

West Road School's May 2019 Parent Newsletter

Calendar Update

* There will be a half day of school on **Thur. May 23rd** with dismissal starting at 11:15. No lunch will be served but a bagged lunch can be ordered.

* Our Memorial Day break will be five days - **Fri. May 24th to Tues. May 28th**.

* **Spirit Day** for May will be **Fri. May 31st**. It will be *Beach Day*.

* **Fri. June 7th** is a **half day of school** for staff assessment activities. Dismissal will begin at 11:15. No lunch will be served but a bagged lunch can be ordered.

New York State Math Test

On **Wed. May 1st and Thur. May 2nd**, we will be holding NY State Math Tests for Grades 3 – 8. Make-up exams will be held on Fri. May 3rd – Wed. May 8th.

New York State G4 Science Exam

The performance portion of this exam will be held in the gym **Wed. May 22nd and Wed. May 29th**. It is important that students are in attendance, so please try and not make appointments for students on these days. Your help and cooperation are greatly appreciated. The written portion will take place on **Mon. June 3rd**. Make-ups will occur June 4th and 5th.

Spring Concerts

Our Fifth Grade Spring Concert will be held on **Mon. May 13th**. Our Fourth Grade Spring Concert will be held on **Thurs. May 16th**. Both concerts will be held in the West Road Gymnasium at 6:00 p.m. Adults are invited to attend our 1:35 day concert if they are unavailable to attend the evening concert. We look forward to seeing everyone on these special evenings. We are also asking for families to consider donating a box of cereal at our concerts. We are looking to help support families in need over the summer with food. This cereal drive will help get us started with this important project. All help and support will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

One School, One Book

We revealed our *One School, One Book* title on Tues, April 30th. The book we will be reading this year is Wishtree by Katherine Applegate. Students will be able to access daily chapters through a link on our webpage that are read by staff members. Log on nightly to have the book read to you and your family as you read along. To access the chapters: Students should log into Google classroom (classroom.google.com) and click on the plus (+) sign in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Join the class by using the code: **ua3xiu**.

Every family will receive a copy of this book and we ask for you to read it at home during the month of May and June. Reading should take place each night Monday through Thursday. We are reserving Friday nights and the weekends to get caught up on reading. Books will be distributed on May 3rd along with a parent letter, a bookmark and calendar of questions and vocabulary words needed for reading. We ask that you wear red (for Read Every Day) in support of the main character in Wishtree who is named 'Red' on **Mon. May 20th**.

Book Swap

We are asking families to donate gently used chapter books for a book swap to be held in June during our One School, One Book Program. We would like to send all students home with at least one new book for the summer. Students do not need to bring in a book to get a book. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Feed and Read

We are planning to help support families that might struggle during the summer months with both food and books. We plan to use any leftover books to help put in food bags that will be picked up weekly at the school for our families to both feed the 'mind and body'. Please see the attached letter for more information. Return the slip or reply to this email regarding your interest.

Pleasant Valley P.T.A.

Nominations for the P.V. P.T.A. Executive Board will be voted on at the meeting to be held on **Tues. June 11th**. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, letters of interest are due no later than **May 23rd**. Please email pvptanomination@gmail.com to express your interest. All positions are open. You must be a current P.V. P.T.A. member to be considered for a position on the executive board. Please consider getting more involved in your child's school education.

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Budget Voting

The Arlington Budget and School Board vote will be held on **Tues. May 21st** with voting hours from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Our attendance zone residents should vote at Traver Rd. School. If you are not registered to vote, you may register at Traver Road Primary School between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on any day school is open through **Tues. May 14th**. Late voter registration will also take place at Traver Rd. Primary School on **May 14th** from 4 to 8:30 PM.

You can find out information about potential Board of Education members at the Meet the Candidate Night on **Mon. May 6th** at 7 PM at Arlington High School. There are three open Board of Education positions available this year.

If you are unable to get to Traver Rd. School to vote on **May 21st** you or your family members may request an absentee ballot at the Arlington Central School District Clerk Office. The office is located at 144 Todd Hill Road, LaGrangeville, NY. For more information, please call 845-486-4460.

Tues. May 6th – Meet the Candidates Night

Arlington High School at 7:00 PM

Tues. May 14th – Late Voter Registration

Traver Road School 4 to 8:00 PM

Tues. May 21st – Budget Vote

Traver Rd. School 6 AM to 9:00 PM

Ice Cream Social

Traver Rd. School 6 PM to 8:00 PM

Hosted by the PTA - Free for children, \$1.00 for adults

News from the PE Department

Hoops for Heart/Jump Rope for Heart: West Road School students raised \$7628 for the American Heart Association this year. Over the last 18 years, West Rd. School families have now raised over \$142,795 for the American Heart Association. The top fundraiser was Kyle Lewis who raised \$360. Thank you to Mr. Murphy for his efforts organizing this event!

AHPERD Award: Congratulations to Sabrina Ventura and Nathanael Tompkins on receiving the New York State AHPERD (Association of Health, PE, Recreation and Dance) Southeastern Zone Award for Physical Education. This award recognizes students that display leadership and are positive role models in Physical Education class. Great job Sabrina and Nathanael!

Pleasant Valley 4th Annual Earth Day Clean-Up

On **Sat. May 11th**, help volunteer for a town sponsored clean-up day. Bags and gloves are provided to volunteers who come to help clean up the community. Clean-up check-in starts at 8:30 (rain date 5/18). Clean from 9 to 12 and then enjoy a picnic lunch provided at Cady Park at noon.