



Sussex-Wantage Schools District Newsletter

February 3, 2023

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

2/7; 7pm SWPTO Meeting CANCELLED
2/17; EARLY DISMISSAL; Faculty/Staff PD
2/20; SCHOOL CLOSED
2/23; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS
2/28; 6pm CEL Math Night

MARCH

3/7; 7pm SWPTO Virtual Meeting
3/8; 6:20pm CEL Love of Reading Nt
3/9; EARLY DISMISSAL; Faculty/Staff PD
3/14; 6pm WES Math Night
3/16; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS
3/28; 6pm CEL Reading Night

APRIL

4/4; 7pm SWPTO Virtual Meeting
4/6; EARLY DISMISSAL; Faculty/Staff PD
4/7; SCHOOL CLOSED
4/10-4/14; SCHOOL CLOSED
4/18; 6pm WES Reading Night
4/27; 7pm BOE Meeting @ SMS

The 12-month calendar is
available to print on our
website

[12-month Calendar](#)

Don't forget to check
out our website

www.swregional.org

*Best of WES
a Musical Speck-tacular
Tuesday, February 7th the
Sussex Middle School @ 7
PM.*



The front entrance of Wantage
School has been formally
designated as "Terwilliger Lane" In
honor of Mr. Terwilliger





Young Authors' Conference

Featured Guest: Author of the book- Finding Gobi

Location: Frankford Twp. School

March 25, 2023

What is it? The Young Authors' Conference is an opportunity for writers, kindergarten-12th grade, to share their writing with other students and friends. It is also an opportunity to participate in mini-sessions designed to expand writing skills.

When: March 25, 2023, 9:00am-12:00pm

Who sponsors? The One Book, One Community Project supported by the school districts of High Point Regional, Frankford Township, Lafayette Township, Montague and Sussex-Wantage Regional.

What is the purpose? The purpose of the conference is to motivate and stimulate creative writing and to provide recognition for original work.

Who may attend? All area students in grades K-12. Registration fee is required for participation. Parents are not required to stay.

What to bring? Everyone should bring an original written work to share. There will be books to purchase at a Scholastic Book Fair.

Registration with t-shirt due by Wednesday, March 1, 2023. All others due Wednesday, March 8, 2023.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-book-one-community-young-authors-conference-2023-registration-514822527037>

Bad Weather...

Where to find School Closing, Delay & Dismissal
Information

www.swregional.org

[WSUS 102.3](http://www.wsus1023.com)

Facebook @swregional

Alerts from Realtime Notification (call settings in the Parent Portal)



Congratulations

Congratulations to all of the recipients of Educators of the Year and Education Support Professionals.

CE Lawrence School

GEOY is Mrs. Linnea Harper

ESP is Ms. Allie Ladany

Wantage School

GEOY is Mrs. Carol Speck

ESP is Ms. Kimberly Wannemacher

Sussex Middle School

GEOY is Mrs. Laura Aroune


ESP is Mr. Bill Gebhard

Congratulations the SMS students of the month for January.

6th Grade- Max Bloomer

7th Grade- Jack Kosinski

8th Grade- Tanner Haggerty



Students
OF THE
MONTH

CAFETERIA INFO

All Families, now is the time to deposit funds for your child(ren)s breakfast and or lunch. Payments can be made online to **PaySchoolsCentral** or checks can be made payable to: Sussex-Wantage Regional SD Cafeteria Account and include your child(ren)'s name on the check.

Directions for adding money via PaySchoolsCentral can be found on the [district website](#).



**School Lunch Menus can be
[found here](#)**





PTO NEWS

<https://www.swpto.org/>

FATHER *Daughter* DANCE

SWPTO Father Daughter Dance Fundraiser February 17, 2023

The SW-PTO Father Daughter Dance Fundraiser is open to
SW Pre-K - 8 daughters.

Students are welcome to bring any loved one as their Guest.

Tickets are available at;

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/swpto-father-daughter-dance-fundrais-er-tickets-511169791607>



PTO NEWS

<https://www.swpto.org/>

The SWPTO is pleased to offer Gertrude Hawk Chocolates as part of our Fundraising program this year. It's easy to participate! Simply set up an account and share the link so friends and family can shop our Spring Catalog.

Go to:

www.fundraising.gertrudehawkchocolates.com

and use our Organization ID # 119604.

Sales run NOW through February 21.

Thank you for your support!



Community



**SPRING 2023
SOFTBALL SEASON**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
REGISTRATION CLOSES on 3/1**

REGISTER ONLINE
at
www.HIGHPOINTSOFTBALL.com

**PLEASE CONSIDER
VOLUNTEERING
WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF
COACHES**

DIVISIONS OF PLAY
Rookies: Grades K-2
Intermediates: Grades 3-4
Juniors: Grades 5-6
Seniors: Grades 7-8

**NO LATE REGISTRATION WILL BE
ACCEPTED, CLOSES ON 3/1**

**Birth Certificate Required for 1st
Year Players**



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REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING '23

DIVISIONS OF PLAY

- Tball League - ages 5-6
- Coach Pitch (AAA) - ages 7-8
- Minors (Player Pitch) - ages 9-10
- Majors Division - ages 11-12
- Juniors Division - ages 13-14

- Early Bird Registration until 1/31
- Normal Registration until 3/1
- No Late Registration!!!
- Birth Certificate Required for all first time registrants

REGISTER AT www.SWLLBaseball.com

**Volunteers and Coaches are always needed!!!
Please consider helping out to continue our
program's success.**



★ Opening Day ★
Mid April
email us at
info@swllbaseball.com

**SUSSEX
WANTAGE
LITTLE LEAGUE**

★ Equipment Swap ★
Sat. Jan. 21 - 2-4pm
Beemerville
Firehouse

Community



[https://www.facebook.com/
HIGHPOINTMIDGETFOOTBALL](https://www.facebook.com/HIGHPOINTMIDGETFOOTBALL)



PO Box 254 Sussex, NJ 07461

Football and cheerleading registration is coming!!

HPMF OFFERS CHEERLEADING, FLAG AND TACKLE FOOTBALL TO RESIDENTS OF SUSSEX, WANTAGE, LAFAYETTE, FRANKFORD, BRANCHVILLE AND MONTAGUE FOR ALL YOUTH LEVELS STARTING AT KINDERGARTEN UP TO 8TH GRADE.

- Flag football is required for athletes entering kindergarten but is also open athletes in 1st and 2nd grades as well.
- Cheerleaders are placed according to the grade they will be entering in September.
- Cheer camp is mandatory in order to stunt and will be held at Titan Elite in Sparta, NJ the beginning of August.
- Official practices start early August with the tentative first game being the first weekend after Labor Day.
- Payment plan option is available when you register between 2/1-2/15. Full registration will open 4/1!

We are a non-profit 501(c)3 fully volunteer program. We are always looking for new sponsors and it is never too late to be come a High Point Midget Football and Cheer sponsor and supporter!

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION,
SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION AND TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD
FOR ANY OF OUR FOOTBALL OR CHEER LEAGUES.

www.hpjrwildcatsfootball.com

Groundhog Day: Punxsutawney Phil predicts six more weeks

On February 2, 1887, [Groundhog Day](#), featuring a rodent meteorologist, is celebrated for the first time at Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, [Pennsylvania](#). According to tradition, if a groundhog comes out of its hole on this day and sees its shadow, it gets scared and runs back into its burrow, predicting six more weeks of winter weather; no shadow means an early spring.

Groundhog Day has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of [Candlemas](#), when clergy would bless and distribute candles needed for winter. The candles represented how long and cold the winter would be. Germans expanded on this concept by selecting an animal—the hedgehog—as a means of predicting weather. Once they came to America, German settlers in Pennsylvania continued the tradition, although they switched from hedgehogs to groundhogs, which were plentiful in the Keystone State.

Groundhogs, also called woodchucks and whose scientific name is *Marmota monax*, typically weigh 12 to 15 pounds and live six to eight years. They eat vegetables and fruits, whistle when they're frightened or looking for a mate (they're sometimes called whistle pigs) and can climb trees and swim.

They go into hibernation in the late fall; during this time, their body temperatures drop significantly, their heartbeats slow from 80 to five beats per minute and they can lose 30 percent of their body fat. In February, male groundhogs emerge from their burrows to look for a mate (not to predict the weather) before going underground again. They come out of hibernation for good in March.

In 1887, a newspaper editor belonging to a group of groundhog hunters from Punxsutawney called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club declared that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's only true weather-forecasting groundhog. The line of groundhogs that have since been known as Phil might be America's most famous groundhogs, but other towns across North America now have their own weather-predicting rodents, from Birmingham Bill to Staten Island Chuck to Shubenacadie Sam in Canada.

In 1993, the movie *Groundhog Day* starring Bill Murray popularized the usage of "groundhog day" to mean something that is repeated over and over. Today, tens of thousands of people converge on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney each February 2 to witness Phil's prediction. The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club hosts a three-day celebration featuring entertainment and activities.



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