

WILDCAT WATCH

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Mr. Hunsinger's Wildcat Wisdom

With just over 30 days left in the 2008-2009 school year and there is still a lot to be done. We are into our final marking period and making plans for end-of-year activities and celebrations. This is always a busy time; however, as in years past we will get everything done and begin to prepare for the 2009-2010 school year.

I want to recognize the outstanding staff for our big event GREEN that was held on April 22. The teachers and parents worked very long and hard to make it so special. Few schools anywhere have outstanding celebrations such as ours. We celebrate being a green school, as well as displaying the art work of students in our school from prekindergarten through grade 5. Enrichment activities were displayed also as part of the special event. We had more than 800 people in attendance, and everyone left here feeling really good about the achievements and abilities of the HWES students and staff.

Last reminder: Our prekindergarten and kindergarten registration will be on Friday, May 1. If you still have not scheduled an appointment, call the Wakefield office as soon as possible and get an appointment time.

Field Day is just around the corner. The special day will be held on the playgrounds of each building. The times are as follows:

FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

Rain Date: Thursday, May 7, 2009

<u>Wakefield Building</u>		<u>Homestead Building</u>	
Grade 1, Pre-K, E. I.	9:15 – 10:45 a.m.	Grade 3	9:15 – 10:45 a.m.
Grade 2	11:00 – 12:30 p.m.	Grade 4	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Kindergarten, Pre-K, E.I.	1:30 – 3:00 p.m.		

We appreciate the fifth grade students for being involved at each station during the event.

HERE ARE SOME DATES OF IMPORTANCE TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS:

May 1	Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Registration
May 5	Field Day (See times in earlier article.)
May 6	Fifth Grade Spring Concert – 7:00 p.m. - PMHS
May 15	Early Dismissal – SPRING FLING – Homestead Bldg. 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
May 19	PTA Meeting – 7:00 p.m. (Homestead Media Center)
May 22	Fifth Grade Distinguished Patriot Breakfast – 9:10 a.m. – Homestead Cafeteria
May 25	Schools Closed for Memorial Day
May 27	4 th Grade Band & Strings Spring Concert, Jazz Band – 7:00 p.m. – Homestead Gym
May 28	Parent Volunteer Breakfast – 9:10 a.m. – Homestead Cafeteria
June 1	PTA Staff Luncheon
June 2	Grade 5 Celebration and Picnic
June 4	Grade 5 Trip to Washington D.C.
June 10	Grades K, 1, and 2 - End-of-Year Assemblies (Times to be announced.)
June 11	Grades 3 and 4 – End-of -Year Assemblies (Times to be announced.)
June 12	Grade 5 – End-of-Year Assembly and Celebration – 9:05 a.m. in the Homestead Multipurpose Room
	Last Day of School for Students

With the warm weather upon us, there seems to be more people arriving on campus to pick up children. Please remember that if you are going to a classroom for any reason, you must stop at the office first to get a badge. Student safety and security is a major concern, and we do not want anyone going to classrooms without having signed in and out of the office.

Our campus clean-up was a real hit. Even though the numbers were less than in earlier times, there was still a lot done in the courtyard areas. It is another example of parents going the extra mile here at HWES. Thanks, PTA, Beautification Committee and our Girl Scouts and Brownies.

The Director of Elementary Education has reminded all schools that in recent weeks there were incidences in other schools where students accidentally had knives in their possession left in backpacks or jacket pockets from weekend scout trips. Make sure to check and see what comes to school. What is o.k. for a scout trip is not o.k. in school.

Bel Air Middle School – Jump Start to Success

Bel Air Middle School will have their **Jump Start to Success** program for 5th graders on **Thursday, May 7**. It begins at **6:00 pm**. The format for the evening involves adults attending workshops while students attend student workshops. Advance registration is requested. Please watch for the flyer to be brought home by your child and return the registration form to school by May 1st.

Brenna Sullivan, school counselor

Enrichment News:

Science Fair Results!!

Our Annual 5th Grade Science Fair was a great success. Over 60 students in the fifth grade participated in the event. A special thank you must go out to our judges who volunteered their time to conduct the interviews and to participate in the final judging process. They were so impressed by the amazing work done by all of the students! Congratulations to everyone who participated! The following students were honored for their projects:

First Place- “Crash!” By Robert B and Logan A

Second Place- “Does Soda Really Ruin Your Teeth” by Noah C

Third Place- “Bacteria” by Emma S

Fourth Place- “How Much Will It Hold” by Adam B & Jacob V

Fifth Place- “Banana Peel Mold” by Rhiannon A & Emma J

Sixth Place- “The Growth of Lima Bean Seeds” by Rachael H & Micayla V

Honorable Mentions-

“Bad Bananas” by Haley L & Erika V

“Explosive Eruptions” by Caroline S & Lydia R

Engineering Challenge

On Saturday, April 4, 8 students from HWES represented Harford County in the Maryland State Engineering Challenge held at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. We would like to recognize all of the participants for their dedication, time spent after school preparing for the challenge and their commitment to the task to design a working, small-scale theme park ride. Congratulations to all participants!

Andrew B-LaRue
Adam C-DeHart
Jonathan N-DeHart
Jack A- Miller

Jack S-Bohlman
Wilson P-Bohlman
Daniel W- Coppage
Logan D- Healey

They Say It's Your Birthday... The Homestead-Wakefield Elementary School Media Centers would like to welcome the newest Birthday Book Club Members for the month of April. The following people had birthdays recently and their parents purchased books for the libraries in their honor. The books they selected display a special plate with their names on the inside cover. Happy Birthday and a big Birthday Book Club welcome to the following students:

Grade K: Benjamin A, Brian L

Grade 1: Logan B, Madison B, Owen F, Sydney F, Brad M, Travis S

Grade 2: Sophia D, Chelsea D, Brooke E, Alexander E, Alexander L, Nicholas McB, Newton N, Kaitlyn S

Grade 3: James B, Samantha B, Nick F, Nick S, Ashley S, Kevin W, Gavin W

Grade 4: Cooper M

Grade 5: Joel D

If your birthday is in May or June, NOW is your chance to join the Birthday Book Club. May will be the last Birthday Book Club of the 2008-09 school year. Ask your teacher or school librarians (Homestead Building: Mrs. Walker; Wakefield Building: Mrs. Miller) for an application today!