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Principal's News

A letter from Dana

Dear Parents,

Happy November! Thanksgiving is right around the corner and I am so grateful for our kids, families and teachers every day. WCSS is truly a special school and everyone that visits us sees it from the moment they walk in. Thank you for doing your best with our children so that they can continue to develop academically, creatively and socially.

Just a reminder about our fantastic communication tool for grades Pre-K-5th called BLOOMZ. If you have not signed up yet, please visit our website at watersidccs.org to get started. **All school notifications come through this APP/website.** If you need help with setting up your account, please call the school for support.

I am so excited to announce that our Friends of Seaside Playground Committee has organized a wonderful event for our school community on Saturday, November 9th from 12-4. Our Wellness Through Sports Festival will have some amazing activities such as: skateboarding lessons, bike riding lessons, yoga with the YMCA, soccer and zumba.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be Thursday, November 14th. Dismissal on this day for all students will be 11:20AM. You can choose between two sessions:
Session 1: 12:30 - 2:30
Session 2: 4:30 - 7:30

For families with children in grades 3-5, the testing dates have been posted on the NYS website.

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

2020 Testing Schedule

March 25 - 26 (Wed and Thurs)	New York State English Language Arts Exams
April 22 - 23 (Wed and Thurs)	New York State Mathematics Exams

Recess is a very important social time for our students. Please note that rough housing is **NOT** allowed during recess or during the school day. If this does occur, it gets brought to either my attention or Katie, our AP, and gets handled immediately. Students who rough house can have consequences such as lunch detention or missing their enrichment clusters/STEAM time. We would love your cooperation with encouraging our children to keep their hands and feet to themselves at **ALL times**, which is part of our schoolwide promises and kindness initiative.

WCSS REMINDER: If you need to pick your child up early from school, please either let your child's teacher know ahead of time or please call the school. If we know ahead of time, we can have your child ready for when you come. If you come without notifying early and your child is at lunch, you will have to wait until after our lunch period is over since this is also lunchtime for the teachers and their classrooms are locked. Additionally, our school aides are out with our kids so getting your child during recess/lunch is not the best time. If you notify us ahead of time, we can avoid your wait if your child is at recess/lunch. Thanks for your cooperation.

Lastly, our Fall Book Fair will be held from December 2nd - December 6th.

With warmest regards,

Dana

All WCSS lessons are Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) aligned (3-5) and 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: Readers Use Super Powers!
Reading with Print Strategies and Sight
Word Power

Writing: Show and Tell Form Labels to
Pattern Books. *MOVING INTO* Writing
for Readers

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 2 - Compare
Numbers 0-5 AND Topic 3 - Numbers 6-10

Amplify Science: Sunlight and Weather

Social Studies: Self and Others -Individual
Development and Cultural Identity

Trips

11/18 - Intrepid Museum



First Grade News

Reading: Word Detectives Use All
that They Know to Solve Words
MOVING INTO Learning about the
World by Reading

Writing: How to Books into Non-
Fiction Chapter Books

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 4 -
Subtraction Facts to 20; Use Strategies

Amplify Science: How do Animals and
Plants Survive?

Social Studies: Families Now and Long Ago

Trips

11/12 - Brooklyn Children's Museum

"If I go fishing
and catch a fish
and give that fish
to you, then you
have dinner
tonight. If I
teach you how to
fish, then you
have dinner for
the rest of your
life."

~Anonymous

Second Grade News

Reading: Becoming Experts: Reading
Non-Fiction

Writing: Informational Writing

Envisions 2.0 Math:
Topic 4 - Fluently Add Within 100
AND Topic 5 - Subtract Within 100
Using Strategies

Amplify Science: Habitats

Social Studies: Our Community's
Geography/ New York City Over Time

Residency: Guggenheim Museum Art
Project (every Thursday)

Trips

11/19 - Guggenheim

Third Grade News

Reading: Mystery: Foundational Skills
in Disguise *MOVING INTO* Reading to
Learn: Grasping Main Ideas and Text
Structures

Writing: Up the Ladder Opinion
Writing *MOVING INTO* The Art of
Information Writing

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 4: Use
Multiplication to Divide: Division Facts

Amplify Science: Balance and Forces

Social Studies: Cultures Around the
World

Residency: NYC Ballet - The Nutcracker
Project

Fourth Grade News

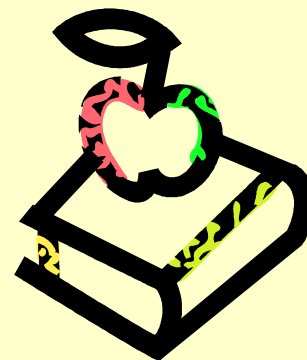
Reading: Reading the Weather,
Reading the World *MOVING INTO*
Historical Fiction

Writing: The Personal and Persuasive
Essay: "Boxes and Bullets" *MOVING INTO*
Literary Essay

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 5 - Fluently
Multiply and Divide Within 100 AND
Topic 6 Use Operations with Whole
Numbers to Solve Problems

Amplify Science: Electricity

Social Studies: Native America



5th Grade News

Reading: Up the Ladder Reading
Nonfiction *MOVING INTO* Reading
Differently to Get Ready to Write
about Your Reading

Writing: Research Reports - The Lens
of History, Westward Expansion

Envisions 2.0 Math: Topic 4- Use
Models & Strategies to Multiply
Decimals AND **Topic 5** - Use Models &
to Divide Whole Numbers

Amplify Science: Modeling Matter

Social Studies: Westward Expansion

Pre-K News

Reading: What is an Illustrator?

Author of the month is Eric Carle

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar
- Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See?
- The Tiny Seed
- Pancakes Pancakes

Writing: How do good writers
use color?

Building Blocks Math: Counting using 1:1
Correspondence, Comparing numbers,
Naming and
describing shapes, recognizing numerals

Science: Fruits and vegetable and eating
healthy

Social Studies: Families, Class Pet, Fruit
Feast and Thanksgiving

**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

The Leader in Me

Habit #3
PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST
Work first, then play

- I do the things that I have to do before I do the things that I want to do.
- I stay Focused on what I'm doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task.
- I spend my time on the things that are the most important.



PTA Corner

Greetings WCSS Families,

Thank you very much for all of your support! It was great to see so many of you at our last meeting. We hope it continues. Our next meeting is on **Friday, November 7th at 8:05AM.** Please note that our school's Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will also be holding their annual Title 1 Meeting before our meeting.

We had an incredible turnout for our Monster Mash. Thank you to the families that donated candy and cupcakes and for volunteering their time to make this event so much fun.

With warm regards,
WCSS PTA

WCSS Upcoming Events

- ◆ **11/5** - Election Day - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ **11/7**- Title 1 Annual Meeting 8:05AM
- ◆ **11/7** - PTA Meeting - 8:15AM
- ◆ **11/7**- Family Friday (Thursday) - 8:30 -9:15
- ◆ **11/8**- WCSS PICTURE DAY
- ◆ **11/9**- Wellness Through Sports Festival @ Seaside Playgroud - 12:00PM - 4:00PM
- ◆ **11/11** - Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- ◆ **11/12**- 1st Grade Trip to Brooklyn Children's Museum
- ◆ **11/12** - SLT - 2:30PM
- ◆ **11/14** - Parent Teacher Conferences -
11:20AM Dismissal - Session 1: 12:30-2:30
Session 2: 4:30-7:30
- ◆ **11/18**- Kindergarten Trip to the Intrepid
- ◆ **11/18** - Family Workshop - Cyberbullying 101 - 9:00AM
- ◆ **11/19**- 2nd Grade Trip to the Guggenheim
- ◆ **11/20**- ESL Afterschool Begins (K-2)
- ◆ **11/21**- ESL Afterschool Begins (3-5)
- ◆ **11/21**- Family Workshop - Envisions 2.0 Math
- ◆ **11/28 & 11/29** - Thanksgiving Recess - No School

WCSS BOOKFAIR - 12/2-12/6



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Have questions or need more information?

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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)

