

# VIKING VOICE EXPRESS

## SAVE THE DATE...



WILLIAM ANNIN MIDDLE  
SCHOOL PTO

PROUDLY PRESENTS OUR  
SPRING LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2012**

THE OLDE MILL INN

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

NOW WE CAN ALL LUNCH,  
LAUGH AND SHOP

FEATURING COMEDIAN

**JAY BLACK**

## CALENDAR

For full calendar go to  
[www.williamanninpto.com](http://www.williamanninpto.com)

### FEBRUARY

- 3 Registration deadline for AO Spring Sports
- 6 Snow date for 7th Grade Scheduling Assembly
- 7 "A Night of Disney" Cast and Crew Ticket Sales Starts 3:30-6  
(See flyer on page 2 for additional times)
- 8 **General PTO Meeting #4** /9:15 am/ Auditorium
- 9 Character Education Day
- 9 CML Contest after school until 3:00 pm
- 13 BOE Meeting 7:00pm/WAMS Auditorium
- 16 Music trip to VA Hospital/9:00-11:00 am
- 17 Character Education Day
- 20-24 MID-WINTER RECESS/SCHOOL CLOSED
- 27 Return to School
- 27 BOE Meeting 7:00pm/WAMS Auditorium
- 28 NJML Contest after school until 3:10 pm
- 29 Holocaust Remembrance Day

### MARCH

- 1 "Sticky Pic" Day
- 6-9 8th Grade Scheduling with RHS Counselors/ Center
- 6 5th Grade Parent Orientation/7 pm/ Auditorium

## PTO Meeting Update

Please attend next week's PTO meeting on **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012** at 9:15 AM in the auditorium. After PTO news and events, we will hear presentations and have the opportunity to ask questions regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade transition to Ridge High School with our featured speakers:

Ridge High Principal Frank Howlett  
Director of Curriculum and Instruction Sean Siet

Please take this opportunity to become more informed prior to the 9th grade course scheduling meetings March 6th - 9th.

Hope to see you there!  
Refreshments will be served.

**WAMS PRESENTS**  
**"A NIGHT OF DISNEY"**  
**GREAT FAMILY FUN**



**Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 2:00 pm**  
**Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2:00 pm**

**TICKETS ON SALE**  
**STUDENT LUNCH SALES**

February 13, 14, and 15

Students may buy 6 tickets per day during their lunch period

Cash Only

Ticket Price: \$12.00

**PUBLIC SALES**

Saturday, March 10  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

# SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, March 15  
7:00 pm at the RHS PAC**

A follow up to the fall viewing of the movie "Race to Nowhere"

**Dr. Maurice J. Elias,**  
Rutgers Professor of Psychology, licensed psychologist and author will discuss:

***From Race to Nowhere to Race to Somewhere:  
Preparing our Children for Life, College, and Career Success***

Co-Sponsored by the PTOs of all  
Bernards Township Schools

**Dr. Elias' outline for the presentation:**

**"From Race to Nowhere to Race to Somewhere, preparing our children for  
life, college, and career success"**

The topics he would like to cover include the following:

- \* Why are we racing to nowhere-parents have many fears about the future
- \* Confusion about what it means to be educated for the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- \* We need to prepare students for the tests of life and not a life of tests
- \* Emotionally intelligent parenting-a race to somewhere/cherished value/  
a life of balance

Listen to Your Feelings:

- \* Emphasize your kids' strengths and promote their SECD and SEL skills
- \* Apologize when you lose your cool and monitor your trigger situations

Step into Your Children's Shoes:

- \* Our agendas, schedules, rules, and goals are not necessarily our kids' agendas, schedules, rules, and goals
- \* Provide rationales/create motivation
- \* Use verbal warnings, schedules, timers, contingencies
- \* Provide clarifying rules and consequences so your children know what to expect and can better take responsibility for their actions
- \* Make your home an oasis against stress by making time for humor and fun

*"Parents and schools must collaborate to give children what they  
most need for success in school and life."*

**Follow the 24 Karat Golden Rule:**

Do unto your children as you would have **others** do unto your children;  
**be** the person you want your kids to be.