

January 2019 WRS Parent Newsletter

Student Information Summary Sheets

We are once again asking for you to provide us with your contact information. Phone numbers, jobs, and contact information may have changed since our school year began. You will receive a copy of your child's 'Student Information Summary Sheet', printed on yellow paper. Please correct and return the form **ONLY** if there are changes so we can update our records. Please return any corrected forms by **January 18th**. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

*Please be sure your child knows what to do in the event of an early closing. Please notify the Main Office **IN WRITING** of any changes in the single drop-off location.* All delay or cancellation information will be announced on the following radio stations: WPDH-101.5 FM, WHUD-100.7 FM, WSPK-104.7 FM.

The district is using the SchoolMessenger communication service to notify you of changes in the school schedule. Please contact Central Office if you need to update information. If you have questions regarding your password, the website has prompts to assist you.

Calendar Update for January 2018

School Spirit Day – Friday, Jan. 11th. It is now **CRAZY HAIR DAY!**

No School - School will not be in session on **Monday, Jan. 21st** for the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

MST Registration Form

The Arlington Council PTSA invites all Arlington students K – 12 to participate in the 2019 Math, Science and Technology Fair. This event will be held on **Saturday, February 23rd** from 8:30 to noon at Arlington High School. Registration is due **January 21st** with forms available in the Main Office and online at www.mstfair.com.

Chess Club Resumes

Chess Club will resume meeting on **Wednesday, January 23rd**. Anyone interested in playing chess or learning how to play is welcome to attend every Wednesday morning starting at **8:00 AM** in the West Road cafeteria. We are in need of additional parent volunteers. Please call the Main Office or complete the Chess Club permission slip to get involved.

Reminders from the Health Office

Absent Notes

Children returning to school after an absence **must** present a note stating the date(s) and the specific reason for the absence (illness, family emergency, vacation, etc.) You may also email our school nurse, Mrs. Kovacs at lkovacs@acsdny.org with your child's reason for absence.

Extra Clothing

We are in desperate need of replacement pants for spills or recess issues. Medium to large size, soft knit, elastic-waist pants or sweat pants, sweat shirts and gloves for both boys and girls would be greatly appreciated. And please, if your child has borrowed any clothing items from the Health Office, we ask that those items be washed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

Outdoor Wear

Cold weather is here. Recess will occur *every day*, provided the temperature and wind chill are not below 20 degrees. This break to your child's academic day is very beneficial so please send them to school daily with hats, gloves, boots and a winter coat so they may participate in recess. If it's safe and students have snow pants, boots and gloves they can play in the snow. PLEASE label your children's clothing with their names.

If anyone has winter coats and/or gloves that can be donated to the Health Office for students who forget them, it would be greatly appreciated.

Screenings

Mrs. Kovacs will be doing vision and hearing screenings for all Grade 3 and Grade 5 students. She will also be doing scoliosis screenings for all Gr. 5 girls only. As always, please contact her in the health office with any questions – 845-635-4306.

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NAEP Testing

Our school was chosen to have select Grade 4 students participate in a brief assessment known as the Nation's Report Card. The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) will be given to students on **February 13, 2019**. In New York State, 250 different schools have been chosen to participate and information from this assessment informs decision making across the nation. The information collected is used for statistical purposes only. Selected student letters were sent home in December. If you have questions, please call the school.

Pleasant Valley PTA Updates

Membership

The PTA would like to remind parents that it is not too late to join the PV PTA. Your membership money helps provide many special programs for the students of our two schools. We hope you will consider joining this important organization.

PTA Meeting – There will be a meeting at West Road School starting at **6 PM on February 15th**. Dr. Brown will be discussing the Arlington Central School District's State Assessment Report.

Game Night

The PV PTA will be holding a Family Game Night at West Road School on **Friday, January 25th** from 5 to 8 PM. The snow date will be Friday, February 1st. This event will be for families to play board games and eat pizza together as a family. This event replaces the past Spaghetti Dinner. Our raffle baskets are still part of this event and basket themes have gone home in December. Please consider donating items to your child's classroom basket theme. If you have questions about the theme, please call either school's Main Office.

Board of Education Meeting and West Road School Library Reception

On **Tuesday, January 22nd**, the community is invited to West Road School's Library at 6 PM to thank all the departments that assisted with remodeling of the library this past summer. The Board of Education will then hold its monthly meeting at West Road School starting at 7 PM in the cafeteria.

Welcome New Staff / Name Change

We would like to welcome two new custodians. On our day shift, we welcome Robert Straley and on our night shift we welcome Lucy Ramirez. We also would like to congratulate our occupational therapist, Ms. Sigler, who recently got married and is now Mrs. DeCicco.

Holiday Gifts

After the holidays, we know the children are anxious to share their holiday gifts with others. We ask, however, that you help remind your child that there really is no time at school to play with new toys and it is distracting to our school program. At no time should expensive items such as I-pads, E-Readers, I-pods or other audio items be brought to school. Also check the handbook on line for items to leave at home.

Holiday Giving

The Living Room Day Shelter

Our Bucket Filling event is continuing. We are taking donations for The Living Room, a day shelter in Poughkeepsie. This location is open for showers, meals and laundry. We will be collecting the following items through the middle of January: gloves, socks, travel size soap, toothpaste, deodorant, laundry items, paper plates and cups, plastic utensils, granola bars, snacks, sugar, coffee and coffee filters. Thank you for your support.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection for the Pleasant Valley Free Library. We had 15 donations towards this fundraiser. We collected a total of \$900 (which includes my matching donation). We will be donating this at the end of the month. In case anyone still wants to participate, please stop by our Main Office. – H. Ogborn