

WIS News

FEBRUARY, 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Feb. 1, 2, 3 - WPTC Book Fair
- Feb. 2—WPTC Family Night Book Fair
6:30 –8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14—WPTC Valentine's Day Parties at 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 16—Board of Ed. Mtg. at 7:00 at WMS
- Feb. 18—Band Solo & Ensemble Contest at WIS
- Feb. 20—No School—President's Day
- Feb. 21- Teacher Institute Day- No School for Students
- March 6—9 ISAT Testing

Principal's Column

Dear WIS Families,

Happy Groundhog Day! According to PunxsutawneyPhil.com, here is what the world famous groundhog (and poet) said:

As I study the sun
It's all about fun.
But I'm sorry to say
I see my shadow today.
When my shadow I see,
Six more weeks of winter there will be!

I hope the beginning of 2012 has been a healthy, prosperous time for you and your family. The WIS "family" has had a great year so far, and there are many big events yet to come.

SCOTY AWARD: Lauren Chayka

I am pleased to announce the 5th grade student chosen by the WIS Staff for the "SCOTY" award for 2011-2012. "SCOTY" stands for **S**tudent **C**itizen of the **Y**ear. Eight other students were nominated by the faculty: Isabella Allar, Peyton Bogart, Anthony Brown, Julia DeFalco, Tommy Dziak, Lucas Honan, Stefanie Podock, and Marvin Warfield. We are proud of **ALL** of our students who demonstrate outstanding citizenship qualities!

ISAT testing is March 6th-9th. Please read the ISAT information included in the newsletter. Your child will do their best when they are well rested, have eaten breakfast, and are on time to school. Thanks.

Please check the list of Upcoming Events, we have activities that I am sure you will not want to miss.

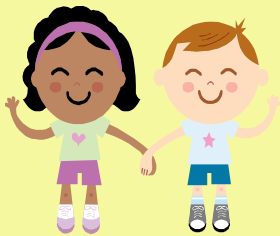
Enjoy the remaining six weeks of winter! Let's see if Punxsutawney Phil is a good prognosticator.

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Health Reminders

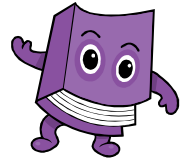
If a student will be absent or late to school, please call the Health Office and leave a message with the student's name and reason for being absent. Please call Mrs. Glassi at 708/562-1011, Ext. 115. Please do not send a student to school if they have a fever or are vomiting. Per District Policy, students must be fever-free and/or vomit-free for 24 hours, without the aid of medicine, before returning to school.

Please encourage your child to eat breakfast daily! Studies show eating a healthy breakfast has many benefits!



ISAT TEST

The ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) is the state standardized testing that measures individual student achievement relative to the Illinois Learning Standards. The results give parents, teachers, and schools one measure of student learning and school performance. **WIS students will be taking the ISAT test during the week of March 5, 2012. Make-up testing will be during the week of March 12th.** More detailed information will be provided to you as testing time draws closer. Third and fifth grade students are assessed in reading and math. Fourth grade students are assessed in reading, math, and science. We receive the results from this test in the early Fall. Information on the ISAT test can be found at: <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/isat.htm>. If you look at the menu bar on the right side of the page, you will find links to the specific (reading, writing, math, science) tests, as well as information on the state standards, Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), other state tests, and a wide range of other information related to the Illinois State Standards and Assessment.



WIS/WPTC Book Fair

This month the WPTC is sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair. The book fair is scheduled for February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. This is a fabulous opportunity for students to purchase books. The students have been trained on how to pick an appropriate book for their interest and reading level. Parents are welcome to purchase books on Thursday, February 2nd when WIS will host Family Night from 6:30-8:30 p.m.. The theme this year is Book Fair Luau and some fun activities have been planned. Please stop by for a night of family fun! Additional details have been sent home by the WPTC.

Valentine's Day Parties

As you know, we are very conscientious of the food that is brought into our building. We monitor this closely due to the number of students with food allergies.

The WPTC is supplying treats for our Valentine's Day Parties. Please do not send any food items or candy to school with your child on Tuesday, February 14, 2012. If you want to send something with your child, please consider a pencil or eraser for each student in the class. Just as last year, if candy or food is sent to school it will be sent back home with your child. Your cooperation is appreciated very much!



WPTC CORNER



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 1st, 2nd & 3rd - Scholastic Book Fair at WIS
- Feb. 2 Scholastic Book Fair Family Night at WIS at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day Room Parties
- Feb. 29- Deadline for WPTC Volunteer Officer Positions.

The WPTC Scholastic Spring Book Fair will be held February 1st, 2nd and 3rd at WIS. This year's theme is Book Fair Luau! February 2nd is Family Night from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Hope to see everyone there!

Thank you!~Eve Stamos-Gioulis and Amy Ward

Anyone interested in a WPTC Officer Position for next year should contact Cindy Mayle (ccdm333@yahoo.com) with any questions as soon as possible. There is a Feb. 29th deadline on volunteering for an Officer Position.

Committee Chair Volunteer Forms will be sent home the beginning of March and have a return deadline of March 31, 2012.

Unfortunately due to the lack of attendance for our Nov. 16th Family Fun Night, the Family Fun Night scheduled for Jan. 20th was canceled. We would like to express our THANKS to Alicia Blair for organizing our November Family Fun Night and heading up this committee.

Don't forget to visit the new WPTC Website, www.westchesterptc.org



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