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Principal's News

A letter from Dana

Dear Parents,

Welcome to October 2018!
September has come and gone and we could not have been off to a more fantastic start. Our back to school curriculum night was a HUGE success. We had so many parents came out to meet their child's teacher and hear all about the year ahead. PTA meetings will begin this month with our PTA executive board. Please note, the next PTA meeting will be Friday, October 4th at 8:10AM (before Family Friday) in the auditorium.

On October 2nd, we will hold our Bike/Walk to School Day. This fundraiser will help raise money for amazing programs at our school including Cool Culture and enrichment opportunities. If your child bikes to school with you, please have them bring their bike to the small yard to be locked up. The link to donate is <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/walktoschool2019>

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!

Principal: Dana Gerendasi
Assistant Principal: Katie McGillicuddy
Parent Coordinator: Zoraida Quiles

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 (Day session of Middle school information)

5th grade parents - we will be holding our annual Middle School Information session. Choose between two times October 15th 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, and April. Please check your child's red homework folder the third week of each month.

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

All WCSS lessons are Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) aligned moving into Next Generation Learning Standards. 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

<http://www.pta.org/commoncore>

Kindergarten News

Reading: Emergent Reading: Looking Closely at Familiar Text

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

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 1 - Numbers 0-5

Topic 2 - Compare Numbers 0-5

Amplify Science: Motion and Stability - Forces and Interactions

Social Studies: Fire Safety Month

Field Trips:

10/11 - K03 and K12 to Beach 116th Firehouse

10/17 - Green Meadows Farm @Aviator

10/30 - Peter Pan



First Grade News

Reading: Readers Build Good Habits and Word Detectives Use All That They Know to Solve Words

Writing: Small Moments and Writing How-To Books

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 2 - Fluently Add and Subtract Within 10

Topic 3 - Addition Facts to 20

Amplify Science: Animal and Plant Defenses

Social Studies: Families are Important

Field Trips

10/15 - Transit Museum

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

~Albert Einstein

Second Grade News

Reading: Growing Word Solving Muscles

Writing: Lessons from the Masters: Improving Narrative Craft

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 2 - Work with Equal Groups

Topic 3 - Add Within 100 Using Strategies

Amplify Science: Plant and Animal Relationships

Social Studies: New York City Geography

Residency/Enrichment Cluster - The Guggenheim Museum begins October 10th

Field Trips

10/15 - Queens Museum

Third Grade News

Reading: Building A Reading Life/ Mystery: Foundational Skills in Disguise

Writing: Crafting True Stories *moving into* Changing the World Persuasive Speeches, Petitions & Editorials

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 3 - Apply Properties: Multiplication Facts for 3, 4, 6, 7, 8

Amplify Science: Balancing Forces

Social Studies: Geography Map Skills

Residency - NYC Ballet - The Nutcracker Project

Fourth Grade News

Reading: Reading the Weather, Reading the World

Writing: The Arc of a Story: Writing Realistic Fiction *moving into* Boxes and Bullets: Personal and Persuasive Essays

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 3 - Use Strategies & Properties to Multiply One Digit Numbers

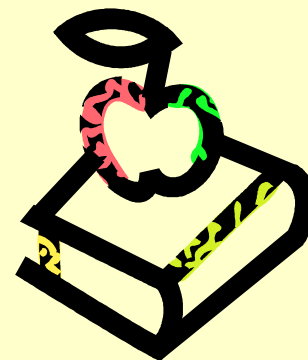
Topic 4 - Use Strategies & Properties to Multiply by Two Digit Numbers

Amplify Science: Magnetism and Electricity

Social Studies: Geography

Field Trips

10/7 - Queens Museum



5th Grade News

Reading: Up the Ladder: Reading Nonfiction

Writing: Lens of History: Research Reports

Envision 2.0 Math:

Topic 2 - Add & Subtract Decimals to Hundredths

Topic 3 - Fluently Multiply Multi-Digit Whole Numbers

Amplify Science: Ecosystem Restoration and The Billion Oyster Project

<https://billionoysterproject.org/>

Social Studies: Geography of the Western Hemisphere

Field Trips

10/15 - 501 to Ellis Island

10/21 - 502 to Ellis Island

10/22 - 503 to Ellis Island

Pre-K News

Reading: What is an Author?

Author of the month is Lois Elhert. Books include:

- Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- Growing Vegetable Soup
- Planting a Rainbow
- Eating the Alphabet
- Red Leaf
- Yellow Leaf
- Fish Eyes

Writing: Story Acting and Exploring the Alphabet

Building Blocks Math: Counting, Sorting and 1:1 Correspondence

Science: Fall, Leaves, Pumpkins, Apples

Social Studies: Friends and Feelings/Meet the Class Pet

Enrichment Time - Yoga

Continuous center time based on students learning needs.

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 Friday, October 4th at 8:10AM in the Auditorium before Family Friday.

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 will be having our Monster Mash on Saturday, October 26th at 3:00PM. Additional details to follow - please check your child's red folder.

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

- ◆ 10/1 - Rosh Hashanah - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ 10/2 - Bike/Walk to School Day
- ◆ 10/3- Pre-K Curriculum and Coffee with Dana - 9:00AM
- ◆ 10/4 - PTA Meeting - 8:10AM in Auditorium
- ◆ 10/4 - Family Friday - 8:35AM - 9:15AM
- ◆ 10/7- Kindergarten Curriculum and Coffee - 9:00AM
- ◆ 10/7- 4th Grade and Class 345 Trip to Queens Museum
- ◆ 10/8- Grades 1 &2 Curriculum and Coffee - 9:00AM
- ◆ 10/8- Class 345 Trip to Ice Cream Shop
- ◆ 10/8 - SLT - 2:30PM
- ◆ 10/9 - Yom Kipper - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ 10/11 - K03 and K12 Trip to Firehouse on Beach 116th
- ◆ 10/14 - Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ 10/15 - 1st Grade Trip to Brooklyn Transit Museum
- ◆ 10/15 - Class 501 Trip to Ellis Island
- ◆ 10/15- 5th Grade Middle School Info Session - 6:00PM
- ◆ 10/16 - Grades 3 and 4 Curriculum and Coffee with Dana 9:00AM
- ◆ 10/17 - Kindergarten Trip to Green Meadows Farm @ Aviator
- ◆ 10/17 - 2nd Grade Trip to Queens Museum
- ◆ 10/17 - 5th Grade Middle School Info Session and Curriculum and Coffee - 9:00AM
- ◆ 10/21 - Class 502 Trip to Ellis Island
- ◆ 10/22 - Class 503 Trip to Ellis Island
- ◆ 10/23- Anti-Bullying Day - Wear Orange
- ◆ 10/26 - PTA Monster Mash - 3:00PM
- ◆ 10/30 - Kindergarten Trip to Peter Pan
- ◆ 10/31 - WCSS Character Parade - whole school!!!



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Have questions or need more
information?

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We're also on the Web!
www.watersidecss.org



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)

