

# February 2019 WRS Parent Newsletter

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## Calendar Update

There will be **no school on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** for Presidents' Day Observance.

## Next Month:

There will be a **no school on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** for a Superintendent's Conference Day.

There will be an **early dismissal on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** for professional development activities. 'Kiss and Go' will begin at 11:15. Buses will dismiss by 11:30.

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## Pleasant Valley PTA Update

**PARP** – (Pick A Reading Partner) will begin on **February 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through March 8<sup>th</sup>**. The theme is a **S.U.D.E.R.** reading celebration: **S**tudents **U**sing their **P**owers to **E**ngage in **R**eadng. Watch for more information.

**Membership** - The PTA would like to remind parents that it is not too late to join the PVPTA. Your membership money helps provide many special programs for the students of our two schools. It only costs \$6.00 to join! We hope you will consider joining this important organization.

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## Math, Science, and Technology Expo

The Math, Science, & Technology Expo 2019, sponsored by the Arlington Council PTA, will take place **Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30 AM to noon at Arlington High School. A variety of displays and demonstrations on a wide range of topics will be exhibited. Please check Arlington's website for further information.

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## The Giving Tree

Thank you for all the donations to our collection for The Giving Tree for the homeless shelter called The Living Room. Donations will be provided to the organization on **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. To date we have collected 26 hats, 24 pairs of gloves, 12 scarves, 74 hygiene items, 1 blanket, 4 bottles of detergent and a case of soup. A special thanks to Makayla Ingoglia for her individual collection of 100 toothbrushes, bars of soap and packets of toothpaste as well as deodorant, laundry detergent and \$400 in checks and cash. A special thank you to Makayla for her personal help, effort and support of this special collection. We would also like to thank the Pleasant Valley Department Store for their donations of hats, gloves and scarves. Thank you as well to ACME Grocery Store for their donation of a gift certificate. Thanks to all of our students as well as our local businesses for supporting this project.

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## Fourteenth Annual MLK Tribute

The annual tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. was held on **January 16<sup>th</sup>** at Arlington High School. Mrs. Sizemore led our wonderful students and rehearsed with them after school. Thank you to the following students for participating in this wonderful event: Haylee Ackerman, Alexander Aguilera, Reilly Cannon, Ciara Cepeda, Diamond Cuomo, Siena Fowx, Addison Hanlon, McKenzie Iacomini, Michael Iacomini, Heyam Ibrahim, Makayla Ingoglia, Courtney Kaan, Priya Kala, Darian Leeman, Brionna Mercay, Tyson Myers, Samantha Owens, Adrian Scores, Jasmin Scott, Grace Smith, Arian Toro, Aubrianna Thomison, and Sabrina Ventura. Thank you to Mrs. Ventura, Ms. Martin, Mrs. Sizemore and Mr. Sizemore for their assistance. Thank you for their participation in the worthwhile event.

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## News from the Health Office

Several children in our school recently developed gastrointestinal (GI) illness. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, low grade fever, dehydration and headaches. The illness usually lasts 24 – 72 hours. The best way to **prevent the spread of any GI illness is through proper hand washing**. All children are **not** to return to school for at least **72** hours after diarrhea/vomiting stops. Please call the Health Office with any questions - 845-635-4306. As cold and flu season winds down – a reminder that children should be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, all medication **including cough drops** must be kept in the Health Office. Students **cannot** carry or self-administer any over the counter cold medicines of any kind. An excuse note must be provided as well, stating why your child was absent.

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## Skate Your Heart Out

Health Quest is hosting a Skate Your Heart Out party on **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 to 12:30 at RollerMagic in Hyde Park. There is no admission fee and no skate rental fee. There is to be lots of entertainment including a photo booth, fun characters, a balloon drop and more! This to celebrate Heart Month.

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## Bus Drivers Always Needed

The Arlington Central School District is in need of school bus drivers. Applications for both bus drivers and as well as monitors are on an on-going basis. Applicants should have Class B licenses with P and S endorsements. If you are interested, please contact the transportation department.

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## Chess Club Resumed

Chess Club resumed meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Parent volunteers are still needed. If anyone is interested in helping supervise Chess Club, please contact the Mail Office at 635-4310.