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THE VIKING VOICE

EXPRESS

We look forward to seeing you **Wednesday, October 12th @ 9:15 AM in the WAMS Auditorium.**

The meeting will feature PTO news and events, a welcome by Principal Karen Hudock, and an introduction to the "Middle School Safety Net" by members of the Annin Support Team including Student Assistance Counselor Dr. Bush, Child Study Team and MAP Coordinator Dr. Leiwant, and members of the WAMS Guidance and Health Staff. Come have your questions answered.

Please visit the PTO website www.williamanninpto.com for the latest news and updates.

First PTO Meeting of the Year

PTO NEWS AND EVENTS

CALENDAR

For full calendar go to www.williamanninpto.com

OCTOBER

- 7 6th GRADE PARENT COFFEE/9:20-10:00 am/ Cafeteria
- 10 WAMS AO General Meeting/ 9:15 am/Small Cafeteria Annex
- 10 BOE Meeting/7:00 pm/ WAMS Auditorium
- 12 **General PTO Meeting #1 9:15 am/Auditorium**
- 13 Character Education Day
- 17 BOE Meeting/7:00 pm/ WAMS Auditorium
- 20 First Elective Cycle Ends
- 21 Youth Summit Day
- 27 Picture Make Up Day
- 27 Character Education Day
- 28 Halloween Dress up Day/ Student & Staff
- 28 Halloween Dance/7:00 pm/ WAMS Gym



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, among many others.

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.

Attention all WAMS Athletes!

Winter sports are now posted on the William Annin website. If you would like to participate, all registration forms must be completed and turned in to the WAMS-AO box in the main office by Friday, October 21st. Forms can be downloaded by going to the WAMS website, scroll to "Students" on the left sidebar and then scroll to "Sports" and then click "WAMS AO Website". The wrestling program is open to 6th through 8th graders. There are no tryouts for wrestling.

Did you know?

Many of your FAQ's can be found by visiting the WAMS PTO web site www.williamanninpto.com

Need a WAMS AO sports schedule? Go to www.highschoolsports.net

William Annin has done it again! Through a recent school-wide effort at William Annin, the students and staff collected food and wrote letters to soldiers. In memory of September 11 victims and in honor of the September 11 Service Day, the WAMS community united to offer aid to Hurricane Irene victims and encouragement and praise to soldiers. They had amazing results!

Through the generosity of the WAMS faculty, students and families, well over **350 canned items; 95 bagged or boxed items; and 50 healthcare items and toiletries** we collected for the Somerset County Food Bank. The American Red Cross also received **5 large shopping bags of clothing**. This donation comes at a crucial time for the Food Bank, because it is experiencing extremely low levels of food. These items will be very helpful because they are still seeing people come in every day and every hour!

With encouragement from the staff from many different classes, the students produced **350 beautiful and touching cards and letters** to send to American soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. Captain Robert Vincent leads a unit of 80 soldiers in Iraq and he is originally from Basking Ridge.

Sergeant James Miervaldis graduated from Ridge High School in 2002 and he is stationed in Afghanistan. In addition to these soldiers, there are staff members who have family in the military who are willing to send letters over. The students did a wonderful job of sharing their gratitude and praise for what these men and women do for Americans and people abroad every day!

William Annin School and the Basking Ridge district always performs so wonderfully in every way. However, this outpouring of compassion and charity is above and beyond expectations. We are very proud of our students and colleagues for everything that they did to make this food drive and soldier mailing a huge success!

SAVE THE DATE



Friday, October 7th

9:20 - 10:00 am

Cafeteria

Dear Parents of 6th Grade Students:

It is a pleasure to welcome you and your sixth grader to the Middle School. WAMS and the PTO are hosting a **6th Grade Parent Coffee**. Please save the date and come meet and greet old and new friends.