March 2019 WRS Parent Newsletter

Calendar Updates

Staff Development Day -

There will be an **early dismissal on Friday, March 29**th for professional development activities. No lunches will be served. 'Kiss and Go' will begin at 11:15. Buses will dismiss by 11:30.

<u>Spring Recess</u> – School will not be in session from **Mon. April 15th to Monday, April 22nd.** Students will return on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Cram the Classroom

We are once again participating in Cram the Classroom, the district-wide food drive which will benefit Dutchess Outreach. **It will began on March 11th and runs through April 4th.** While any non-perishable food item is welcome, each week will have a suggested theme: **March 11th: Baby Week**

March 18th: Breakfast Week
March 25th: Pasta Week
April 1st: Canned Goods Week

Any and all donations will be greatly appreciated! Collection boxes will be located in the Main Lobby.

Diversity Night Celebration

Parents and students are invited to participate in our first Diversity Night Celebration. We invite parents to see student projects, see our "We Soar" mural and participate in different family activities. We invite all families on **Thursday, April 4** to participate. Watch for more information to follow.

Mother/Daughter and Father/Son Presentations

Dr. Christian Hietanen will be speaking to the districts' fifth grade boys and parents about physical and emotional changes associated with puberty in males and females on **Monday, March 25th from 6:30 to 8 PM at Arthur S. May School**. Please RSVP to our Health Office if you plan to attend. Letters were sent home last week.

Dr. Melissa Schiskie will be speaking to the districts' fourth and fifth grade girls and parents about physical and emotional changes associated with puberty in females and males on **Tuesday, March 26th from 6:30 to 8 PM at Arthur S. May School**. Please RSVP to our Health Office if you plan to attend. Letters were sent home last week.

NY State Exams Schedule

All 3rd through 5th grade students will be taking the New York State Exams during the months of April and May.

New York State ELA exam April 2nd and April 3rd

Make-ups will be held following the test dates

New York State Math exam May 1st and May 2nd

Make-ups will be held following the test dates

Please do not make any appointments for these days as students are tested both morning and afternoon. In the event of a two-hour delay, testing will be postponed.

Math, Science, and Technology Expo

The Math, Science, & Technology Expo 2019, sponsored by the Arlington Council PTA, took place on **Saturday, February 23rd** at Arlington High School. A variety of displays and demonstrations on a wide range of topics were exhibited. We would like to congratulate the following students for their participation: Jack Alfaro, Gavin Barry, Benjamin Berry, Gavin Clark, Liberty Dickman, Audriana Daudier, Carson Del Greco, Ember Fallon, Cooper Hoffman, Priya Kala, Charlotte Klusko, Elizabeth Mashburn, Owen McKeever, Arnav Mundra, Austin Perry, Evan Rickard, Madison Rugar and John Stinson.

All County Festival

Congratulations to the chorus and band students who participated in the Dutchess County Elementary All County Festival on **Saturday, March 9th** at Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park. These students were: <u>Chorus</u> – Samantha Baker, Ciara Cepeda, Kyle Lewis and Grace Smith. <u>Band</u> – Sean Atkins and Ronan Shumway. A special thank you to Mr. Zydel and Mrs. Hughes for assisting the students.

PTA BoxTop Winning Classes

The classes who turned in the most amount of BoxTops and earned lunch with the principals are Mrs. Frettoloso's at Traver Road School and Miss Deickler's class at West Road School. Please continue to send in BoxTops, in zip-loc bags labeled with your child's name and teacher's name. Thank you!