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THE VIKING VOICE

EXPRESS

To the Seventh Grade Field Day Volunteers:

The seventh grade teachers and administrators would like to thank you for helping with last year's Field Day. Your hard work and enthusiasm made the day a grand success! We appreciate all your efforts, and we know the students certainly enjoyed all the activities, barbecue lunch, and water stations.

It was a pleasure working with you!

Amberley Roio
7th Grade Communication Arts
7th Grade Blue Team Leader

Viking VIP's Announcement From
Last Marking Period

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

CALENDAR

For full calendar go to

www.williamanninpto.com

SEPTEMBER

- 26 BOE Meeting/7 pm/
WAMS Auditorium
- 27 WAMS BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT-6th grade,
PARENTS ONLY - 7 pm
- 29 Rosh Hashanah/SCHOOL
CLOSED
- 30 Character Education Day

OCTOBER

- 4 WAMS BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT-7th and 8th grades,
PARENTS ONLY-7 pm
- 5 PAC Meeting/9 am/Small
Cafeteria Annex
- 5 PTO Board Meeting/10:30 am
Room 110
- 5 PTO Magazine Drive Kick Off
- 5-21 PTO Magazine Drive
Fundraiser
- 6 Student Council Speeches
- 7 Student Council Election

A Special.....

Thanks to Susan Sahler for organizing the orientation for our out of district students held on August 30th. Members of our Peer Leader group were so helpful assisting with touring our new WAMS students.

Thanks to Laura Begg for organizing the tours for the 6th grade open house on September 1st. A special thanks to those WAMS student tour guides including Austin Begg, Christian Brady, Charlie Keating, Grace Keating, Lianna Shimoun, Maddie Oliver, Kyle Reed, Austin Moldovan, Duncan Roberts, Bernie Jewson, Taylor Hackett, Jessica Lis, Abby Herndon, Annie Chabak, Katie Williams and Chase Haller.

The 7th grade teams honor four students per team who exemplify Viking Values every marking period. Each team of teachers voted on students based on the Viking Values. The four values are courage, respect, integrity, and responsibility. Students who win the VIP award display the courage to do the right thing when no one is watching, treat others with respect, demonstrate responsibility, and act with integrity. This award recognizes the actions of the true VIP's at William Annin. The seventh grade teachers are proud of these students and their accomplishments and recognize their efforts at making our community a better place.

GOLD: Meagan Ackerman, Joe Brady, Alyssa Balzarotti,
Jesse Mocciano

GREEN: Danielle Campbell, Morgan Colwell, Kim Castillo,
Sean Melville, Austin Moldovan

BLUE: Michael Ardiffe, Sydney Carlin, Brad O'Keefe,
Krista Webster

Thank you, thank you, thank you.....

The WAMS PTO is thrilled at the overwhelming response to the PTO Volunteer Forms that were mailed to you in June.

Committee co-chairs have been notified via email. For those who volunteered as a "Volunteer", you will be contacted by the co-chairs as we get closer to the event.

One Committee that is still in need of co-chairs is the WAMS PTO Spring Luncheon Fundraiser. If you are interested in co-chairing the Spring Luncheon, interested in volunteering for any of the WAMS committees and did not complete the form or are new to WAMS and would like to volunteer, please email elaineedge@optonline.net.

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

Welcome to our new PTO members...

Monique McHenry, Co-President; Kathy Krell, Treasurer; Christine Ziegler, VP Fundraising; Elaine Edge, VP of Volunteers; Monika Gupta, Secretary; and Courtney Carney, AO Representative.



PTO MEETING

Wednesday, October 12th at 9:15 am in the WAMS Auditorium. General business and a Q & A with Mrs. Hudock.



PTO Membership forms and checks....

are due **September 27th**. Please note that changes will not be accepted to the directory after this date.

WAMS Annual Magazine Drive Kick Off...

Starts Wednesday, October 5th and goes through Friday, October 21st. Look for more information to follow.



Parent Advisory Board

Is a group of parents who meet on a monthly basis to discuss the school environment. It is a closed meeting hosted by the principal, in which parents are encouraged to bring school wide concerns to a grade level representative for discussion. For a list of PAC representatives, please visit the PTO website. All submissions are anonymous.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Back to School Night for **6th grade parents** only is Tuesday, September 27th at 7:00 pm.

Back to School Night for **7th and 8th grade parents** only is Tuesday, October 4th at 7:00 pm.

WAMS Athletic Organization will be holding a **50/50 Raffle** to support the program.

WAMS **Spirit Wear** and **Magnets** will be sold.

Please come by the tables to purchase.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 7th

9:20 - 10:00 am

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.

DIME DYNAMITE, THE EXPLOSION OF THE DIME

Fundraiser

Now that school has started, it is time to again work in the courtyard at William Annin. The Life Skills students are eager to get going for the year and will be kicking off a fundraiser this week called "Dime Dynamite, the Explosion of the Dime." The fundraiser will begin on September 14 and continue for the entire month. There will be bags placed in each homeroom where students can deposit spare change. Last year the class raised \$1100.00 with Penny Power. We hope to top it this time around!

Nick Beykirch
Technology Education Teacher

Peer Leader Program Information and Application

We, at William Annin, would like to thank you for applying to the Peer Leader Program. This program has the potential to be challenging, personally satisfying, and exciting. The Peer Leader Program is a program to which we invite those students who are interested in demonstrating the Viking Values, promoting positive behavior in school, as well as being involved in community (meaning Annin and Basking Ridge) service related projects. This year we will be hitting the ground running by sponsoring a 6th grade Family Fair night the first Friday in November. Throughout the year we are usually involved in planning and coordinating a holiday gift giving program for those less fortunate, a canned food drive, and collecting toiletries for battered women. In addition, the students will be involved in one or more school/grade wide programs that foster acceptance, tolerance and anti-bullying. We usually meet once a week to discuss the values, plan and promote events, and complete character building activities. Please read carefully about the responsibilities you will be required to complete to be accepted into the program.

You must fill out the attached application completely. You and a parent/guardian must sign the application. **The application must be handed in by the deadline (Monday, October 3, 2011). Our first meeting will be Monday October 10, 2011.**

If you become a Peer Leader, you are expected to be present at all the meetings, training sessions, and activities. The success of the program depends on YOU. Please talk to us about conflicts you may have. For example, Select Choir, WAMS A/O activities etc.. or if you are expecting to try out for the play. We will be more than happy to accommodate these activities. Once the program begins, you need to be an active member and participate in prompting all Peer Leader events. If you have three or more unexcused absences from our meetings, you will be asked to resign from the program. You must provide your own transportation from the meetings (meetings will run from 2:25 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. every Monday). **Peer Leader meetings will be held every Monday through April . We will have a final gathering celebrating our accomplishments the first week in May.

PLEASE DROP OFF ALL APPLICATIONS TO **ROOM 212 or ROOM 227**

Thanks! Advisors - Ms. O'Brien (6th grade), Mrs. Sharpe (7th grade), and Ms. Fowler (8th grade)

Please email cobrien@bernardsboe.com or rsharpe@bernardsboe.com or jfowler@bernardsboe.com if you have any questions.

Peer Leadership Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email at which to contact you with updates and reminders: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: (**check one**) Male _____ Female _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Room # of Homeroom: _____

Instructions: Please complete the following questions based on your own personal thoughts and experiences.

Please type or write legibly.

1. If your best friend were to describe what kind of person you are, what five words would he/she use? Please list them below.

_____ , _____ , _____
_____ , _____

2. In what activities have you demonstrated leadership, i.e. clubs, community service, jobs, hobbies, etc? What was your role and responsibility in each activity?

3. Describe what you think you can contribute to the Peer Leadership Program. What qualities, skills, and interests do you have that will make you a valuable member?

4. Peer Leaders are expected to serve as a positive role model to their peers. What does this mean to you?

5. Please explain why you want to participate in the Peer Leadership Program. Specifically, what do you think you can learn or benefit from by participating?

Statement: I have carefully read all of the information included in the Application packet.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____