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Principal's News

A letter from Dana

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! September is an exciting month here at WCSS! Our students are now getting to know their new teachers and classmates. Our back to school curriculum night was held on Thursday, September 12th. On this night, you can meet your child's teacher and learn all about the class and grade expectations for the year. It's a very informative night, so please mark the date in your calendars.

Please make sure your child is in school on time every day. The school day begins at 8:00AM Monday - Friday. We have a lot of amazing activities and incentives for students who come to school consistently on time. Breakfast begins in our school at 7:30AM and ends at 7:50AM.

For safety purposes, for students in grades K-5, please make sure you drop your child off in the back of the school building by the big yard facing Beach 109th street. **Any student who arrives in the front for arrival will be asked to go around to the back of the school.**

WCSS LOVES books and LOVES reading! Does your child have a favorite book character? Well, on October 31st, they can become their favorite character as we hold our annual WCSS Character Parade. We are so excited to celebrate the joy of reading and imagination on this day - more details to come!

In October, we will hold our annual Curriculum and Coffee series with Dana. Our curriculum and coffee starts at 9:00am in the cafeteria. Please make note of the following dates for each grade:

- 10/3 - Pre-K
- 10/7 - Kindergarten
- 10/8 - Grades 1 and 2

10/16- Grades 3 and 4

10/17 - Grade 5

5th grade parents - we will be holding our annual Middle School Information session. Choose between two times October 22nd at 6:00PM or October 17th 9:00AM (which ever time works best for you). Please note that we will have middle school reps from various schools in the evening session on the 15th. At this session you will learn all about the process and middle school options for your child in District 27. It's a great time to get all of your questions and concerns out. Hope to see our 5th grade families at either session.

Starting in October, your child will receive a monthly progress report that will keep families constantly updated on your child's academic and behavioral progress. Progress reports will be sent out during the months of October, December, February, April and May. Please check your child's red homework folder the third week of each month.

A big part of our school culture are the enrichment opportunities that our students have on a daily basis. STEAM and Makerspaces are an important way we offer enrichment to all of our students and is a big part of our culture. Additionally, our teachers work very hard in creating lessons that meet the needs of ALL of our learners. Lastly, we have a wide range of after school activities available to our students. Please make sure you check Bloomz and your child's red folder for after school opportunities once they become available (Band, Dance, Soccer, Basketball, Art, Drama, STEAM, and Chess/Board games).

Attendance is a very important part in your child's academics. Every day your child misses school, they miss a big piece of their learning. It is also very important to note that Middle Schools that are application only (i.e. Scholars, Mark Twain and Channel View) look at attendance history very closely and will not allow a student admission into the school if attendance is poor. In order for your child to make significant progress, please ensure that your child is here every day and on time. Thank you for your continued cooperation with attendance.

With warmest regards,

Dana

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All WCSS lessons are Common Core Learning Standards (3-5) aligned moving into Next Generation Learning Standards (Pre-K-2). For more information please visit:

www.corestandards.org

<http://www.nysed.gov/next-generation-learning-standards>

<http://www.engageny.org>

Great site to prepare for the NYS CCLS ELA and Math Exams

Kindergarten News



Reading: We are Readers! Exploring the Exciting World of Books

Writing: Launching Writing Workshop and Show and Tell from Labels to Pattern Books

Envisions 2.0 Math: Subitizing, Math Centers, Math Routines

Amplify Science: Sunlight and Weather & STEAM - What is Makerspace?

Social Studies: My School and School Community

First Grade News

Reading: Readers Build Good Habits

Writing: Small Moments: Writing with Focus, Detail and Dialogue

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 1: Solve Addition and Subtraction Problems to 10. Topic 2: Fluently Add and Subtract within 10

Amplify Science: Animal and Plant Defenses

Social Studies: Families and Communities are Important

“There are no speed limits on the road to excellence.”

~Albert Einstein

Second Grade News

Reading: Second Grade Reading Growth Spurt

Writing: Revving up Writing Muscles

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 1: Fluently Add and Subtract with 20. Topic 2: Work with Equal Groups

Amplify Science: Changing Landforms

Social Studies: Our Community's Geography

Third Grade News

Reading: Building a Reading Life

Writing: Crafting True Stories

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 1: Understand Multiplication and Division of Whole Numbers. Topic 2: Multiplication Facts: Use Patterns

Amplify Science: Balancing Forces

Social Studies: Geography Map Skills

Fourth Grade News

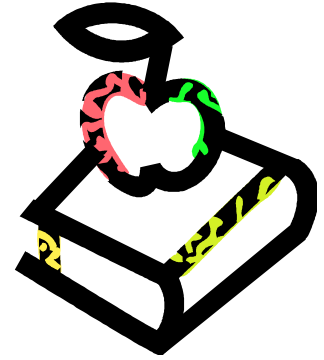
Reading: Interpreting Characters:
The Heart of the Story

Writing: The Arc of the Story:
Writing Realistic Fiction

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 1:
Generalize Place Value Understanding.
Topic 2: Fluently Add and Subtract
Multi Digit Whole Numbers

Amplify Science: The Electrical
System

Social Studies: The Geography of New
York State



5th Grade News

Reading: Interpretation Book Clubs:
Analyzing Themes

Writing: Narrative Craft

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 1:
Understanding Place Value

Science: Ecosystem Restoration

Social Studies: Geography and
Early Societies of the Western
Hemisphere

Pre-K News

Reading: How Do We Listen to Stories?

Author of the month is James Dean. Books
include:

- Pete The Cat Rockin in My School
Shoes
- Pete The Cat Slumber Party
- Pete The Cat Baseball Game
- Pete's Big Lunch

Writing: How Do We Write to Express
Ourselves?

Building Blocks Math:

- Counting Verbally
- Exploring Manipulatives
- Subitizing
- Recognize and make groups of 1 or
more
- Produce simple rhythmic Patterns

Science: How Can We Be Scientists? Learning
to Observe and Explore!

Social Studies: What Can We Learn About
Each other?

Families: WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! Please don't forget to collect Box Tops for our school and send it in with your child. Box Tops are an easy way for us to raise money for our school community. See the complete listing of products that have Box Tops on their packaging attached to this newsletter.



Don't forget to connect with us on BLOOMZ! If you need help with logging on, please email watersidesteam@gmail.com



PTA Corner

Hey WCSS Families,

We hope you are well and are off to a great start to the school year. Just a reminder, our next PTA meeting will be in October - details coming soon. In the meantime, please come say hi to us at our Back to School Night on September 12th.

We need your support! We are excited to share that we have many upcoming fundraisers with all proceeds going directly to support PTA funded programs. Please check your child's folder for PTA flyers regarding all of our exciting fundraisers.

We are looking forward to more WCSS families getting involved and attending our PTA meetings. If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at wcsspta317@gmail.com

With Warm Regards,
WCSS PTA

WCSS October Upcoming Events

- ◆ 9/5 - First Day of School
- ◆ 9/5 - $\frac{1}{2}$ day for Pre-K students
- ◆ 9/6 - Full day for Pre-K students
- ◆ 9/12 - Back to School Night - 4:30-7:30
- ◆ 9/30 - Rosh Hashanah - No School
- ◆ 10/1 - Rosh Hashanah - No School

Social Emotional Corner

- PBIS Bee Bucks have started and our kids are already making positive choices...
- Team Time Circles are used in all classes as an outlet for our kids to share their feelings with their class family.
- Through the Leader in Me - our students will develop their leadership strengths and make kind choices on a daily basis
- Was your child caught doing something kind - check out our picture gallery on Bloomz to see who was caught making positive choices...



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Have questions or need more
information?

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We're also on the Web!
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WCSS Grading Policy

Classwork - 40%
 Assessments/Quizzes/Tests - 40%
 Class Participation - 15%
 Projects - 5%

65% or below = Level 1 (significantly below grade level standards)
 66% - 79% = Level 2 (below grade level standards)
 80% - 89% = Level 3 (on grade level standards)
 90% - 100% = Level 4 (above grade level standards)