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Principal's News

A letter from Dana

Dear Parents,

Happy December! It is a big month for our students at WCSS. Our Winter Arts Festival is just around the corner on **December 5th** and our students are so excited to show off their talent and art. Doors open at 5:00 and the first set of performances (Pre-K - 3rd Grade) begins at 5:15. Our second set of performances (grades 4-5, Waterside Singers and Dancers) will begin around 6:15PM. We are so excited for this night and we are looking forward to seeing ALL of our WCSS Families on this night!

Recess is a very important social and active time for our students. It is very important that our students wear sneakers every day. Additionally, 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 out on their enrichment clusters. 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 rules and kindness initiative.

The Kindergarten application period for the 2019-20 school year will open soon - we are waiting for dates from the Department of Education. If your child was born in 2015, you can apply for our **zoned** Kindergarten program.

We will be offering families three (3) open house dates in the near future for you to learn all about our school and our Kindergarten program. We will also visit our Kindergarten classrooms. Please look out for additional information...

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

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.

I want to take this time to wish **ALL** of our WCSS families a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, joy and love.

With warmest regards,
Dana

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All WCSS lessons are Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) aligned (Grades 3-5) moving into Next Generation Learning Standards (Grades Pre-K - 2nd).

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



"Education is
the most
powerful
weapon which
you can use to
change the
world."

~Nelson
Mandela

Kindergarten News

Reading: Readers Use Super Powers!
Reading with Print Strategies and
Sight Word Power

Writing: Writing for Readers

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 5 - Classify
and Count Data **AND** Topic 6 -
Understand Addition

Amplify Science: Forces

Social Studies: Cultures, Holidays, and
Celebrations

Trip: Puppetworks 12/12

**Kindergarten Holiday Show - 12/20 at
8:30AM**

First Grade News

Reading: Learning about the World
through Non Fiction

Writing: Non Fiction Chapter Books

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 4 -
Subtraction Facts to 20 **AND** Topic 5
- Work with Addition and Subtraction
Equations

Amplify Science: Animals and Plants

Social Studies: Families and Communities
ARE Important

Trips: Little Pulp Art Studio

104 - 12/2

103 - 12/3

102 - 12/4

101 - 12/5

Second Grade News

Reading: Information Books

Writing: Information Writing

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

Amplify Science: Plant and Animal
Relationships

Social Studies: New York City Over
Time **MOVING INTO** The Lenni
Lenape's

Residency: Guggenheim Museum

Third Grade News

Reading: Reading to Learn: Grasping
Main Ideas and Text Structures

Writing: Information Writing

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 6 - Connect
Area to Multiplication & Addition **AND**
Topic 7 - Represent and Interpret Data

Amplify Science: Balancing
Forces/Gravity

Social Studies: Cultures Around the
World

Residency: NYC Ballet - The Nutcracker
Project

Trip: NYC Ballet - The Nutcracker 12/3

Fourth Grade News

Reading: Narrative Nonfiction

Writing: Literal Essay

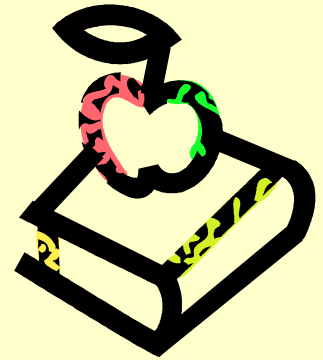
Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 6 - Use Operations with Whole Numbers to Solve Problems **AND** Topic 7 - Factors and Multiples

Amplify Science: Electricity and Magnetism

Social Studies: First Explorers

Trip - Hall of Science 12/19

Residency- Solar One Green Design Lab - <https://www.solar1.org/green-design-lab/>



5th Grade News

Reading: Argument and Advocacy

Writing: The Lens of History: Westward Expansion

Envision 2.0 Math: Topic 5 - Use Models & Strategies to Divide Whole Numbers **AND** Topic 6 - Use Models & Strategies to Divide Decimals

Amplify Science: The Earth System

Social Studies: Westward Expansion

Trip - New York Aquarium 12/9

Pre-K News

Reading: Good Readers use pictures to tell a story

Author of the month is Leo Lionni

- Swimmy
- Frederick
- Inch by Inch
- Alexander and the Wind Up Mouse

Writing: Good writers use shapes to draw pictures

Building Blocks Math: Number Recognition, Patterning, Recipes, and Shapes

Science: Seasons Changing, Freezing, and Melting

Social Studies: Transportation, December Holidays, and Cultures and Traditions

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 #4

THiNK WiN WiN

Everybody can win!

- I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person
- I think about what other people want and not just what I want.
- I am kind to others and try to think of ways to help everyone to be happy.



PTO 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, December 6th at 8:05AM.** Our next PTO event, will be our WCSS Winter Wonderland on **Saturday, December 14th from 12-3.** The cost will be \$5.00 per person before 12/13. Anything after will be \$7.00 at the door - cash only please. Looking forward to seeing our families then.

With warm regards,
WCSS PTO

Upcoming Events



- ◆ **12/2-12/6**- WCSS BOOK FAIR
- ◆ **12/2** Class 104 to Little Pulp Art Studio
- ◆ **12/3** - 3rd Grade to the NYC Ballet - Nutcracker
- ◆ **12/3**- Class 103 to Little Pulp Art Studio
- ◆ **12/4**- Class 102 to Little Pulp Art Studio
- ◆ **12/5** - Class 101 to Little Pulp Art Studio
- ◆ **12/5**- **WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL (doors open at 5:00)**
Showtime is 5:15PM Pre-K-3rd Grade
6:15 - 4th-5th Grade, WCSS Dancers and Singers
- ◆ **12/6**- PTA Meeting - 8:05AM -Auditorium
- ◆ **12/6** - Parent Workshop - Self Care
- ◆ **12/9** - 5th Grade Trip to The Aquarium
- ◆ **12/10** - SLT - 2:30PM
- ◆ **12/12**- Kindergarten Trip to Puppetworks
- ◆ **12/13** - 4th Grade Residency Begins - Solar One Green Design Lab
- ◆ **12/14** WCSS Winter Wonderland (PTO Event) - 12:00 - 3:00
- ◆ **12/19** - 4th Grade Trip to the Hall of Science
- ◆ **12/20** Kindergarten Winter Performance - 8:30AM
- ◆ **12/23 - 1/1/20 - WINTER RECESS - STUDENTS RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, 1/2/2020**


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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)

