

THE VIKING VOICE

EXPRESS

WAMS Courtyard and Beautification Activities

We will be planting and cleaning-up the courtyard and the area in the front of the school adjacent to the main entrance, and we need your help!

Do you have contacts with landscapers or garden centers that could help us obtain donated or discounted mulch and plants?

Do you have WAMS students who are scouts or in other groups who need service hours?

If so, please contact Jan Williams at rjwillia@verizon.net.



Free money for our school!

Sign up for Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Today!

Sponsored by the WAMS PTO

Here's what you do:

1. Log onto www.stopandshop.com/aplus
2. Scroll down to the A+ option on the screen.
3. Click "register your card".
4. CHOOSE WAMS (code# 06456) and Register the number located on your stop and shop rewards card. If you don't have one they take minutes to sign up for in the store.
5. Remember and use your card each time you make a purchase. EVERY dollar helps!



On Friday, November 4, 2011 William Annin Middle School will host a **Sixth Grade Family Fair** from 7-9 PM in the Annin gymnasiums. The William Annin Peer Leaders invite all sixth grade students and their families to this evening event, which promises to offer fun and entertainment for everyone. There will be carnival-type games such as a baseball toss, football throw, and a can knock down, with raffles, music and tons of fun. Various prizes are waiting to be won. Admission is \$5 per student and \$2 for each family member. Each paid admission earns some free game tickets, but additional tickets will be sold for .50¢ each. Some light snacks and refreshments will also be sold. All proceeds will directly benefit the sixth grade activities account to offset costs associated with their end of the year field trip. The William Annin Peer Leaders in coordination with the WAMS PTO are excited to bring you this second annual 6th grade community event.
(Donations are needed, see last page.)

CALENDAR

For full calendar go to
www.williamanninpto.com

OCTOBER

- 21 Youth Summit Day
- 27 Picture Make Up Day
- 27 Character Education Day
- 28 Halloween Dance/7:00 pm/
WAMS Gym
- 31 **Halloween Dress up Day/
Student & Staff**

NOVEMBER

- 2 PAC Meeting/9:00 am/Small
Cafeteria Annex
- 2 PTO Board Meeting/10:30 am/
Room 110
- 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

WAMS News

Directories and PTO Membership

Thanks to all of those who paid their PTO dues. You should have received a copy of the WAMS directory earlier this week. If you didn't have a chance to pay your 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 elainedge@optonline.net.



HOT OFF THE PRESSES: A Redesigned WAMS Directory

A huge thank you to our Directory Committee including Jane Kolarik, Monique McHenry for soliciting ads and designing the cover and a special thanks to Cathy Cheo-Isaacs

for all of her hard work in entering the student information, sorting through the numerous changes and formatting the directory for printing. All of your hard work really paid off. The directory looks awesome!!!



A special thanks to our Membership Committee

Thanks to Loretta Harrison, 6th grade; Kim Lis, 7th grade and Denise Bailey, 8th grade for all of their work sorting through the PTO membership forms and recording the paid dues and extra directory orders as well as assisting with the directory distribution. **Our Directory and Membership committees have spent countless hours working to create and distribute the WAMS Directory and we truly appreciate all of your efforts!**



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 20th 9:30 am. WAMS PTO will be presenting the inaugural BASKING RIDGE TURKEY TROT 5K AND HEALTH WALK at Mountain Park. Click here for your registration form: www.compucore.com
Contact Elaine DiDario (393-9077 or didario@optonline.net) or Julie Keating (696-1355 or jbkchs@verizon.net) with any questions.

SHOW US WHAT YOU'VE GOT AT OUR TURKEY TROT!!!!

PTO MEETING UPDATE

At our first PTO meeting on October 12th, parents enjoyed an overview of the support programs that help make Annin a safe and caring school.

We thank all the members of the Annin Guidance Department for their attendance and the following speakers for describing their cooperative job functions:

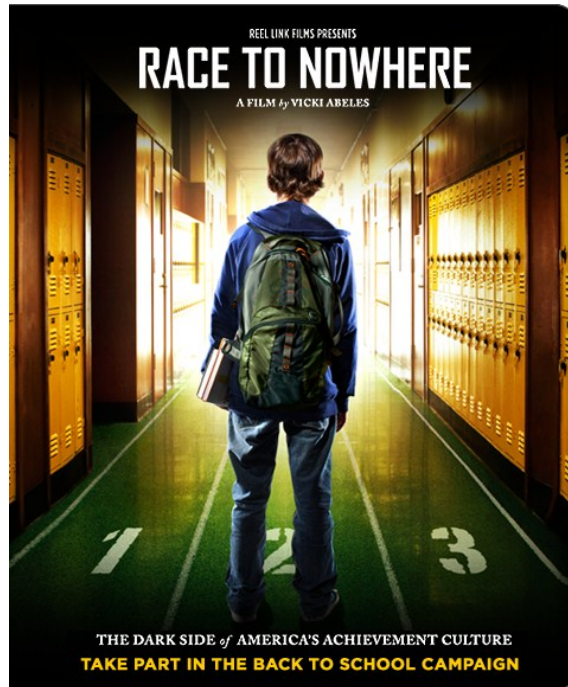
- Counselor James Buist, representing the Guidance Department
- Dr. Barbara Bush, Student Assistance Counselor
- Dr. Carol Leiwant, Child Study Team and MAP coordinator
- Nurse Anita DeAngelis, representing the Health Department
- Officer Hank Werner, Student Resource Officer

Mark your calendars for our next PTO meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, November 9th, 2011 @9:15 AM** in the **cafeteria**. In addition to PTO news and events, we plan to bring you:

- William Annin update from Principal Karen Hudock.
- Overview and Q&A with Director of Curriculum and Instruction Sean Siet, highlighting recent results and changes to NJASK testing.

Special thanks to our hospitality chair Jenn Crewe for allowing us to provide you with refreshments at PTO meetings!

Please check the PTO website for new calendar additions.



The Ridge PTO is pleased to present a re-screening of the movie

RACE TO NOWHERE

November 3rd at 7pm in the Ridge PAC

A discussion of the topics addressed in the movie will be held immediately after the screening.

Those who have seen the movie before but who wish to partake in the discussion will be allowed in free after 8:15pm.

Ticket information

- Pre-purchase tickets:\$10 (details coming soon)
- \$15 at the door
- Ridge students will be admitted free with a Ridge ID
- WAMS students accompanied by a paying parent will also be allowed in free**

**Content may not be appropriate for middle school-aged children

LOOKING FOR ITEMS FOR BASKET RAFFLE...

William Annin Middle School supports many peer programs, especially those that encourage good character and values. All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the 6th grade students and subsidize the many activities planned throughout this school year.

As the **Second Annual Family Fun** event at Annin is fast approaching, teachers and students have begun buzzing and the excitement for this event has already come to a high level. To help us offer exciting raffle prizes and thus increase the earnings for our student population, we are asking if you could kindly donate an item or items to create our gift basket raffle. Below is a list of ideas and items for raffle basket. During the Fall Fair event, winners will be chosen to receive your donated gifts. If you would like to be a part of this exciting event to benefit a worthy and local population, please contact the Peer Leader Advisors (contact information is listed below). You could send in your item with your son or daughter to school by **Friday, October 28th**. Items can be brought to **Room 227**. We thank you in advance for your generosity and look forward to seeing you there.

- **Baking:** Cake, cookie mixes, baking pans, cookie tins, pie plates, oven mitts, tea towel, cooking utensils, chocolate chips
- **Barbecue items** Grilling utensils, bbq sauces, marinades, disposable salt and pepper grinders, hot sauce, a meat thermometer, corn-on-the-cob holders, barbecue cookbook, apron
- **Sports:** drink containers, sports drinks, power bars, head bands, jerseys, tickets to sporting events basketball, football, baseball, hockey, or golf
- **Beach:** sunscreen, insect repellent, sunglasses, a cap or visor, cd of ocean sounds or serene music, or a paperback book. towel
- **Breakfast items:** jellies, herbal teas, gourmet coffee, shortbread cookies, etc
- **Chocolate:** mocha coffee mix, cocoa mix, fudge or brownie mix, pudding mix, chocolate scented candle or bath products, fudge sauce for ice cream, chocolate covered nuts,
- **Coffee or Tea Lovers:** biscotti, shortbread cookies, chocolate truffles, mugs
- **Gardeners:** gardening gloves, tools, plants seeds
- **Candy theme Basket:** Candy and anything to do with candy
- **Healthy Food:** for the health and wellness conscious, dried fruits such as raisins, cherries
- **Ice Cream Parlor at Home:** bowls, toppings, spoons, napkins
- **Italian Food:** pasta, sauce, dry bread mix
- **Kitchen:** for those who enjoy cooking, muffin mixes, measuring spoons, pot holders, cupcake papers, tea towels, etc.
- **Fiesta:** : chili powder, oregano, taco seasoning, paprika, garlic powder, cumin, dried chilis, jalapenos, hot sauce, Mexican cookbook, cd of Latin music, tortilla chips, corn chips, salsa, black bean dip, cheese sauces, etc.
- **Movie Night:** popcorn, movie tickets gift card, candy, movies
- **Pizza Night:** gift certificate to local pizza restaurant, board games, card games
- **Home Spa Day:** Bubble bath, body wash, loofa, candles, nail polish, tea, gift certificates for manicure, pedicure

Sincerely,
The Peer Leader Advisors,

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Christian O'Brien
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