

THE VIKING VOICE

EXPRESS

WAMS Courtyard and Beautification Activities

On Saturday, November 5, beginning at 9:30 am, the Courtyard Committee of William Annin will have an opportunity for WAMS students in scouting or other affiliations to earn service hours. You will be assisting William Annin teachers, Mr. Beykirch and Mrs. Delorenzo, along with members of the PTO Beautification Committee, by spreading stone and mulch in the WAMS courtyard and, possibly, assisting Mr. Beykirch with some small building projects. If you are interested, please contact Jan Williams at rjwillia@verizon.net for further details.



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5. Remember and use your card each time you make a purchase. EVERY dollar helps!



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contact Monique McHenry at

Moniquealb@aol.com

CALENDAR

For full calendar go to
www.williamanningpto.com

NOVEMBER

- 4 Character Education Day
- 4 **6th GRADE FAMILY FAIR/**
7-9 pm/Gymnasium
- 6 Tae Kwon Do Championships/
9am-5 pm/RHS/New Gym
- 9 1st Marking Period Ends
- 9 **General PTO Meeting #2/**
9:15 am/Cafeteria
- 9 7th Grade Author Visit,
David Lubar
- 10-11 NJEA CONVENTION/
SCHOOL CLOSED
- 14 BOE Meeting 7pm/WAMS
Auditorium
- 15 1st Marking Period Report
Cards-Online
- 18 Character Education Day
- 20 **Turkey Trot** 5K Run and
Health Walk
- 23 EARLY DISMISSAL-12:15 pm
- 24-25 THANKSGIVING RECESS/
SCHOOL CLOSED
- 28 BOE Meeting 7 pm/WAMS
Auditorium

November PTO Meeting

Please attend our general PTO meeting, **Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 @ 9:15 AM** in the **cafeteria**.

In addition to PTO news and an Annin update from Principal Karen Hudock, the meeting will feature **Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Sean Siet**.

His presentation will highlight recent results and changes to NJASK testing.

WAMS News

Directories and PTO Membership

If you didn't have a chance to pay your PTO dues, please send a \$20 check payable to WAMS PTO in an envelope marked with your student's name and homeroom teacher. Your directory will be delivered to your student through their homeroom teacher. If you believe that you paid your PTO dues and did not receive a directory, please email

elaineedge@optonline.net.

Additional directories are available for \$5 to those who have paid their membership dues. Please send check through homeroom in envelope marked directory.



Directory Changes

Please correct the following information in your directory...

McCluskey, Megan (8)

14 Royal Oak Drive

Far Hills, NJ 07931

580-5045

Keith/Jemi

jemimclluskey@aol.com

(Megan was inadvertently added to the other WAMS McCluskey family)

More Changes-Please Add

Lotrean, Isabella (6)

189 Jamestown Road

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

350-7339

Marinel/Marie 507-3002



WAMS Spring Musicals

"A Night of Disney"

Mulan Jr. and

Beauty and the Beast Jr.

March 23, 24, and 25

Auditions

for this year's Spring Musical will be in November.

Please see the theater board outside the cafeteria for more information.

We like to see boys and girls from all grades try out for these great Disney Musicals.



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR The BASKING RIDGE TURKEY TROT 5k AND HEALTH WALK

sponsored by the WAMS PTO on Sunday morning, **Nov 20th** at Mountain Park?

Now's your chance!

Registration form and more details are available through

www.compuscore.com

(look under November events).

Please contact Elaine DiDario

393-9077 at

didario@optonline.net or

Julie Keating 696-1355 at

jbkchs@verizon.net if you have

any questions.

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT VINCENT

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, MANY STUDENTS OF WILLIAM ANNIN TOOK TIME TO WRITE LETTERS TO SOLDIERS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. IN THE LETTERS, THE STUDENTS WROTE WORDS OF PRAISE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY ABROAD. THEY ALSO HAD SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR SOLDIERS ABOUT DIFFERENT TOPICS RANGING FROM THEIR FAVORITE JOLLY RANCHER FLAVOR TO WHAT THEY DO WHEN THEY ARE SCARED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

ON OCTOBER 13, WILLIAM ANNIN RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS FROM CAPTAIN ROBERT VINCENT OF THE TASK FORCE 804TH MEDICAL BRIGADE IN IRAQ. HE RESPONDED TO MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT THE STUDENTS ASKED AND EXPLAINED THAT HIS UNIT WORKS TO ENSURE THAT SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AT THE AL ASAD AIR BASE RECEIVE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL CARE. HE ALSO DESCRIBED HOW THE SOLDIERS LIVE IN "CHUS" (8x20 SHIPPING CONTAINERS CONVERTED INTO LIVING QUARTERS) AND HOW THE TEMPERATURE CAN REACH UP TO 134 DEGREES WITHOUT ANY RAIN! CPT. VINCENT SHARED HOW THE SOLDIERS LIKE TO PLAY SPORTS AND EXERCISE WHILE THEY ARE THERE TO ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES. HE ALSO ASSURED THE STUDENTS THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE TIMES THAT ARE SCARY, THE SOLDIERS ARE VERY WELL TRAINED AND THIS ALLOWS THEM TO GET THEIR JOB DONE EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE SCARED. CPT. VINCENT CONCLUDED HIS LETTER BY MENTIONING ALL THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT THE STUDENTS DESCRIBED- GRANDFATHERS, UNCLES, COUSINS- WHO SERVED OR NOW SERVE OUR COUNTRY. HE ENCOURAGED THE STUDENTS TO THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE.

CPT. ROBERT VINCENT REPORTED THAT HIS UNIT WILL HOPEFULLY BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES IN DECEMBER. OUR STUDENTS DID A FANTASTIC JOB WITH THE LETTERS AND SURELY BROUGHT MANY SMILES TO THE SOLDIERS' FACES!