

WESTWOOD HAPPENINGS.....January 8, 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to our Westwood families! Winter has certainly arrived with the mass of snow and cold temperatures. Please continue to send your child with a hat, scarf, boots, warm coat and gloves enough for our 30 minute recesses. We also have quite a collection of these items in our Lost & Found.

We are planning another Westwood Winter Olympic day on Friday, February, 5th with Monday, Feb. 8th as an alternate weather day.

The Westwood play, *Aladdin and the Magic Lamp*, has been casted and rehearsals have begun under the direction of Mr. Reich. Please stay posted on the drama website for up-to-date information.

Please refer to the January and February calendars to keep informed of upcoming dates. In the meantime, stay warm!

Denise Brewster
Principal

From our school nurse....

I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to everyone who helped out with the second H1N1 vaccine clinic here at Westwood. Please remember to monitor your child's symptoms before sending them to school. The outbreak of pink eye prior to winter break could have been minimized if children were not sent to school infected. We were sending 2-3 children home a day with pink eye. This eye infection spread to more students and staff as a result. Students must be treated with the eye medication for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school. Also, if your child has a fever, please keep them home instead of sending them to school after treating them with a fever reducing medication. Thanks for your cooperation.

Calendar of dates:

January

- 12 1:30 DARE Graduation-gr. 5 mpr
- 14 6-8 PTO Movie Night/PTO mtg.
- 18 MLK Day-no school
- 18 Earth Dome Assembly
- 25 Professional Development Day-
No school for students
- 26 Market Day pick-up (Tuesday)
- 27 Kindergarten Parent Program

February

- 1-5 Kdg. Mass Registration-M.S.
- 5 Westwood Winter Olympics
- 8 Bd. of Ed. Recognition 7:00 MS
- 11 2:15 Valentine Parties
- 12 11 a.m. dismissal (no ½ day Kdg.)
- 15 Presidents' Day-no school
- 16-26 Gr. 2 Iowa/Cogat testing
- 18 5-8 Parent/teacher conferences
- 22 Market Day pick up
- 26 Mid-term reports sent home

For your information:

Our second movie night will be held on January 14th. We are featuring, Ice Age III: Land of the Dinosaurs. As this is a Potluck, please bring a main dish and dessert to share.

We are working on scheduling another skating party in Chagrin towards the end of March. We will keep you posted.

After school sports, Spanish classes, an open computer session on Wednesdays and a computer class with Mr. Whelan on Thursdays will be offered through Chagrin Falls Community Education. Their phone number is 247-5375. *Computer classes will not begin until the week of Jan. 11th.

PreK-12 Notification Parent Portal Usage Instructions are available on the Westwood Website. The Hotline is 1-800-846-4976 if you wish to set up an account and get the latest information via voice mail or text message from our district. Our website can be accessed at www.westq.org and then click on Westwood Elementary. Our newsletters are also posted on this site.

**If you have any old Holiday decorations you wish to donate, our PTO can use them next year. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped with our Craft Night!*

Many thanks to...

Our morning announcers: Hailey Donato, Robert Kelly, Bridget Vidal, Alanna LoBosco, Julia Patete, Celina Peltz, Chloe Jamison and Jessica Sargent.

Mrs. Davis for preparing our students for their Holiday Concert. The staff, students and parents in attendance enjoyed the performance!

Mrs. Marinelli, assisted by Courtney Feigle and Greg Gaither for running our annual Care for a family drive!

The following families who donated money to our fourth grade for Project Real World: the Owendoffs, Jevnikars, Wengers, Baraonas Robertsons, Garofalos and the K. & G. Machine Co. Mr. Vosicky is ordering needed supplies to support this worthwhile incentive program.

To our PTO for the wonderful Staff Holiday Luncheon they provided and for running the Holiday Gift Shop for our students to make purchases for family and friends. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to...

Mrs. Laurie Monaco, our cashier, for being named Staff Support Person of the Month for Rotary!

Our third grade students and staff on the fabulous job they did in preparing and presenting their annual Poetry Night. The reception featured hot cocoa and treats. The donations amounted to \$57 and it was given to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Jack Makee, Larion Davis and Ana Clara Silva for having their artwork displayed in Columbus for the Young People's Art Exhibit!

Our fifth grade band students on their successful band concert during December. Our band teachers, Mrs. Cosenza and Mrs. Cottell have done a wonderful job preparing our students for their first concert!

Mr. Vosicky's class for collecting the most Box Tops for the month of December!

Daniel Menges was the winner of our Geography Bee, followed by Anderson Clyde in second place and Matthew Amato in third place. Thank you, Mr. Reich, our announcer, and Mr. Vosicky and Mr. Baker, our judges.

Our Spelling Bee Classroom winners are Corey Finnerty, Chloe Lemieux, Zachary Elenin, J.T. Wenger, Cristina Formichelli, Peyton Mastroianni, Grace Carter, Matthew Robertson, and Xavier Zup in fourth grade. In fifth grade, the winners were Molly Alesnik, Kaylee Biesemeier, Austin Maquire, Anderson Clyde, Annie Morris, Gabi Engoglia, Kellie Cassese, Jenna Curtis and Tommy Montesanto.

The following students who will be League Captains: Anthony Trivosonno, Maya Delvalle, Ally Ziegler, Oriana Zup, Levi Veverka, McKenna Clayman, Rory Kelly, Mirielle Korting, Laney Harsch-Vanek, Jordan Robinson, Jack Makee, Hannah Brinning, Matthew Fazio, Gabriella Engoglia and Chloe Jamison. These students will assist Mr. Vosicky with some community outreach projects for Westwood student participation.

