



# WPS NEWS

January 2012

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school! I hope the winter break brought you many special and enjoyable moments. It's great to be back at WPS, and I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2012 with you.

**MAP and Benchmark Assessments** in reading and math will take place during our first two weeks back. Teachers will review the assessments results to evaluate student progress for the year so far. Then, they plan instructional supports to ensure growth and success for all students accordingly. This is part of District 92.5's Response to Intervention (RtI) process. More information about RtI is following in this newsletter. RtI will also be the focus of discussion at the **WPS Parent Coffee at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, February 10th**. Our staff is highly committed to providing optimal learning experiences for each child.

**Healthy Choices** is our focus at WPS this month. Research shows that exercise and movement breaks throughout the day help children focus and learn better. At our Dolphin Pride assembly, each grade level will perform a variety of movement activities that they do in the classrooms to get exercise and feel refreshed during the cold winter days when we can't get outside. Our PE teacher, Mr. Heilbronner, will teach the whole school a movement routine to music, too. The whole school will perform this routine during random breaks throughout the day. It will be fun to move and groove!

I am pleased to share that our before school breakfasts with parents will continue this year. **Dads and Doughnuts** will be on **February 17th**, and **Moms and Muffins** will be on **March 2nd**. The staff is planning some fun activities for these events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Akemi Sessler

### Hand Sanitizer Donations

To keep our students healthy and safe throughout the cold and flu season, WPS would greatly appreciate any donations of hand sanitizer and anti-bacterial wipes. Clean hands prevent the spread of germs. We want our students to stay healthy so they can be in school and do their best learning.



### Fleet Street Drop Off Zone

As the weather gets colder and snow delays the traffic, please allow for extra time getting your children safely to and from school. There is a drop-off zone (but no parking) for cars in front of the east entrance to the parting lot on Fleet Street to facilitate the morning arrival of students.



## What is RtI (Response to Intervention)?

RtI is a process which ensures that struggling learners receive appropriate, research-based interventions in order to close achievement gaps.

All students participate in “benchmark” assessments at each grade level. This universal screening is used to assist in making decisions for instruction and interventions.

Students who receive interventions are assessed frequently to monitor their progress. Data is analyzed to track performance and modify instruction and interventions. Parents are informed when students receive intense interventions.

Interventions are research-based programs that address common areas of need and support learning. Interventions are provided to students in addition to the core curriculum.

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## Kindergarten Registration

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR** will be on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Doors will open at 3:45 and registration will begin at 6:30 at Westchester Primary School, 2400 Downing Avenue, Westchester. Registration ends at 8:00 p.m. Packets will be available for pickup in the WPS School Office beginning Tuesday, January 17, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It is not necessary to bring the child to registration. Requests for morning or afternoon kindergarten sessions will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Numbers will be passed out at registration. If you are unable to pick up a packet in the School Office, one will be available for you to complete on February 9th.

To register, please have the following:

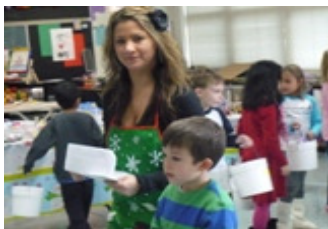
- **Completed Registration Packet**
- **Official Birth Certificate**—A child must be five (5) years old on or before September 1, 2012. No exceptions to this rule can be made.
- If the child resides with a divorced parent, **a copy of the custody and parenting portions of the official divorce or separation decree must be provided.**

**The forms for the required school physical, dental, and vision examinations will be included in the kindergarten registration packets. These forms must be completed and turned in at the registration in August.** The days and times for this registration and fee payment will be announced at a later date.

If further information is needed, please call the School Office at 562-1509

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

**Thank You, WPTC for the Holiday Gift Shoppe and fun Winter Parties!**



## WPTC NEWS

### Thank You!

The 2011 WIS Holiday Gift Shoppe was a success. We graciously thank all those who donated wrapping supplies, volunteered and helped create a wonderful holiday shopping experience for our students. A special thank you goes to Mr. Holliday for lending us his classroom, the maintenance staff, Mrs. Stanislaw, Mrs. Leidigh and the teachers for the patience and support. A SPECIAL acknowledgement goes to Laura Ryan and Meggan Wagner for utilizing their talents and creating unique personalized gifts. Enjoy the holidays and unwrapping your gifts.

Betty Jo Lumsden and Eve Gioulis WIS 2011 HGS Co-Chairs

Thank you to all of the volunteers who made the WPS Holiday Gift Shoppe a success. The children were fantastic shoppers and had a lot of fun finding gifts for their families.

Annette McDowell and Laura Simek

A special thank you to Dan Kay of KHM Plastics in Gurnee, IL for donating the beautiful acrylic box to WPS for our Reading Incentive. Please give a BIG thank you to our current bulletin Board Committee, Sucada Bell and Jen Kryczka when you see them around town. They really know how to make our schools feel welcoming. The bulletin boards look amazing, so cute!

### Fall Labels Contest

The Fall Labels Contest was a great success bringing in the following totals (both schools combined):

Box tops—101,155 = \$1,011.55    Campbell's—6,291 points    Tysen—37 = \$8.76    Coke Rewards—7,439 points  
Sunny D—14 points

The students in the following classes were given a bookmark/pencil/eraser gift set as their rewards for collecting the most points:

EC—Mrs. Hernandez (both am and pm classes)

K—Mrs. Sanko (both am and pm classes)

1st—Mr. Kang

2nd—Ms. Dugandzic

Blended—Dowiarz

3rd—Mrs. Church

4th—Mr. Kmak

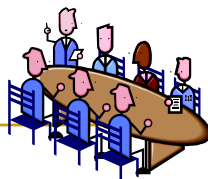
5th—Mrs. Turilli

Stay tuned for the next Labels Contest Flyer to start February 1st.

Jenny McNamara, 2011 –2012 Labels Campaign Chairperson

### WPTC Officer Positions

The four WPTC Officer positions will become available for the 2012-2013 school year. Please contact one of the current officers if you have any questions or concerns. Volunteer forms for these four positions will be sent home in early January. If you are a WPTC member who has held a committee in the past, please consider volunteering



### WPTC Committee

The WPTC is in need of a Financial Review Committee (needed for January) and a Nominating Committee (needed for March). Please contact Jen Cavanaugh ([jennifer.cavanaugh91@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.cavanaugh91@gmail.com)) if you are interested in the Financial Review Committee. A financial background is helpful but not necessarily needed. Please contact Cindy Mayle ([cddm333@yahoo.com](mailto:cddm333@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in the Nominating Committee.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### January, 2012

- Jan. 2.....District Office Closed
- Jan. 2-6.....Winter Break
- Jan. 9 .....School Resumes
- Jan. 9-20.....Benchmark and MAP Assessments
- Jan. 13..... No School for EC students  
First & Second Grade Birthday Lunches
- Jan. 16.....Martin Luther King Holiday-No School
- Jan. 17.....Kindergarten Registration Packet available
- Jan. 18.....Popcorn and Movie Dolphin Pride Celebration—Wear Pajamas  
WPTC Member Meeting at WPS 6:30 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 19.....Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WMS
- Jan. 20.....EC/Preschool Parent Participation Day 10:45-11:30 & 2:45-3:30  
Literacy Volunteer Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- Jan. 24.....District Roundtable, 6:30 p.m. at WPS
- Jan. 25.....Dolphin Pride Assembly-Wear school spirit or blue & white
- Jan. 27.....Teacher Institute Day—No School for students  
State of the District Board of Education Meeting,  
5:00-8:30 p.m. at WMS
- Jan. 28.....State of the District Board of Education Meeting,  
8:30-11:30 a.m. at WMS
- Jan. 31.....District Parent Leadership Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at WPS

### February, 2012

- Feb. 9.....Kindergarten Registration, 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. at WPS
- Feb. 10.....No School for EC Students
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