

Watervliet Elementary School News and Notes

NEWSLETTER DATE: SEPTEMBER 2010

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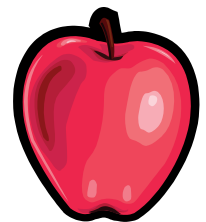
SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO SCHOOL	2 Happy New Year Open House 4pm—6pm	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL	7 NO SCHOOL	8 Welcome Back! First Day of School UPK—6	9	10	11
12	13	14 PTA Mtg 6:30pm	15 Meet The Teacher	16 Meet The Teacher	17 Picture Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 PTA Fall Fundraiser Be- gins After School Pro- grams begin	28	29 1/2 Day 11:30am Dismissal	30		

SEPTEMBER LUNCH MENU:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		8 Chicken Patty on a Bun	9 Soft Taco	10 Turkey Club Wrap
13 Hamburger on a	14 American Mix Sub	15 Sloppy Joe on a Bun	16 Loaded Nachos	17 Cheese Pizza
20 Chicken Nuggets	21 Steakum on a Roll	22 Chicken Quesadilla	23 Italian Mix Sub	24 Pepperoni
27 Hot Dog on a Roll	28 Toasted Cheese	29 HALF DAY (Bagged Lunch)	30 French Toast Sticks w/sausage	

Apples are nutritious and delicious. The Fall harvest in NY provides us with many different varieties. Give them all a try. My favorite is Granny Smith. What is yours?



MENU

Breakfast :

Full Price: \$1.25

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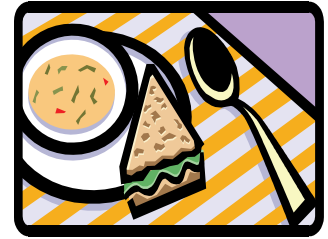
Checks are to be made payable to the Watervliet School Cafeteria. Parents may also pay through the online system. nutrikids.com Information is on the school website.

www.watervlietcityschools.org Food service link or "What's For Lunch" icon

CAFETERIA MANAGER:

MR. DARRYL WHITED

629-3261



BREAKFAST MENU

Student Breakfast is available daily, and includes:

Choice of milk, 2%, 1% chocolate & 1% strawberry

Choice of fresh fruit **or** juice

Choice of sunflower seeds - honey or salted

Choice of bread item - cereal, mini-muffins, graham cracker, multi-grain poppart or bagel

(muffins, graham cracker, & bagel count as 2 items)

SEPTEMBER HOT LUNCH SPECIAL OF THE DAY MENU

9/8 Chicken Patty on a Bun

9/9 Soft Taco

9/10 Turkey Club Wrap

9/13 Hamburger on a Bun

9/14 American Mix Sub

9/15 Sloppy Joe on a Bun

9/16 Loaded Nachos

9/17 Cheese Pizza

9/20 Chicken Nuggets

9/21 Steakum on a Roll

9/22 Chicken Quesadilla

9/23 Italian Mix Sub

9/24 Pepperoni Pizza

9/27 Hot Dog on a Roll

9/28 Toasted Cheese

9/29 HALF DAY (bagged lunch)

9/30 French Toast Sticks w/ sausage

Students are entitled to 5 items (from different food groups) but must take at least 3 to qualify for a full hot lunch .

The Deli Bar is open each day with choice of Sandwich **in place of** the Hot Lunch Special of the Day

Examples of student lunch choice:

- chicken patty on bun, milk, hot vegetables, fresh fruit.
- Deli sandwich, milk, fruit juice, cold vegetables.

WES WELCOME!

We have some new faces at WES this year. We welcome the following to our school:

Mr. Jason Belknap: Art Teacher
 Ms. Daniels: Nurse Aide
 Ms. O'Neill: Teacher Assistant
 Ms. Taylor: Teacher Assistant
 Ms. McGrath: Teacher Assistant
 Ms. Grogan: Teacher Assistant
 Ms. Spain: Teacher Assistant
 Ms. Sogoian: Café monitor
 Ms. Strock: Café monitor



After school clubs are extended day programs for students in **grades 3 - 6**. The options range from sports to student government. These programs are run by Watervliet Elementary School staff.

We do have a limited number of spots in each club. Children may request 1 club a day. Please understand that your child will not get all their requests. Our goal is to give as many children the opportunity to participate in clubs as possible.

This year the programs will run from 2:50pm—3:40pm. Bus transportation home is provided. They are “express” runs. The stops differ from the regular runs home.

Students may have to walk a longer distance than their regular bus run.

Our school work and citizenship do come first. We expect that students will do their class work, homework, and be on their best behavior both during the day and in our after school clubs.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Required Forms:** We are sending home all the required forms in the Go Home folder the first week of school. Many sheets will have important information we need about your child. Please be sure to send them back asap. Let us know if you need additional forms.
- **Student Dismissal:** As a matter of safety, we cannot take changes to dismissal over the phone. We also cannot release a child to anyone not listed on the back of the student registration form.
- **Meet The Teacher Night: Mark your calendars for an important evening at Watervliet Elementary School. Meet the Teacher Nights have been scheduled for:**

September 15th: 6:00pm Gr UPK—KDG 7:00pm Gr 1—2

September 16th: 6:00pm Gr 3—4 7:00pm Gr 5—6

Details about the evening will be coming home with your child.

- **Attendance Procedures:** Please call the nurse's office at 629-3402 if your child is going to be absent or late to school.
- **School Pictures: Pictures are scheduled for September 17th. Information flyers will be sent home.**
- **Kindergarten Apple Run:** Our annual Kdg Apple Run is scheduled for October 8th. Details forthcoming!

SAFE FOOTWEAR

Flip flops, slides, platform shoes, and loose sandals are not permitted to be worn to school. This is mandated for the safety of the children.

Students will not be permitted to go to Encore classes, such as gym, or go outside on the playgrounds if they have unsafe footwear. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



SCOOOL EXPECTATIONS: HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT BOOSTERS?

Respectful, Responsible, Safe, and Honest

These are the guiding principles that we live by at Watervliet Elementary School. Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) is a research based practice that instills a sense of doing what is right both in action and in words.

Mr. Giagni, our Assistant principal, can be contacted regarding any questions you have about PBIS.

Peaceful School Bus: Our first Peaceful School Bus meeting will be on September 24th.

Please have a conversation with your child about the importance of having a positive and safe experience on the bus.

Classroom Behavior Expectations: Your child's teacher will be establishing clear classroom behavioral expectations throughout September.

The expectations will be based on being respectful, responsible, safe and honest. Please discuss these expectations with your child.



Early Release: September 29th is a half day for students. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Lunch will be served on that day.

FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER:

A very important step in preparing children for "back to school" is setting a proper school routine. Parents can do this by making sure children have the proper bedtimes, and getting up so they are able to get ready to go to school.

It is also important that they have the necessary school supplies. It's all about preparation. Parents need to be prepared for the back to school demands as well as the children. Think about how to build the routines of homework, mealtimes, play times, and bed time. These steps can help lessen the anxiety children may experience at this time of year.

Our counseling services are provided by Mr. Robert Strang (Gr5-6), Ms. Fran DeCrescenzo (gr2,3,4) and Ms. Meredith McDonald (Gr K,1). Services range from classroom presentations, counseling groups, parent support and community resource coordination. **Please feel free to contact them at 629-3400 if you are in need of supplies, support, or more information.**

FROM THE NURSE:

New York State mandates that all children in Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade and any child who is new to the school - must have a physical examination on record. The school doctor will be available starting in November and will provide physicals if your child is unable to see their own doctor.

All children entering Kindergarten must be up to date with their immunizations by September 23rd. Your child may be excluded from school without proper immunizations.

All children who are in the 6th grade **and** have turned 11 years old must have a **Tdap** immunization. This record must be presented to the health office or your child may be excluded from school without this immunization.

Any questions - please call Mrs. Vogel RN at 629-3402.

PTA

JOIN THE PTA!
YOUR SUPPORT
IS IMPORTANT
TO THE SUCCESS
OF OUR SCHOOL.
THE 1ST
MEETING IS
SEPT. 14TH @
6:30PM IN THE
WES CAFÉ.

OUR FALL
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