

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

Albert Schweitzer

To provide service to each other is a year round obligation that is felt most keenly during the upcoming holiday season. It is a priceless fortune to have our family and friends gather around a bountiful table to enjoy the harvest. For many, this joy is limited by lack of companionship, lack of good health, or lack of material goods to celebrate the season. The Williams Township ***Kids That Care*** committee is currently engaged in a service project to help alleviate the hardship of those experiencing difficulties. Mrs. Rebecca Dickson, Mrs. Cindy DeLuca, Mrs. Patti Moser, Mrs. Judy Fisher, Mrs. Donna Binn, and Mrs. Alexis Jones are working with students and families to collect food stuffs for area food banks. They are also collecting holiday cards to be distributed to our service people over seas by the Red Cross. Be sure to talk to your children about the responsibility and personal satisfaction of giving service to others in what ever manner you can manage.

Our staff and students continue to create opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to making Williams Township grow as a school that is *No Place for Hate*. Mrs. Donna Binn and Mrs. Rayanne Parry are working with us to build a Kindness Zone. Ask your child about these exciting events and the Kindness bulletin board and posters displayed around the building.

Patrick Michael O'Neill visited our school on Tuesday, November 10 to share with us his work as an author and photographer. Mrs. Stacey Polgar and her committee, which includes Mrs. Rebecca Dickson, Mrs. Rebecca Bennett, and Mrs. Tracey Silfies, planned the day more than a year in advance. They put in many hours preparing for the visit. Students created the elements of the undersea world that undulates through the gym hall. The day was a thrill of oceanic proportions!

Ms. Tina Colletta and Mrs. Donna Binn provided homework tips for parents at the November Open PTA Meeting. They shared examples of homework that may be assigned and explained the ways parents can be of help to children in completing the assignments. Mr. David Wright discussed the 2009 Pennsylvania System of State

Assessment in Reading and Math results. The Wilson Area School District made Adequate Yearly Progress in all of our five buildings again this year. Success as high and consistent as this is a result of the dedication, knowledge, and skills of our teachers and staff, and of our students and their families who make education their priority.

Are you wondering why your child is so engrossed in researching and collecting data on snow fall this winter? It may be because Mrs. Anne Skutches, Mrs. Alexis Jones, Mrs. Tracey Silfies, and Mr. Rob Reagan, our staff mentors to Channel 21 News are conducting a contest to see who can make the most accurate prediction of snow fall this year. One, hopefully overly enthusiastic, student predicted 101 feet, 8 inches! On the low end is 3 inches. It will be fun tracking the snow falls, if not shoveling them.

As you can see, we are very busy here at school. It will be refreshing to have a few days off over the Thanksgiving Vacation. Remember school is closed on Thursday, November 26; Friday, November, 27; and Monday, November 30, 2009.

One other important safety concern that I'd like to address is maintaining a safe environment in the school parking lot, which is the responsibility of all who use it. The cul-de-sac is for student drop-off in the morning, children should leave your car on the passenger side to ensure their safety. Please do not pass on the left of stopped cars while children are getting out. The line should move slowly but continuously so that all students are safe and parents can get on their way in a timely manner. If you are picking students up at the end of the day, you need to park in an appropriate space in the parking lot and come into school. Monitor your children closely as you reenter the parking lot as cars are on the move by then. Remember, your actions behind the wheel teach your child some very important lessons including safety, patience and courtesy.

Have a bountiful and Happy Thanksgiving!