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FEBRUARY 2018

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dates
to
Remember

Yearbook Sale \$18.00	02/01 through 02/28
Interim Distribution	02/06
Kindergarten and 1st grade Concert @7:00 p.m.	02/13
Valentine's Day Parties	02/14
President's Day	02/19
PTA Family Fun Day Super Games	02/24
PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	02/27

PRESIDENT'S DAY



FEBRUARY 19TH - NO SCHOOL

GEM AWARDS DUE SOON

Free ring pop for any student submission. Lets honor our hard working teachers, staff, and volunteers.



2018 GEM AWARD



Great Educator Mentor Award

The Great Educator Mentor Awards is given to recognize an individual who makes a difference in the lives of the students of each school in the Westerville School District and/or the school district as a whole.

Who Is Eligible to be nominated?

• Volunteers, Community Members, Parents, District & Building Teachers and Staff - essentially, any adult who goes above & beyond and makes a positive impact on the lives of Westerville students!

Who Can Nominate Someone?

• Anyone! Students, community members, families, Westerville schools staff members

Selection Criteria

Receiving a GEM Award is a special honor and is given yearly; therefore, the nomination essay must include examples of how the nominee:

- Has made a positive impact on students by going above & beyond the normal expectations of volunteer or staff member roles
- Has made this impact on students specifically during the period of February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018
- For a District award, examples must be provided of positive impact across the entire Westerville school district and/or at more than one building or area

Nominations are due by Friday, February 9, 2018

Please note:

- Only ONE person may be nominated per form
- Group/Team/Partner nominees are not permitted; EXCEPT, a couple who resides in the same household and serves together in the same capacity, doing essentially the same work as one, may be nominated together; the essay must reflect this (only one trophy awarded)
- Students and Parents/Guardians/Teachers/etc. may prepare a nomination together; however, adult assistance is not required. Students are encouraged to be independent. Each nomination is judged on its own merit
- Recipients are selected by committees using a specified scoring rubric. The person with the most nominations does not necessarily win; scoring is based on the specific examples provided in each essay
- DISTRICT nominations must include examples from more than one building/area or across the entire school district

Turn in the second page of this form PLUS your nomination essay to:

any Westerville school building office -or mail/hand-deliver to Westerville Parent Council, 936 Eastwind Dr. Westerville, OH 43081 -or email as attachments to westerville-parentcouncil@gmail.com

**Thank you for taking the time to
nominate someone special!**

MARK TWAIN NEWS

The Talent Show is Coming Up!

Parents please encourage your kids to participate in the upcoming Talent Show on April 6th, at WCHS. Every child has a talent! The Talent Show is not just a select few kids that can sing -- it is for every child! It is a platform for kids to share their knowledge, individuality, culture, leadership abilities, creativity, personality, and in doing so - it builds their confidence, gives them a voice, lets them face their fears in a safe atmosphere of acceptance, and helps them learn early that it is ok to try and not be perfect.

Auditions for the Talent Show

When: Wednesday, Feb. 21st
Thursday, Feb 22nd
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 both days
Where: School Library (please bring music you plan to use)
(you must be able to pick your child up after school on the day they chose to audition!**).



Everyone who wants to participate will be able to (but only in 1 act). The auditions are to get paperwork, preview music, and get a list of acts. The kids do not need their acts worked out completely but they must have some idea of what they may want to do. Please encourage them to explore talents they might not know they have like: using a yo-yo, whistling, hula hooping, doing karate, juggling, doing magic tricks, doing a short skit, showing off their sewing by having their friends do a fashion show, giving a motivating 2 minute speech, or writing their own poem and reading it. If your child is shy, or an introvert, they can still participate (and will receive acknowledgement at the Talent Show). Maybe your child is an encourager, or is able to plan, see the big picture and coordinate kids to practice a skit. That is leadership and is a huge talent! Maybe your child is an artist: they can show off their art by helping decorate for the talent show! Try to get your child to work with a few other kids to create something new that we have not seen before! Just getting your kids together with other kids to think about ideas for the talent show will create a common bond, build friendships, create a can-do attitude, and cultivate an atmosphere for creativity! So parents: Let us let their talent bloom!

Finally, we need some volunteers to help make the show a success! Contact Lisi Cuckler if you are interested in lending a helping hand (or if you have any questions) 614-404-7593.



Check Your Messages!!

When you see the school phone number on your caller ID, please check for messages before calling the school. ALL of the phones in our building will show up as 797-7200 and the office has no way of knowing how to direct your call to the appropriate person.



Intra-District Open Enrollment

Intra-District Open Enrollment applications are being accepted for the 2018-19 school year. The deadline for applications for middle and high schools is March 15, 2018. For elementary schools, the cut off date is May 1, 2018.

The program is coordinated through the Deputy Superintendent's Office for families who are enrolled full time in the Westerville City School District. Parents or guardians wishing to have their children attend a different school from their home school of attendance must complete and submit an Intra-District open Enrollment application. With this program, transportation to and from school becomes the responsibility of the parent. Parents or guardians will be notified of the decision in writing.

Application forms are available online, click here; at the Westerville City Schools Enrollment Center (300 Polaris Parkway, Suite 3200); at the Early Learning Center (936 Eastwind Drive); or at www.wcsd.org, where general guidelines can also be found.

MARK TWAIN REMINDERS AND REALLY USEFUL INFORMATION!



VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY



February 14th @2:30 p.m.



LOST AND FOUND!

Are you missing a shoe, a lunch box or a coat? Please remember to check the Lost and Found for misplaced items before the end of the month. All unclaimed items will be donated to W.A.R.M. at the end of the month.



BRRRRR.....

Student's go outside as long as it is 20 degrees. Please make sure your children dress for the weather



A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

If your student is diagnosed (by a doctor) with Flu, Strep, Pink Eye or any other contagious sickness, please let the school know and send a note in. It is very important for the school to know how many students have been affected by illness. Kids can have flu-like symptoms that are not the actual flu. Flu must be diagnosed by a doctor with a swab test. Rest, hydration and good handwashing and cough prac-



Mr. Groundhog

Tune: Frere Jacques

Mr. Groundhog, Mr. Groundhog,
Take a peek, take a peek.
If you see your shadow,
The weather will be awful,
For six more weeks, for six more weeks!



KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE CONCERT

Our kindergarten and first grade students will be performing a concert on February 13, 2018. The performance will take place at Westerville North High School in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. First grade students should arrive between 6:45–6:55 p.m. and sit in the audience with their parents/guardians until it is time to perform. There are no specific dress requirements but students are encouraged to dress nicely for the performan





NEWS AND INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET!

PTA Meeting
School Library
Tuesday, February 27th
7:00 P.M.



PTA Family Fun Day

Super Games

Saturday, February 24, 2017

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



INVENTION CONVENTION

The Invention Convention is a local and regional competition that allows school aged children to use their imaginations to solve everyday problems. Winners from individual schools move on to compete in a regional competition for scholarship money and other prizes.

Registration by: Friday, February 19

Inventions Due: Thursday, March 22

Judging: Friday, March 123

NO DROP OFF ZONE!

Please do not drop your child off in the bus turn about. We must keep this area clear for our buses!



Can you believe it's that time of year again?

Kindergarten registration is rapidly approaching. If you have a child that will turn 5 by September 30, 2018 they are eligible to register for kindergarten!

February 5, 2018 - Kindergarten Registration officially begins.



DISTRICT CALENDARS ARE HERE!

Don't forget to pick up your 2017 District Calendar in the school office near the volunteer sign-in computer and on the literature rack in the school hallway.



Yearbook Sale

February 1st through February 28th.

\$18.00 - Cash, check or charge!

Look for order forms going home this week!