. Smith (cont.)

Jolene Flynn
Sophie Kurtz
James Luce
Abbie May
Ethan Monroe
Hunter Monterastelli
Haley Potochney
Aiden Repsel
Jack Senica
Ryan Skoog

Fourth Grade

Hannah Turigliatti – winner
Abby Kamke – honorable mention
ZomNye't Webster – honorable mention

Fifth Grade – Mrs. Hellman

Bryanna Hoskins – winner
Chase Ludford – honorable mention
Payton Rietgraf – honorable mention
Adam Claggett
Paige Foster
Alex Smith

Sixth Grade

Anna Low – winner

Seventh Grade

Christine Perona – winner
Micah Johnson – honorable mention
Alena Laws – honorable mention
Samantha Whalen – honorable mention
Breann Aubry
Brandon Bryan
Maggie Durdan
Jeremy Merdian
Jonathan Simcich

Eighth Grade

Drew Radke – winner
Morgan Grubar – honorable mention
Reed Pezanoski – honorable mention



YOUNG AUTHORS

Eight Waltham students were chosen to attend the Young Authors Celebration sponsored by the Starved Rock Reading Council on April 21 at Grand Bear Lodge. Students in grades K-3rd attended a presentation by author Esther Hershenhorn and received an autographed copy of her book, *S is for Story—A Writer's Alphabet*. Students in grades 4th-8th attended a presentation by author Steve Layne and received an autographed copy of his book, *This Side of Paradise*.

Evan Hardy (2nd Grade) "I really liked it. She (Esther Hershenhorn) said you can't hand in your first product. You have to rewrite and rewrite until you like it. She said to carry around a small notebook, so if you see any interesting ideas you can write them down. My favorite part was the book fair."

Chelsea Espindola (3rd Grade) "It was cool to meet an author. My favorite part was when she told us about her childhood. She always wanted to be a writer."

Billy George (3rd Grade) "The author I met told me an author never leaves the house without a notebook. If she sees anything interesting, she can write it down and make a book. I got *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*—the one they made the movie out of—at the book fair."

Hannah Turigliatti (4th Grade) "My favorite part was the presentation by Steve Layne. It was about all the ideas for authors—ideas from other people and things that happen in your life. I've already read to Chapter 3 of his book—*This Side of Paradise*."

Bryanna Hoskins (5th Grade) "The author was very interesting to listen to and used different voices, like when he was talking about something his mother said. He talked us through lots of his books. He had three elements of writing—getting ideas from other people, getting ideas from yourself, and getting ideas from past experiences. The book fair seemed pretty organized."

Anna Low (6th Grade) "I liked how he (Steve Layne) explained all the books he's written. He was funny when he was sharing his life experiences. There was a lot of laughing there—trust me! At the end of the presentation I stood in line and he personalized my book."

Christine Perona (7th Grade) "It was really good. He (Steve Layne) was good at speaking. His words were enthusiastic. He was funny. You didn't get bored in the middle of it. He gave a lot of good advice with writing and how to write a paper. He helped with how to start writing and how to get ideas."

Morgan Grubar (8th Grade) "I liked the author's energy. He used a lot of his life experiences when he talked. I'm reading his book—already on Chapter 10. He talked about his four kids adopted internationally, especially his daughter, Victoria, the 2nd youngest, the diva. I bought one of his books—*Mergers*."

FOOD HANDLER NEEDED

PTCC is looking for an individual interested in taking the Food Sanitation class through IVCC. Lisa Pijanowski will be the Hot Lunch Chair for 2010-2011. Another Certified Food Handler is needed to assist Lisa with the PTCC Monthly Hot Lunch Day. Interested person(s) should contact Lisa Pijanowski at 815-667-4512 or Michele Luce at 815-667-5823.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Kindergarten Celebration, May 25th at 1:30 p.m. at Waltham South.
- 8th Grade Graduation, Wednesday, May 26th, at 7:00 p.m. at Waltham North.
- Last day of school, May 27th. Dismissal is at 9:35 a.m. for North and 9:50 a.m. for South.

Attention All Race Fans

Waltham PTCC is looking for volunteers (age 18 & older) interested in donating their time at **Chicagoland Speedway** during their Summer 2010 Race Season. There are three main events at the Speedway where they use volunteer groups. They are the NHRA June 4-6, NASCAR July 9-10 and NASCAR Truck / IRL Aug. 27-28.

This unique PTCC fundraising opportunity involves spending a day (or more if you like) at the Speedway in Joliet, IL providing your service to their Guest Relations Dept. Currently, they have volunteer openings for ushers or elevator operators. Waltham PTCC provides a group of volunteers to Chicagoland Speedway for one day (or more) of an event; in return, we receive reimbursement for our services. PTCC is interested in organizing a volunteer group for the NASCAR (July 9-10) and/or NASCAR Truck / IRL events (Aug. 27-28).

In order to be a volunteer, attendance at a two hour Guest Relations Training Session at the Speedway is required. Various training sessions are held throughout May, June and July either in the evening or on a Sat. At the race event, the volunteer is to wear khaki pants and closed toe shoes. A red shirt will be provided each day to the volunteer and then returned at the end of the day to the Speedway.

If you are interested in donating your time, please e mail Michele Luce at mejam5@sbcglobal.net or call **815.667.5823 for more details by May 15, 2010**. If you are a race fan, this is a great way to see a venue of interest to you (especially if you are an usher in the grandstand). Make no mistake, this will be a long day(s) of volunteering, but it is a great way for our Waltham PTCC group to fundraise outside of our immediate community.