

Watervliet Elementary School News and Notes

NEWSLETTER DATE: OCTOBER 2011

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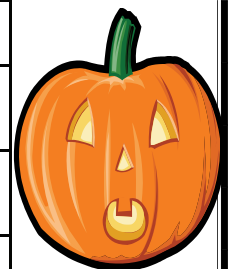
OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 9 AM UPK Screening	7 Pink for Respect Day 12PM KDG Apple Run Wear Pink UPK Fieldtrip to Kristy's Barn	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL	11	12 PTA Mtg. 6: 30 PM	13 KDG Field Trip to Bowman	14 Wear Pink	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Wear Pink	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Wear Pink	29
FIRE PREVENTION MONTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!						
30	31 12:00 PM Halloween Celebration					

OCTOBER LUNCH MENU:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Hamburger	4 Italian Mix Sub	5 Toasted Cheese	6 Twin Taco	7 Cheese Pizza
10 NO SCHOOL	11 Chicken Nuggets	12 Lasagna	13 Pancakes w/ turkey sausage	14 Pepperoni Pizza
17 Hot Dog	18 Sloppy Joe	19 Mac N' Cheese	20 Chicken Quesadilla	21 Cheese Pizza
24 Chicken Patty	25 Goulash	26 Chicken Fajita	27 Loaded Nachos	28 Turkey Club Wrap
31 Steakum				



MENU

Breakfast Cost: \$1.25

Lunch Cost \$2.00

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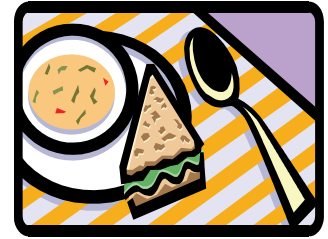
Checks are to be made payable to the Watervliet School Cafeteria. Parents may also pay through the online system, www.mynutrikids.com Information is on the school website.

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)

OCTOBER HOT LUNCH SPECIAL OF THE DAY MENU

10/3 Hamburger	10/18 Sloppy Joe
10/4 Italian Mix Sub	10/19 Mac N' Cheese
10/5 Toasted Cheese	10/20 Chicken Quesadilla
10/6 Twin Taco	10/21 Cheese Pizza
10/7 Cheese Pizza	10/24 Chicken Patty
10/10 NO SCHOOL	10/25 Goulash
10/11 Chicken Nuggets	10/26 Chicken Fajita
10/12 Lasagna	10/27 Loaded Nachos
10/13 Pancakes w/ Turkey Sausage	10/28 Turkey Club Wrap
10/14 Pepperoni Pizza	10/31 Steakum
10/17 Hot Dog	

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.

FROM THE PTA

- 10/8 PTA Night Out—See The Devil's Hockey Game
- 10/11 PTA Fundraiser Ends
- 10/12 PTA Meeting 6:30 in the WES Cafeteria

The Watervliet Elementary PTA will once again participate in the *Colonie Center School Bucks program* which runs August 1, 2011 thru June 1, 2012. Simply bring your receipts from the Colonie Center purchases made August 1, 2011 thru June 1, 2012 to the Colonie Center Guest Services Desk (located on the lower level of the mall between CVS and Glennpeter Jewelers) & ask to register your receipts in the Watervliet Elementary PTA School Bucks program and the PTA will receive 1 point for each dollar spent!

Thank you for your support!

FROM THE ART ROOM



In art your student will be using a lot of messy materials. In order to keep their clothes clean, could you please send your student in with a smock. *The best smocks are old, large t-shirts, which can easily be put over their clothes.* The smocks will be left in school and worn when needed. Please label it with the students name and teacher.

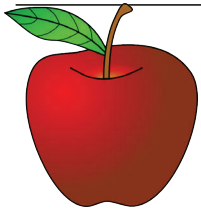
Thank you!!

Mrs. Preston, Art
Teacher

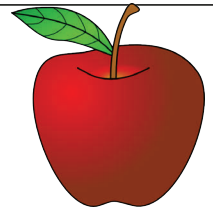


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Wear Pink on Friday's:** We ask that everyone wear pink each Friday in support of Breast Cancer awareness. October 6th will be a special recognition. Wear pink for respect and for Breast Cancer Awareness!!!
- **Halloween Celebration:** We will be having a short parade in the bus loop this year. Parents are welcome to watch from the island in the bus loop. All students should dismiss the same way as they do on a regular school day. If it is necessary to take child your child from school early, you must send in a note the morning of Halloween. You will then be asked to go around the building to the entry desk to show ID and sign out your child. Allow time to wait as it tends to be a longer process on this day. Thank you for working as partners for your child's safety.
- **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.
- **BIRTHDAY TREATS:** Birthday treats are allowed at school. We ask that any treats brought in to be shared with the class must be store bought due to health concerns and allergies. 
- **Watervliet Food Drive:** We would like to give you a heads up that we will be participating in a food drive for the month of October & November. Please support our local food pantry by sending in non-perishable goods. 



KINDERGARTEN APPLE RUN



It is time for our annual Kindergarten Apple Run!

On Friday October 7th, all Kindergarten classes will participate in our Apple Run which will take place on the back field of the Elementary School. Parents are encouraged to support their child on this day. We ask that parents arrive just prior to the event at approximately 11:50 AM. The run is scheduled to begin by 12:00 PM. The Watervliet PTA will provide refreshments at the conclusion of the run for parents and children. This great track and field event coincides with our physical education program.



Parent Partnership Kick Off 2011-2012 Open House

Come join us October 17, 2011 from 6—7 PM

Watervliet Jr. /Sr. High School Conference Room

Tours will be available with the opportunity to see all of the new renovations. Refreshments will be provided.

Any questions please contact the Office of Programs & Pupil Services at 629-3202.

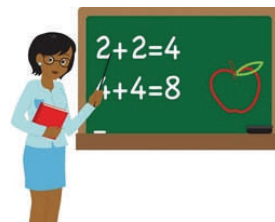
The Parent Partnership Committee is designed to encourage parents to actively participate in their children's education. The Committee consists of teachers, staff, and parents. We meet every other month and discuss topics that are timely and relevant to parents. Many of the topics discussed have been parent generated. We welcome all parents to become involved in our Parent Partnership Committee.



A MESSAGE FROM FIFTH GRADE!

Each month we will be spotlighting one grade level in our school newsletter to update you on what is going on! October is a busy month in grade 5! In addition to meeting the challenges that our new lockers present, we are moving forward with new material in Math, Reading, Science and Social Studies. Math finds us navigating the place values of whole numbers and decimals. We are learning how to read, write and compare numbers from the thousandths to the billions! Our current Reading theme is "Nature's Fury". It is really amazing to read about the effects of catastrophic events on our world. Science lessons are centered on our thriving Ecocolumns. We are observing how plants and animals rely on both living and non-living things for survival. We are hoping to see some baby mosquito fish soon! Our Social Studies have focused on United States history. We spent some time reflecting on the events of September 11th and learned all about the importance of our Constitution. Each class added their names to our WES Constitution and developed their own Classroom Constitution to ensure a more perfect learning environment.

Stop by the main lobby to see some of our hard work!



FROM THE NURSE

Children who are in Kindergarten, 2nd, & 4th grade and who are new to the school MUST have a physical done. Physicals can be faxed to the nurse's office at 629-3252.

FLU KITS

Flu Kits are available in the nurses office. Please fill out the form below & have you child submit it to the nurses office when you pick it up. There is a limited quantity so it will be first come, first serve.

Please contact the Health Office at 629-3402 with any questions.

Student Name _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

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.

Thank you!





Sgt. Mark Spain
School Resource Officer
Watervliet Police Department
Watervliet City School District
(518) 629-3206
(518) 270-3833



9/14/2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your children have pleasantly settled into the routine of the new school year.

I would like to first, introduce myself. My name is Mark Spain and I am a Sergeant with the Watervliet Police Department. I have been a Police Officer in the City of Watervliet for 13 years and a Sergeant for 6 years. I am also the School Resource Officer for the Watervliet School District.

My role as the School Resource Officer is to primarily keep the school a safe educational environment for your children as well as the faculty and staff. I also take the role as a resource to the students to provide direction and support, referring them to organizations both inside and outside of school for issues they may be having at home or with their peers in school.

The biggest asset of the SRO is that I also operate as a street patrol officer. That allows me to bring the knowledge of issues that arise in school and give them their deserved attention on the street. I also take the street issue knowledge into the school with me in an attempt to avoid reoccurrence in the school environment.

This will be my fifth year as the School Resource Officer for the Watervliet City School District and we have been able to enhance and offer more services to a broader base of students each year. I believe this year we will continue that progress.

Thank you for your time and continued support.

Sgt. Mark Spain

Watervliet School District

Parent-Teacher-Student Compact

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Year: _____

Watervliet Elementary School is a Title I School which means that the district receives money to provide intervention services to students who qualify. When parents actively participate in their child’s education, studies have shown that their children do better in school. Neither parents nor schools alone can ensure the educational success of the child. It takes working together to meet this common goal. Toward that end, the faculty and staff of the Watervliet City School District, parents, and students, working cooperatively to provide for the successful education of the children, agree:

For Faculty and Staff

As a member of the faculty/staff, I will encourage and support student learning by:

- Recognizing and believing that all children can learn.
- Showing respect for each child and his/her family.
- Coming to class prepared to teach.
- Providing an environment conducive to learning.
- Helping each child grow to his/her full potential.
- Providing meaningful and appropriate school and homework activities.
- Enforcing school and classroom rules fairly and consistently.
- Maintaining open lines of communication with each student and his/her parents/guardians.
- Seeking ways to involve parents in school programs.
- Demonstrating professional behavior and a positive attitude.

For Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

As a parent/guardian, I will encourage and support student learning by:

- Seeing that my child attends school regularly and on time.
- Providing a home environment that encourages my child to learn.
- Insisting that all homework assignments are completed.
- Communicating regularly with my child’s teachers.
- Supporting the school in developing positive behaviors.
- Encouraging my child to read at home and to monitor his/her TV viewing.
- Showing respect and support for my child, his/her teachers and the school.

For Students

As a student, I will encourage and support my learning by:

- Always trying to do my best in my work and in my behavior.
- Working cooperatively with my classmates.
- Showing respect for myself, my school and other people.
- Obeying the school rules.
- Taking pride in my school.
- Coming to school prepared with my homework done and with my supplies.

Believing that I can learn and will learn.

Signature Section

Hand in hand we will work together, to the best of our ability, to carry out the terms of this compact.

(Parents and Students: Please sign/date below and return the compact to your child’s Teacher.) Thank you.

Principal’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Classroom Teacher’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

AIS Teacher’s Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____