

WILDCAT WATCH

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Mr. Hunsinger's Wildcat Wisdom

Greetings everyone!

I have some important information to share regarding what will be taking place in the future here at HWES.

Report cards will be sent home on Friday. Please take the time to go over them with your children and sign and return them. Teachers put a lot of time into each of the comments and it is our intention to give you the best possible evaluation of your student's progress. If you have a comment or question regarding information on the report card, feel free to send a note or e-mail your child's teacher and they will get back to you.

As I mentioned in an earlier *Wildcat Watch*, we lost a student to cancer, Dominic Osorio, earlier in the school year. The following letter is from Mrs. Michael regarding what HWES will be doing in his memory:

John's Hopkins Children's Drive

Dear Homestead-Wakefield Community,

This February we will be collecting coins school-wide in an effort to raise money for the children at Johns Hopkins Children's Hospital. We have collected coins in past years, and we have raised over \$2,000! As many of you know, we lost our first grade friend Dominic Osorio to cancer in November. He was a patient at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The coins that we collect will be raised in honor of Dominic and will help the families with children currently undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. So, how can you help? We are asking that as you find spare change (even pennies help!) around your house, you send them in. Students in all second grade classes will be counting the coins each morning upon arrival and keeping track of the money that is collected. Each classroom will have a "Johns Hopkins...Kids Helping Hopkins" coin bucket to use for the collection. We will be collecting money during the entire month of February and will let you know our total amount at the beginning of March. I would like to thank you ahead of time for your generosity and compassion. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Michael or Mrs. Mack in the Wakefield Building!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michael ~ 2nd Grade Teacher

On Wednesday, February 3, from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., we will have the Gianni fundraiser pickup in the Homestead building cafeteria. Please be sure to pick up your orders during the three-hour period.

Please be sure to have your children ready to exit from your cars in the morning when you are dropping them off. We want to get the children out of the cars and into the buildings as fast and as safely as possible.

Thanks to Mrs. Scarborough and our fourth grade students for a great musical, the Gingerbread House.

We have had inquires about ice cream for birthdays. The cafeteria needs three to five days advance notice.

We have had several calls regarding kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year. Information will be sent home shortly with specifics. If you have a question, please call school (410-638-4175) and ask for Mrs. Coates. The date for HCPS registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten will be Friday, May 7.

A parent called from the Fox Bow and Fairwind Farms community to report that there is a van/car roaming the neighborhood following children. Police have been called and are checking on the

situation. We have not had any reported instances here on the HWES campus, but we wanted everyone to know what was reported to us. Please review safety guidelines with your children so we can be sure to provide a safe environment not only at school, but in our neighborhoods as well.

Wakefield Art

Congratulations to Fiona C, Mackenzie P, Rebekah C, Andrew K, Ethan W, George H, and Daniel B. These students will represent Wakefield at the Winter County Wide Art Show starting in January. Also, a big congratulations to Jenna T whose artwork will represent us at the state level in the MSDE exhibit. Looking forward; Jenna B, Cassidy W, Bradley M, and Matthew Y will exhibit in the Spring Show.

Donation "Wish List": sturdy shoe boxes for dioramas, wrapping paper remnants for collages, magazines for reading or cutting, and clean metal jar lids.

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 January. 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: Grace P, Trevor P, Jake V

Grade 1: Safari C, Angelina M

Grade 2: Ana C, Alex C, Samantha C, Sophia P, Yianni P, Jenna T

Grade 3: Terra S, Hanna Y, William T, Alexis A, Addie K

Grade 4: Timothy T, MiKayla K, Nicole B, Kevin L

Grade 5: Jack D, Austin C

If your birthday is in February, NOW is your chance to join the Birthday Book Club. May will be the last Birthday Book Club of the 2009-10 school year. Ask your teacher or school librarians (Homestead Building: Mr. Robertson; Wakefield Building: Mrs. Miller) for an application today!

The Reflections Committee is pleased to announce that the ceremony honoring all Homestead-Wakefield Reflections participants will be held Thursday, February 18th at 7 pm in the Homestead gymnasium. All participants and their families are invited to attend. Also, all PTA members, HWES staff, and interested persons are invited to attend.

Nearly New Spirit Wear Drive

Has your little Wildcat outgrown his or her Spirit Wear? Don't throw it away! Dig out any good quality nearly new HWES Spirit items and please have your child drop them off in the **White Laundry Basket** in their School's front lobby.

All items will be laundered and ready for sale at greatly reduced prices at the Family Fun Night this Friday, 1/29/10, and at future PTA events.

This is a great way to raise money for our PTA and save money on Spirit Wear for your Growing Child- Everybody Wins!!!

Make our first sale this Friday a great success by sending in your Spirit Wear Items beginning THIS WEEK!

Please email Ginny Seeley at fourseeleys@verizon.net with questions.