

Watervliet Elementary School News and Notes

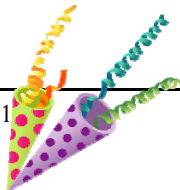
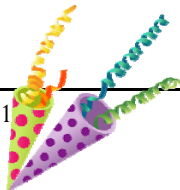
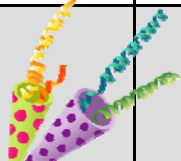
NEWSLETTER DATE: JANUARY 2012

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Years Day	2 No School	3 Classes Resume 	4	5	6 WES Kids of Character Celebration	7
8	9 Gr 1 Field Trip The Egg	10 	11 WES PTA Meeting 6:30 PM	12	13 WES School Dance/Special Persons Dance	14
15	16 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18 Board of Ed Mtg. 7PM WJSHS Auditorium	19	20	21
22	23 Hearing Tests	24 Hearing Tests	25 Hearing Tests	26 Hearing Tests	27 Hearing Tests Achievement Reports go home	28
29 WES PTA Flapjack Fund-raiser at Applebees	30	31				

JANUARY LUNCH MENU:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 No School	3 Chicken Nuggets	4 Toasted Cheese	5 Sloppy Joe	6 Cheese Pizza
9 Hamburger	10 BBQ Chicken Sandwich	11 French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage	12 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	13 Turkey Club Wrap
16 No School	17 Loaded Nachos	18 Chicken Fajita	19 Goulash	20 Pepperoni Pizza
23 Chicken Patty	24 Steakum	25 Chicken Quesadilla	26 Tacos	27 Pepperoni Pizza
30 Hot Dog	31 Chicken Parm Sandwich			



MENU

Breakfast :

Full Price: \$1.25

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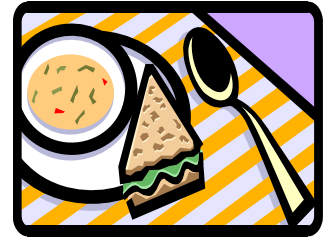
Checks are to be made payable to the Watervliet School Cafeteria. Parents may also pay through the online system, www.mynutrikids.com Information is on the school website.

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, 1%, low fat chocolate

Choice of fresh fruit **or** juice

Choice of sunflower seeds - honey or salted

Choice of bread item - cereal, mini-muffins, multi-grain pop tart or wheat bagel

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

JANUARY HOT LUNCH SPECIAL OF THE DAY MENU

1/2	No School	1/17	Loaded Nachos
1/3	Chicken Nuggets	1/18	Chicken Fajita
1/4	Toasted Cheese	1/19	Goulash
1/5	Sloppy Joe	1/20	Pepperoni Pizza
1/6	Cheese Pizza	1/23	Chicken Patty
1/9	Hamburger	1/24	Steakum
1/10	BBQ Chicken Sandwich	1/25	Chicken Quesadilla
1/11	French Toast Sticks w/ Turkey Sausage	1/26	Tacos
1/12	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	1/27	Pepperoni Pizza
1/13	Turkey Club Wrap	1/30	Hot Dog
1/16	No School	1/31	Chicken Parm Sandwich

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.

Keeping Math Skills Sharp Over Vacation:

From the Math Specialists Mrs. Waldron and Mrs. Deguire:

Parents, here are a few fun ways to keep your children working with numbers over the holiday break!



Play Number of the Day: Choose a number for each day. Everyone must come up with different math sentences with the answer being the number of the day. You can use this activity to give your children lots of computation practice. Try it anywhere—on the bus, in the kitchen, or even at the dinner table!

The number of the day is 6. Sara made $1+2+3$. I did $4 \times 6 = 18$. Dad's was $20-15+1$. That was a tricky way!

Newspaper Numbers: Help your child look for numbers 1 to 100 in the newspaper. Cut the numbers out and glue them in numerical order onto a large piece of paper. For children who cannot count to 100 or recognize numbers that large, have your child say the numbers to you and practice identifying the new numbers!!

OR



Collect only numbers within a certain range, like the numbers between 20 and 30.

Arrange the numbers on a chart, grouping all the numbers with 2's in them, all the numbers with 5's, and so on.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **January 16th**— NO SCHOOL for Martin Luther King Day.
- **AM Student Drop off:** Students cannot be dropped off in front of school until 8:30 AM. There is no outside supervision until that time. We also ask that you keep all the lanes in the parking lot clear for any cars entering the lot. Take advantage of our generous busing. Call Transportation at 629-3202 to see if your student is eligible for the school bus.
- **CAPCOM Character Classroom Contest Winner**— Congratulations to Mrs. Webster's and Ms. Schilling's 4th grade classes! They received a grant to help build classroom community through CAPCOM. CAPCOM is the financial institution that runs the school banking program. See the full story on our school web page.
- **Seal a Smile**— Seal a Smile will be at the elementary during the month of January providing preventative dental services to children (cleaning, exam, screening for cavities, fluoride treatment, sealants & more).
- **Winter Weather:** Please ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately for the cold winter weather. If you are in need of hats and mittens, please contact the school nurse. Boots should be worn but also send sneakers in for the classroom and for physical education.
- **Hearing Tests:** will be done the week of January 23rd. They will be done on grades 1st, 3rd and 5th and any child new to the school. Please contact the Health Office if you have any questions or concerns at 629-3402.
- **Successful Giving Tree:** We at WES helped 20 families—45 children this year with our annual Giving Tree. Many thanks to City Hall, the Watervliet Police & Fire Department, and Schuyler Bakery for all their help this holiday season.

PTA

Join the PTA for the following upcoming events!

PTA Meeting: Wednesday January 11th 6:30 PM

WES School Dance/Special Persons Dance:

Friday January 13th

PTA Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebees: Sunday January 29th from 8:00-10:30 AM

Thank you to all who participated in the Labels for Education contest! The PTA will be holding a Box Tops contest this month, look for information to go home with your child. If you haven't provided your AdvantEdge card information yet and you need the form again please contact a PTA Board member. So far we have 223 participating in this program! Remember that every time you participate by sending in a Label, Box Top, shopping with your AdvantEdge card, turning in Hannaford receipts, Colonie Center School Bucks and participation in the Target Charge for Education, you help our school provide opportunities for our students! Thank you for your support of these programs.



FIELD TRIPS

Upcoming

Field Trips:

1st Gr. / Sylvester & The Magic Pebble at the Egg

01/09/12

3rd Gr. / Ramona Quimby at the Palace

3/30/12



WHAT'S NEW IN KINDERGARTEN

We have been very busy in Kindergarten learning about our Alphabet and the concept of word families.

Since September, we have been working on becoming a good citizen and a friend to all. The new year will bring many fun activities such as a Pajama Party and the wedding of Q and U. We will also be learning about the winter weather and winter activities.



From the Attendance

Office:

If your child is ill & will be missing school, please contact Mrs. Daniels in the attendance office at 629-3214. If your child is late, they must check in at the attendance office to receive a late pass.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council is an after school service club for fifth and sixth graders. It meets on Fridays after school in Mr. Roberts' band room. The students sign up for the club and all are included when it starts in September. Student Council serves the school community in many ways. The main expectations for the club include the following: writing for the school newspaper, working in the school store, being class room helpers in kindergarten and second grade, and helping with the Yankee Candle sale. The club is all about students volunteering their time to help make WES a great place to be. Our hope is that the skills students learn in this club carry over to their high school years and beyond.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Attention to parents of children who will turn 5 by 12/1/12.

We will hold KDG registration on March 14th and 15th of this year. More information to follow in upcoming newsletters.