

West Road School's November 2018 Parent Newsletter

Calendar Update

There will be **no school**:

Tues. Nov. 6th for Superintendent's Conference Day

Mon. Nov 12th for observance of Veteran's Day

Wed. Nov. 21st thru Fri. Nov. 23rd for Thanksgiving Recess.

December Highlights:

There will be **no school** on **Thurs. Dec. 6th** for parent/teacher conferences. The snow date is Fri. Dec. 7th. Please contact your child's teacher if you do not have an appointment set.

Thurs. Dec. 13th is a **half day of school** to allow time for additional conferences.

Concert Night: Mon. Dec. 17th: Grade 5 Chorus, Advanced Orchestra and Advanced Band will perform at 6 PM. Snow date is Thur. Dec. 20th.

Personal Safety Program

The children will be having their personal safety instruction the week of November 13th. Our program is provided through the Dutchess County Child Abuse Prevention Center. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions regarding this program.

Say Cheese Again

Retake Day at West Road School will be **Fri. Nov. 16th**. Packets must be returned at the time of the make-up session. Students who did not have their photo taken in Oct. will also have their photo taken.

Pleasant Valley PTA

Membership – It is not too late to sign up to be a PVPTA member. Becoming a member helps support the many programs that are provided to the students at Traver and West Road Schools.

BoxTops – Keep collecting your BoxTops for Education. Our families collected \$551 so far! The two top class collectors in October were Mrs. Piehler at TRS and Mrs. Madison/Mrs. Mackey at WRS. Both classes will receive extra recess and will display the school's trophy until the next BoxTop challenge winners are announced.

Book Fair – WRS Book Fair will be held **Nov. 28-30**. Our Fourth grade students will also be singing in the cafeteria. At 6:15: Ms. Barnes/Mrs. Francia, Ms. Rock and Mrs. Smith and at 7:00: Mrs. Coppola, Mr. Duvivier, and Mrs. Kurdziel

WRS Students CAN Give a Helping Hand

WRS Blood Drive - We will be holding a blood drive on **Thurs. Nov. 1st** from 3:30 to 8:00 PM in the West Road School café. Please consider donation blood which helps resupply our local blood banks.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF – We have sent home orange UNICEF Halloween collection boxes. This program is supported by the United Nations. Money donated will help provide clean water, nutrition, food and education for children in need. Please do NOT allow students to collect money door-to-door unsupervised. If you do not wish to collect money during trick-or-treating, some families have chosen to collect money at their own home with friends and family prior to Halloween. Checks may be made out to "Trick or Treat for UNICEF". Money is due back to West Road School on **Friday, Nov. 2nd**.

Food Drive – We are asking our students and families to help support our local food pantry from **Oct. 29th – Nov. 16th**. Items can include canned items and non-perishable food such as canned fruits & vegetables, tuna and other meats, pasta, sauce, soup, cereal and other boxed and canned items. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated to help us fill shelves at our local food pantry.

Hair Drive – We will be holding our annual Hair Drive on **Fri., Nov. 2nd**. It will be held at **Marion Salonspa's** in Sycamore Square, 2510 Route 44 near Troop K from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Services will include haircuts for \$25, clipper cuts for \$15 and pink hair extensions for \$15, all on a first come, first served basis. **All donations at the hair drive need to be cash or check payable to the American Cancer Society only. Credit cards are not accepted.** Hair donations of 10 inches or more will be donated to "Locks of Love" or "Pantene Beautiful Length".

Spirit Days

The spirit day in November is **Fri. Nov. 2nd** and is "Hats Off to Cancer" day. Students can wear hats in school and they can donate a suggested \$1.00 which will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Newsletter Change

In an effort to be more environmentally sound, we are planning to have newsletters sent home electronically starting in January. It will also continue to be posted on our district website. If you would like a hard copy of the newsletter still, please contact the main office.