

West Road School's November 2009 Parent Newsletter

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will be holding parent/teacher conferences on the following dates with students being dismissed at 11:30. Lunch will not be served on these days. Please make sure your child knows the arrangements you have planned for them after school. The conference days are: **Fri. Oct. 30th, Thurs. Nov. 5th, Mon. Nov. 16th.**

Veteran's Day Concert

We will be holding our 3rd Grade Veteran's Day Concert on **Thurs. Nov. 5th** at 9:30 AM for veterans and our third grade families. The concert will be held in the gym and we look forward to seeing everyone at this very special event.

Calendar Update

There will be no school on **Tues. Nov. 3rd** for Superintendent's Conference Day. There will be no school on **Wed. Nov. 11th** due to the observance of Veteran's Day. School will also not be in session from **Wed. Nov. 25th through Fri. Nov. 27th** for Thanksgiving Recess.

Gr 5 NY State Social Studies Exams will occur on **Mon. Nov. 16 & Tues. Nov. 17th**. We ask that students make an extra effort to arrive on time on these dates.

Student Council

Spirit Day - This month's Student Council Spirit Day will be Fri. Nov. 6th – Crazy Sock Day. See how creative you can be with socks. Fri. Dec. 4th will be Sports Day. Wear team outfits or clothes from your favorite team or sport.

Food Drive – Student Council is collecting non-perishable food items, personal care products and paper products. These items will be donated to local food pantries through the month of December.

BLT Parent Volunteers Needed

Our BLT (Building Level Team) is looking for two parent members to serve on our shared decision making team. This committee will be meeting three more times this year. The meetings are held on Mondays from 3:30 to 5.

Winter Concerts

Please plan on attending our winter concerts. Our Mon. Dec. 7th Concert with **Advanced Orchestra, Advanced Band, and Gr. 5 Chorus** will be **6 PM in the West Road School Gym**. Our Tues. Dec. 8th Concert with **Beginning Orchestra and Gr. 4 Chorus** will also be held at West Road School at **6 PM**. We ask for your patience and understanding that space for parking and seating will be limited due to the size of our gym. Our gym will not open until 5:15. We hope to see you there.

Emergency Dismissal

Please be sure your child knows what to do in the event of an early closing. If your plans have changed since September, please notify the Main Office of the new single drop off location. Children should NOT expect to be allowed to call home due to volume and the possibility that the phone lines will not be working. All delays or cancellations information will be announced on the following radio stations: WBNR 1260-AM, Q92-92.1 FM, WPDH-101.5 FM, WHUD-100.7 FM, WSPK-104.7 FM.

Websites: Dismissal information is also available on www.cancellations.com, and on the homepage of West Road Intermediate School which can be accessed from www.arlingtonschools.org.

NewsFlash: This is a service being provided through our webpage. The link is located on the left hand column of West Road School's home page. This service will allow you to receive text messages and/or email messages about school closings or delays. You must register each school year through the website of each school that you have students enrolled.

Family Roller Skating Event

Please join us for a West Road School Family Skate event at Roller Magic in Hyde Park on Saturday, November 14th from 5 to 7 PM. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Tickets should be purchased in advanced but can also be purchased at the door. They are \$6.00. An adult must supervise all children in their care but there is no charge for adults not skating. Skate rentals are available for \$2 for roller skates and \$4 for rollerblades. Feel free to bring your own skates! Watch for permission slips and ticket ordering forms to come home soon.