

# White Township Consolidated School

March 2010

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\*Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup>

Monday of each month at 7:30

(Exception: Dec. 21)

## From the Office:

### **School Calendar Update (as of March 1, 2010)**

School has been closed for four days since February resulting in the following adjustments to the school calendar:

- Final day of school: Thursday, June 17
- Spring break shortened: April 2 – 7 (return on April 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Eighth grade promotion: Wednesday, June 16

**Kindergarten Registration** will be held on April 13, 14 & 15. Children who will be at least five years of age by October 1, 2010 are eligible. Please contact Mrs. Carlson @ 908-475-4773 ext.221 for a registration packet. Thank you.

**LOST & FOUND:** Our lost and found pile is growing with hats, mittens, sweatshirts, jackets etc. If your child is missing an article of clothing please have him/her stop by the office to look through the lost and found. Thank you.

**School Report Card** The district's annual School Report Card published by the Department of Education can be accessed at <http://education.state.nj.us/rc/rc08/index.html>. The document summarizes WTCS data from 2008 and compares it to state figures. If you should have any questions regarding any aspect of the Report Card, please contact Mrs. Heilman at the school.

**Special Needs Advisory Group** is presenting a workshop on Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Topic: Occupational Therapy – The Developmental Process  
Presenter: Brad Cox

\*\*Telephone book recycling program will run from March 1-March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your old phone books and place them in the recycling containers in main hallway of the school or in the designated dumpster in the Rt. 519 parking lot.

## School Budget Info:

As everyone is aware, the State of New Jersey is in dire financial straits, and school districts will be facing unprecedented challenges as they construct budgets for the coming year. Flat state funding has impacted White Township over the past several years and has resulted in yearly cuts to programs. This year the Governor has asked districts to create budget scenarios reflecting state aid cuts of 5%, 10%, and 15% in preparation for final funding announcements. In anticipation of final state aid figures being announced by March 16, the Board of Education has scheduled a budget workshop meeting for Saturday, March 20 at 9:30 AM. The annual budget presentation will be held on Monday, March 29 at 7:30 PM. Both meetings will be held in the school and the public is encouraged to attend.

## Art News-December

### Artist of the Month- (K-4)

Alyssa Z.

First Grade

The art of Keith Haring was the inspiration for this project. After the students reviewed samples of his cartoon drawings, they had to create a dog collage using geometric shapes from construction paper. Even though they were using geometric shapes, we still wanted it to have a cartoon feeling. After the pieces were cut out and glued into place, the students had a chance to embellish their drawings while I shared the book, Dogs, which was written and illustrated by Keith Haring. Alyssa added teeth, a tongue, a spiky collar and even hair. Unfortunately, Keith Haring lived a short life, but he loved to do art with children and for children. If he was alive today, he would be honored to have inspired such a young, talented artist.

### Honorable Mentions (K-4)

Kylee B.

Kindergarten

Primary & Secondary Colors

Abstract Painting

Alexa V.

Third Grade

Clay Ornament

Ryan L.

Fourth Grade

Keith Haring Illustration

### Artist of the Month (5-8)

Katie S.

Fifth Grade'

The students had to use graffiti style lettering to illustrate their name. They were given their choice of medium to work in. Katie chose tempera paints in neon colors. First she painted her name and then added a black outline and drop shadow. If that didn't pop enough, she decided to paint a radial, swirled gradation of neon colors in the background. It is eye catching, colorful and bold.

### Honorable Mentions (5-8)

Stephanie M.

Sixth Grade

Name in 1 Point Perspective

Mark H.

Seventh Grade

Pop Art Self Portrait

Cody N.

Seventh Grade

Pop Art Self Portrait

## Character Counts

At the end of the second marking period, in recognition of good character at our school, each homeroom voted for the student who they believe best represented the Six Pillars of Character and served as a good role model for his/her classmates. Photos of these students are displayed on the Character Counts bulletin board in the main hallway. For the second marking period, the following students were honored for their high levels of caring, citizenship, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and fairness:

Sydney K.	1Gerkhardt	Danielle M.	5 Hawk
Emma I.	1Rohaly	Cecily R.	5 Hutchison
Rileigh G.	2Marsh	Julie Ann K.	6 Nobile
Clay M.	2McCarthy	Matthew F.	6 Wheatley
Quinn M./Allison D.	3Brundage	Peter W.	7 Fraunfelter
Alexa V.	3Fleming	Glenn R.	7 LaBar
Madison B.	4Bolin	Cailtyn H.	7 Mulligan
Hope R.	4Bowers	Christian M.	8 Skirbst
Gabrielle A.	4Brewster	Stephanie L.	8 White

\*Congratulations to these students whose peers believe that they will “do the right thing, even if no one is looking.”

## Babysitting Training Classes

### **Spring 2010 Course: Teaching girls and boys responsible child care skills**

\*When-

Tuesdays: April 13<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:30), April 20<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:30), May 4<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:30), and May 11<sup>th</sup> (3:30-5:00)

\*Where-

Farley Education Center

185 Roseberry Street

Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

[www.warrenhospital.org](http://www.warrenhospital.org)

### **Basic Information**

\*Participants must be 11 years old

\*Course included 7.5 hours of instruction

\*Fee is \$30.00

\*All participants receive a certificate of completion

### **Course Topics Include:**

\*Basic care of infants and children

\*What to do in an emergency

\*Responsibilities of a babysitter

\*Safety issues and guidelines

\*Age-appropriate activities

This class is taught by a Warren Hospital Health Educator. For more information or to register, call the Community Education Department, (908) 859-8877

## Art News- January

Congratulations to Artist of the Month (K-4)

Ty G.

Kindergarten

For this project, the students were to make a multi-media clown. A background was first decorated. A shirt was made, followed by a ruffled collar and head. Next was the face, Ty carefully decided in star shaped eyes. A glittery gold pompom was next selected for the nose. When it came to cutting the hair, the students could select their type of style. At first, Ty cut out a very standard rectangle shaped wig. With minor encouragement to make something more special, Ty went into overdrive. He cut strips of red out of his paper and he was not going to stop until he had completed his vision. He worked with a determination that should be commended. With that determination, he reached not only a successful project, but an extremely creative and fun clown.

Honorable Mention (K-4)

Elizabeth P.

First Grade

VanGogh Sunflowers

Congratulations to Artist of the Month (5-8)

Nick F.

Eighth Grade

The students studied Pop Art, focusing on the food sculptures of Claus Oldenburg. Following this direction, the students were to make food sculptures. Nick took on the challenge. Not only did he sculpt food, but he sculpted an entire plate suitable for breakfast. Extreme attention was spent on detail and getting everything sculpted correctly. After it was fired in the kiln, it was time for glaze. Again, every decision was carefully made and made wisely. It is a true breakfast made for a king!

Honorable Mention(5-8)

Rachel D.

Fifth Grade

Dali Collage

Samantha R.

Eighth Grade

Printmaking

## Classroom News

### PTO Spelling Bee Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Miranda E. (8<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Theresa A. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Dylan V. (5<sup>th</sup> grade)

### We Need Your Help

We are working on our Girl Scout Silver Award. We are planning to do something with cancer patients and are calling it "Hogs & Kisses!" What is this you ask? Well, this spring, we are going to hand out clay pigs with Hershey kisses to cancer patients. We can't do it alone. This is where you guys come in! If you feel so inclined, please help us by donating pink or black baking clay (we need more pink clay than black, though). There will be a box outside the main office where you can drop it off. Thank you for your support!

--Abby M. & Sam R.

### From 3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

The sounds of coyotes howling could be heard from the third grade classes as they recently performed the play, Pecos Bill. Once again, our kindergarten buddies proved to be a perfect audience. The third graders also learned about other tall tales and the characteristics of a tall tale. They put their knowledge to use by creating their own tall tale characters and stories.

We were excited to join our kindergarten buddies to celebrate Day 100. They invited us to their classroom where they proudly showed us their 100 collections displayed throughout the room. We also enjoyed working together on a Day 100 activity.

### Haiti Relief:

Seventh grader Nishal S. and third grader Mason O. both came up with the altruistic idea of raising funds for the country of Haiti following the devastating earthquake. With the assistance of Chelsea A., Maggie W., Shayla W., and Caitlin W., the students collected \$435.58 from all the homerooms in one week. The money was donated to UNICEF for Haiti Relief.



### Cookies for Soldiers Update:

The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students have received post cards from several soldiers stationed in Kirkuk, Iraq. They were very appreciative of the cookies and letters that our students sent to them. This particular group of soldiers is with the 1<sup>st</sup> Armor Division out of Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas. It was heartwarming to read their words of encouragement and advice to our students. Much of their time is spent helping the Iraqi army and playing with the Iraqi kids. One quote that really hit home for our students was, "Remember, my soldiers do the things they do, not for themselves, but for you, your families, and a greater purpose.....Freedom."

### Harlem Wizards

Kudos to Mrs. Bolen, Mrs. Bowers, Mr. Hawk, Mr. Hutchison and Miss Krov for representing White Township School in the Harlem Wizards game at Belvidere High School. What a hit you were!

## Art News-February

### Congratulations

#### Artist of the Month (K-4)

Jacob G.

Second Grade

This was the second project that the students worked on inspired by Vincent VanGogh. For this project, the emphasis was on the painting and the different values and colors in the sunflowers. To help the students, a simple guideline for the flowers was given. The students painted on top of this. They showed that in one petal different shades of yellow could be seen. Jacob did a fantastic job of this. Each one of his flowers was a different blend of the same colors. A blended table top was then added followed by a bright background and vase painted with shades to show dimension. Jacob should be very proud of his masterpiece. This one definitely deserves a space on the wall in his house.

#### Honorable Mention (K-4)

Emma I.

First Grade

Dali Clock Illustration

Rebecca M.

Fourth Grade

Clay Mask

### Congratulations to Artist of the Month (5-8)

Ben H.

Sixth Grade

This was the first clay project the students worked on in sixth grade this year in art class. The students are following a theme of architectural inspired projects. After a sketch, students made a stencil that was used to cut out the clay. Ben's first attempt was not a success. While drying, his first house broke. He did not give up hope. Eager to make another, he saw where he may have gone wrong on the first attempt. He took his design and approved the faults. He added details which are apparent in his final glazed piece. This is a perfect example of learning from a mistake, not giving up, and achieving success.

#### Honorable Mention

Louise H.

Fifth Grade

Dali Illustration

Glenn R.

Seventh Grade

Scream Painting

## From the Seuss Committee

White Township's annual Dr. Seuss Day celebration was held on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students, faculty, staff, and parent volunteers came together to celebrate reading in wonderfully creative ways throughout the day. It was a great opportunity for all students to share their love for reading.

Thanks to Dr. Seuss parent volunteers, students in grades pre-K through third grade visited the gym to participate in action packed activities such as Yertle the Turtle scooter races, Ring Around the Gack ring toss, Daisy Head Maisy crafts, and our famous Oobleck station. Eighth grade volunteers were helpers at each station and were great role models for our younger students. Our PTO generously donated books so that each student could also choose a book of his/her own to take home.

Language Arts teachers in grades four through seven worked with their classes to create habitat themes centered on reading. Primary grade classes visited different habitats, giving our older students the opportunity to share stories and plays with them. This year students "visited" Antarctica, the jungle and the beach. We appreciate all the efforts that went into planning these activities. We exceeded our reading goal of 4020 books this year and were excited to meet our guest reader, The Cat in the Hat. Mrs. Judith Williams, our very own Cat in the Hat, made a special appearance as she read to students in the Kitty Café throughout the day. Thanks to everyone for working together to make such a memorable event.



## GEM News

On Jan. 21, ten first graders spent the day in Blirstown at a math enrichment day called "Marvelous Math." Working with other students from throughout Warren County, students engaged in creative problem solving activities and explored such topics as lines of symmetry, geometric shapes, and "math all around you." Students really enjoyed this event which was run by the Warren County Consortium for Gifted Education.

The top six finishers in our school spelling bee qualified to participate in two Warren County Spelling Bees which were sponsored by the Warren County Consortium for Gifted Education. The first bee, which was for fifth and sixth graders, was held on Feb.4 in Blirstown. Our school representatives were Theresa A., Rachel D., and Dylan V. The seventh and eighth grade bee was held on Feb. 18, also in Blirstown. Our school representatives were Alexis C., Miranda E. and Sarah S. Congratulations to Miranda E. who took first place and to Alexis C. who took third place. Congratulations to all the spellers for a job well done in representing our school in the county-wide bees!

Currently, 43 third through eighth grade students are reading and preparing for the Battle of the Books competitions to be held in April and May. Practices are held in the library during lunches. Also, a fifth grade team and a sixth grade team of students are practicing for the Battle of the Minds competition which will be held on March 25. These twelve students will travel to Franklin Township to compete.

## NJ ASK Test Taking Tips

NJ ASK 3-8 testing will begin the last week in April. Our second graders will be taking the NJ Pass during the week of April 12th. Once again this year, we would like to share some testing taking tips with your child will help them do their best. Children are less likely to make a mistake when they know how to approach a test. Encourage your child to keep these tips in mind:

- \*Listen carefully to spoken directions. It's OK to ask questions at this time if you're not sure what to do.
- \*Read through written directions carefully. Read directions more than once if necessary.
- \*Read the entire question or problem. Skipping over words like "never" or "not" can lead to wrong answers.
- \*For multiple choice questions, teach your child the process of elimination. Remind them to first eliminate the answers he or she knows is incorrect. Then your child can think through the answers that remain and decide on the best one.
- \* When questions follow a reading passage, it can be helpful for your child to read the questions first, and then read the passage. After reading the passage, students should read each question again and choose the answer that is best supported by evidence in the passage.
- \*When responding to open ended questions related to reading passages, it is important to support answers with details from the reading passage. Students will need to lift important information from the reading passage to support their answer.
- \*During the NJ ASK Language Arts Literacy Days 1 and 2, students in grades 3 through 8 will be asked to write speculative and/or explanatory essays. Students in grades 5 through 8 will also be asked to write a persuasive essay. Sample prompts and writing strategies are provided as links on our school webpage.
- \*An important math test taking tip is to remind your child to show their work and to organize work neatly. When students take the NJ ASK 3-8 tests, they also need to remember to mark their answers on their answer folders. At times, students will also be required to explain how they would solve a problem in several sentences.

Getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthy breakfast, and encouraging children to do their best are the best tips to help them be successful. [www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment) is a helpful website that provides test preparation practice. Samples for the writing prompts as well as samples for short answer questions in mathematics are provided. Please visit links to our school's webpage for helpful NJ ASK sample prompts and strategies. ( [www.whitetwpsd.org](http://www.whitetwpsd.org) )

### **Our 2010 spring testing schedule is as follows:**

- NJ ASK 7-8 ~ April 27- April 30<sup>th</sup>
- NJ ASK 7-8 ~ Make-up testing- May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>
- NJ ASK 5-6~ May 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup>
- NJ ASK 5-6 ~Make-up testing ~ May 10<sup>th</sup>- May 13<sup>th</sup>
- NJ ASK 3-4~ May 10<sup>th</sup>- May 14<sup>th</sup>
- NJ ASK 5-6 Make-up testing~ May 17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>
- Second grade testing (NJ PASS) ~ April 12<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup>