

WPA: Watch Us SOAR

Weekly Newsletter



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Administration Notes

REMINDER—TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES EXCEPT FOR DANCE WHICH ENDS DEC. 19TH.

As we struggle with shopping lists and invitations, compounded by December's bad weather, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this aggravation, and people to whom we are worth the same.

-- Donald E. Westlake

As we enter one of our busiest times of the year, I want to remind everyone that our long days pay off for our kids. Teachers and families will be filling their days with not only academics, but rehearsals, family events, meetings, all on top of getting ready for the holidays. We can grumble through these days, or take one at a time and do the best we can with a smile and gratitude for our family and friends. Let's focus on the most important part of our lives, our children, and be sure their needs are being met with love.

I have to share the picture below for two reasons. One, to brag about Patricia Wisenbaugh, an 8th grade student here that drew this for our Band Winter Performance Program. She is truly blessed with many talents! Second, I felt this exact way putting up lights at home on Tuesday night, and I know many of you have been there. What can you do but laugh? Excellent illustration, Patricia!



Mrs. Shemes

Holiday Mail for Heroes

The 7th grade is conducting a service project to send cards and letters to the men and women that protect our country. Our students will be entering the classrooms school wide and helping make cards and letters to show our appreciation. On December 16th we will be sending these letters to the deployed soldiers.

We welcome all families to join us!



Upcoming Events

- 12/8 Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. in Music Room
 - Tuesday 12/13— Performance
6:30 p.m.
 - Friday 12/16—\$1 Jean Day
 - Tuesday 12/20—Ballet & Tap
Performance @ 6:30pm
- 12/22—Half Day of School
11:30am Dismissal
WINTER FUN DAY!
FREE JEAN DAY!**
- Friday—12/23
Winter Vacation through
1/2 —Return to School
1/3/2012

Lunch Changes

On December 1st WPA went back to a one-choice lunch program.



Until you walk a mile in
another man's moccasins,
you can't imagine the
smell.—

Robert Byrne

Steps to genuine listening:

1. Listen with our eyes, heart, and ears.
2. Stand in their shoes.
3. Practice being warm and caring.

Sports Corner
Basketball/Cheerleading
JV 4:30 Varsity 5:30

- 12/8 HOME VS NORTHRIDGE
- 12/13 AWAY VS LINDEN CHARTER
- 12/15 AWAY VS ACADEMY OF FLINT
- 12/21 HOME VS MADISON ACADEMY
- 1/3 HOME VS BURTON GLEN
- 1/5 AWAY VS NORTHRIDGE



Looking for parent volunteers to help with score keeping and concessions.



PERFORMANCES

Rock Band, Band and Strings

- Tech Rehearsal (bands)—Friday Dec 9th 1p.m.
- Matinee Show strings and band-Monday Dec. 12th 1 p.m.
- Performance –Tuesday Dec 13th 6:30 p.m.
(Performers need to arrive by 6)

Dance

- Tech Rehearsal - Friday, Dec 16th 12:45
- Dress Rehearsal - Tuesday, Dec 20th 1:30
- Performance - Tuesday, Dec 20th 6:30
(Dancers need to arrive by 5:45)

CONCESSIONS OPENED FROM 5:45PM—6:30PM AND AFTER PERFORMANCE
 CLOSED DURING PERFORMANCE
Raising Funds for the Reading Month Author in March



Girls in 4th—8th grade interested in playing basketball need to have a physical on file. Forms are available in the office.

WPA is looking for a JV girls basketball coach. Those interested need to contact Mr. Erickson for more details.

Get Free Admission to Home Games

By bring a non-perishable or canned food item with you when you attend one of the home games, you will be able to get free admission, but more importantly, you will be helping a family in need!
We are asking that you bring one item per person that is expecting to receive free admission. THANK YOU!

Adopt A Family!



If you would like to Adopt a Family during the Holidays, please contact the office for details.

Free Drama Classes at Flint Youth Theatre

All classes are free and held on 12/3 and 12/10

Grades 1-3 Puppet Creation:

Little Red Riding Hood 9-10 am

Grades 4-6 Junk Puppets: Fables

10:30-11:30 am

Grades 7-12 Movement for the Actor

11 am-1 pm



Popcorn Fridays

Each bag is \$.50 and due by Thursday to Classroom teachers.



Suggestion Box

Each month, WPA will be conducting a survey from parents, staff & students about a variety of topics.

The suggestion box, survey, and pencils are located outside the main office. Feel free to share your opinions!

We will soon also have it on our school website where you can submit your answers!

www.wpcharterschool.org

Mr. Tiggart is in need of 1 and 1/2 gallon containers or tubs to help with school store. Thank you in advance for your help!

NEXT WEEK THE LEADERSHIP CLASS WILL BE CELEBRATING RED RIBBON WEEK.



RED RIBBON WEEK IS WHERE STUDENTS PROMOTE MAKING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES, AND SAYING NO TO DRUGS!