

HOMESTEAD-WAKEFIELD PTA NEWSLETTER



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January, 2010

MARYLAND READING MONTH

Happy 2010! The theme this year will be "Read for the Gold!" Very appropriate since the Winter Olympics will be taking place next month. Be sure to take the time to read the materials sent home to each of us this week from the HWES ILA Committee. There are a lot of nice family

activities noted....use this time to expand a good habit or create a new one in your household! Be sure to check the calendar given in the packet of information for information of daily activities so your child can get the most out of this month's program. If you misplace your information, you

can easily pull up the HWES calendar on our school website (www.homesteadwakefield.com). All of the month's activities have been included on our online calendar as well. Each Friday during January, be sure to take part in the "Reading Spirit Day" activity while also proudly displaying your

Wildcat pride apparel! Have fun, read a lot and enjoy the family time...because we all know that ...

...reading is FUNdamental!



Important January Dates

Monday, January 11 - Market Day Pick Up - Homestead Cafeteria - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12 - PTA Meeting - Homestead Media Center - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 15 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 18 - Schools Closed (Martin Luther King's Birthday Holiday)

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 19-20 - Schools Closed (Teacher Development)

Tuesday, January 26 - 4th Grade Musical

Friday, January 29 - Report Cards Distributed

Friday, January 29 - Family Game Night - Wakefield Cafeteria - 6:00 p.m.



New Year's Quote

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves ~ Bill Vaughn

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR



Committee Information and Updates

School Spirit—thank you to everyone who ordered School Spirit wear. There are a lot of new items. Please be sure to wear your school spirit apparel every Friday through the year to show your **WILDCAT PRIDE!!**

Yearbook— pictures...remember we need pictures from all events! Also, if anyone is interested in helping on this committee, contact sullizin@comcast.net or christy.parsons@comcast.net.

Membership—if you have not yet paid your dues, it is **not too late**. Please send in your money to your child's teacher marked "PTA Membership". We greatly appreciate it!! The money is used for so many things for the kid's!!

Lunchroom - this committee is in need of more volunteers!! If you could spare an hour each week, every other week or once a month, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Kim Bednarski at jkbednarski@hotmail.com.

Basket/Vera Bradley Bingo - our first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21 in the Homestead Media Center at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please just show up or contact Christine McPherson at mcpherson612@verizon.net for more information. As always, any amount of time you can spare goes a long way! You can mark your calendars for Friday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.!

Book Fair - Preview Night will be Friday, February 19. The Book Fair will run the week of February 22-26. More detailed information will be included in next month's Newsletter. Volunteers needed! Please contact:

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TEACHER IN THE SPOTLIGHT!!



Mrs. Amy Kraft (3rd grade)

Previously Ms. Bowser - CONGRATULATIONS!!

- **Favorite season:** Spring...it is not too hot or cold. So it is perfect for camping and roasting marshmallows, and it just seems like everything gets a fresh start. The trees and flowers are blooming and little animals are being born. My favorite part is that the days start lasting longer!!
- **Favorite subject when you were in elementary school:** SCIENCE...I love the mysteries and problem solving. I love discovering how things work - whether it is the human/animal body, how a tree grows or what species live in the ocean! It is exciting and hands on. There are so many different occupations you could get into if you were a scientist.
- **Most adventurous thing you have ever done:** Sky diving with my friends in Salisbury, MD. I jumped out of a plane at 10,500 feet! It was an awesome experience!
- **What you wanted to be when you grew up:** A teacher because I always loved school and I credit that to the amazing teachers that I had when I was little. As I got older, I realized that I wanted to help little ones learn, and love learning as much as I did. With hard work and a lot of support from my family, loved ones and Mr. Hunsinger...my dream has come true!

Something you would like us to know about you: I sing in a band called the Midneters and we play at bull roasts and shrimp feasts at different Yacht Clubs around Baltimore and Essex. It is my way of taking a break from my teaching life. Also, my husband and I fish and we just caught a 43 inch Rockfish!!



Family Fun Night

B-I-N-G-O



Friday, January 29, 2010 - Wakefield Cafeteria

Door open at 6:00 p.m. and games begin promptly at 6:15 p.m.

Bring your family! Prizes include crafts and games for the whole family to enjoy. There will be 10 games with one special, bonus grand prize (\$3 per board).

Feel free to bring your own snacks, drinks and daubers! Popcorn and juice will be provided!

Enjoy a free night of BINGO with the family and your child's friends!

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with this event, please e-mail Alison Conway at jaaconway@comcast.net.

Reflections

Mark your calendar for the Homestead-Wakefield Reflections ceremony. The date has been set for on Thursday, February 18 at 7:00 pm in the Homestead Gymnasium.

At this ceremony, students who entered the program will be honored for their participation in Reflections. All participating students and their families are invited to attend the ceremony. Come out and celebrate this accomplishment with your child!



Did You Know...

...HWES has a partnership with Christian Children's Center (through Bel Air United Methodist) who independently provide afterschool services.

For more information, call (410) 420-8304 or by e-mailing ccc@baumc.com.



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