

West Road School's October 2018 Parent Newsletter

Calendar Update

School will be **closed Mon. Oct. 8th** for Columbus Day. School will **dismiss starting at 11:10 on Wed. Oct. 24th AND Oct. 31st** for professional development activities for teachers.

Chess Club

Chess Club will begin **Wed. Oct. 10th at 8:00 AM** in the cafeteria. All students are invited to participate but must return a permission slip. You do not need to know how to play chess to attend. Students will be taught how to play by our parent volunteers. Students can **NOT** be dropped off before 8:00 AM since we do not have supervision until that time. We appreciate your help by not dropping off your child early. Thank you.

Note from the Health Office

On **Fri. Oct. 16th**, the Pleasant Valley Fire Department will be at West Road School. They will be conducting fire drills and reviewing safety procedures for Fire Prevention Week. They will be setting up a smoke house as one of their demonstrations. The chemical used in the smoke house is not toxic. However, if you do not want your child to participate in this event, please send a note to your child's teacher or call Mrs. Kovacs in the Health Office at 635-4306.

The fifth grade students will also have a demonstration with K-9 Libby. The students will find out the explanation of her job at the sheriff's office and their training which will explain how K-9's use their nose to locate things and will include a K-9 demonstration with select students. If you do not wish your child to be involved in the K-9 demonstration please call your classroom teacher.

Spirit Day for Traver Rd and West Rd Schools

Arlington Miles of Hope Day

October 19th – Wear Pink

Arlington Central School District is participating in the county wide Miles of Hope Day. This is a local breast cancer foundation with a mission to fund support services, outreach and education for people affected by breast cancer in the Hudson Valley. We encourage everyone to wear pink on **Fri. Oct. 19th** in support of Miles of Hope and breast cancer awareness month.

Wed. Oct. 31st is **NOT** a spirit day and we will not be celebrating Halloween at school. **NO** costumes, hair color or make-up should be worn by students this day since it will be a disruption to our educational day.

October Coat Drive

Dutchess Outreach is a non-profit volunteer organization which helps families in our community. A collection box for donated coats will be in the main lobby of West Road School from through **Oct. 25th**. New or gently used coats for men, women and children will be accepted. Please help support our building's "Bucket Filling Event" and donate a coat. Thank you.

Dictionary Donations

The Pleasant Valley Rotary Club donated dictionaries to every third grade student on Sept. 25th. The Rotary performs many worthwhile community events yearly. The Rotary is a worldwide organization that is comprised of many clubs. We thank them for their generous gift which will help our students for many years to come.

Arlington Explorer Passports

The passport program is a joint effort between Arlington PTSA Council and our school's PTA and is continuing from last year. "Passport Events" in our district will be advertised. Students are encouraged to attend and add stamps in their passports. Students will receive a prize for every three stamps.

Summer Reading Program

We encouraged students to come to West Road School's library or the Pleasant Valley Library to participate in our summer reading program in July and August. The following students participated this year: Emma Berry, Claire Breton, Liberty Dickman, Brianna DiSanto, Andrew, Carter & Riley French, Mason Fowx, Conner & Cooper Hoffman, Daphne Jones, Patrick Jordan, Angelina Maestri, Damon & Brianna Mercay, Savanna Overton, Botwewah Pinewood, Tessa & Tori Rancourt, Madison Rugar, Meaa Sibley, Nayan Swarup, Michaela Tesh, Fallon Tippa, Ariana Toro, Lucas Whitten. Thank you to the parents and family members who helped our students participated in this program. We encourage everyone to keep reading throughout the school year too.

WRS Blood Drive and Hair 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.

Our 'Cuts for a Cure' hair drive will be held at Marion Salonspa on Route 44 near Troop K on **Fri. Nov. 2nd**. All money raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society. All of the services are performed on a first come, first served basis. All of the workers donate their time to participate in this fundraiser. More information will be coming home soon.