## WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP PTA NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2017

### Lil' Warrior Beat

#### The President's Pen

With the holidays rapidly approaching us, we are quickly wrapping up 2017 at WTES! Who can believe how fast it went and how much the children have grown. Our PTA sponsored Holiday Bazaar last week and it was a huge success. We thank all of you that took part. We truly have some caring children at Williams. They helped each other out in selecting those perfect presents and waited so patiently to be check out. Our Winter Carnival / Polar Express Pajama Party is next week. It's an action-packed way to stir up Winter Break excitement with games, making reindeer food, other crafts and a visit from Santa!

We have many more WTES/PTA happenings the second half of the year to keep us energized! Our second session of Enrichment will be starting. Jump Rope for Heart, 100th Day of School Celebration, Sports' Day, Family Night Out at Dub's, and the infamous Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale will sweeten up February. Wacky Wednesday, Science Fair, and Career Day will spice up our spring!

All these beloved activities are made possible by many exceptional PTA volunteers and our fundraising events. We truly need your help in both areas. We understand it's difficult but even the smallest gesture really helps. Things such as field trips, items for the teachers and the classrooms, recess equipment and so much more are sponsored and provided by the PTA via these events. Also, if you'd like to volunteer in school and need your clearances, visit our website at www.williams.my-pta.org and click on the Security Clearance tab for more information

Our next General PTA Meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria. Childcare will be provided.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or any of our board members if you have any new ideas, questions, or concerns.

We wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2018!

Paula Tadayesky, PTA President



#### 2017-2018

#### **PTA BOARD MEMBERS**

Paula Tadayesky - President
Kate Loch, Vice President
Julie Burkhart, Secretary
Kimberly Kressman, Treasurer

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#### From the Principal's Desk

The school year at Williams Township Elementary School has been moving along swiftly. The first quarter has come to a close and we will continue to stay focused right up to our winter break. Remember, our school will be closed beginning December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Our students have also been working hard to "Earn their Feathers." Many students have been recognized for following the Warrior Ways; going above and beyond in regards to behavior and academic effort. "Little Warriors of the Month" have been selected. Please be sure to check out their "Little Warrior" pictures in the lobby trophy case.

Williams Township Elementary School and the Wilson Area School District are always striving to increase student achievement. Recently, the state of Pennsylvania released School Performance Profiles (SPP) that indicates how a school is performing according to state criteria. I am happy to announce that Williams Township Elementary School earned a score of 84.7 which is the highest score for an elementary school in all of Northampton County. This score reflects all of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and families here at Williams.

I want to continue to encourage all parents to keep in contact with your child's teacher. Parent teacher contact is essential for students to be successful. We have high standards here at Williams Township Elementary School. We need the help and support of all parents to ensure our students achieve to their highest level. Please always ask your child about his or her day and the learning that took place. All kinds of interesting activities take place every day and I am sure your child would love to share these experiences.

We continue to ask parents to send their students to school prepared to go outside. We certainly will not be going out during extreme weather or when we have safety concerns. When students do not dress appropriately the class is not able to go out because the class must remain together. If your child does not like to wear a coat or hat or gloves, perhaps they could keep these items in their cubby at school. Students always enjoy being outside and it helps to reenergize them to stay focused in class.

In closing, be sure to enjoy the upcoming Holiday Season with your family and friends. The "Williams Family" is an important part of all of our lives and we would like to extend Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of you. Thank you again for all the support you give your children and the staff at Williams Township Elementary School. Together let's continue to make our school "up on the hill" a success. I look forward to the ongoing work with all of the students, staff, and families of Williams Township Elementary School!

Warmest Regards,

Kevin Steidle, Principal

# PTA WINTER CARNIVAL POLAR EXPRESS PAJAMA PARTY DECEMBER 21ST

**WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS** 

CRAFTS, MUSIC AND HOLIDAY FUN



School Closed December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru January 1<sup>st</sup>

Reopens January 2<sup>nd</sup> t



#### **HERITAGE DAY**

JANUARY 9TH



Next PTA General Meeting

January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30p in the School Cafeteria



#### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

Don't forget that all volunteers (in school) are required to have Enrichment Program. We are their clearances approved and looking forward to new on file in our school office prior to your volunteer date. Plan ahead since some of the clearances cannot be done online and need processing time. See our "Security Clearance" tab on the PTA website for more information. Reminder - If you are volunteering for an event you **MUST** register online and report to Mrs. Petty in the office to sign in.

#### **ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

We wrapped up the Fall 2017 adventures in the spring with our after-school program. We have a wonderful lineup this year. Some new programs as well as some of the kids' favorites. We are always looking for volunteers with approved clearances



#### YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

Committee had their last meeting and are all set to get this year's book rolling. We have an awesome cover and are having fun snapping those candid shots - watch out!!!

We are always looking for donations of cameras in working condition for our student photographers.

Contact Lori Miller with any donations or ideas.

parkplace035@rcn.com



#### **LUNCH DUTY**

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#### HERITAGE DAY

This year our 2018 Heritage Day will be on January 9th. We are able to organize parents from our WTES family and local international students from Layfette Collage to come present to the students about the country they come from (or their heritage). The kids will have packed sessions rotating through each station and learn about customs and facts of amazing foreign countries.

Contact Molly Sunderlin if you are interested in being a speaker for this event.

molly.sunderlin@gmail.com

#### **FAMILY NIGHT OUT**

We are looking forward to a great new year of new adventures and new friends. We will have Dubs, Free Fall and lots more to come. Stay Tuned!!

#### WINTER WEATHER

Just a reminder on delays:

1 hr delay 9:55a - 3:15p

2 hr delay 10:55a - 3:15p



#### COMMITTEE UPDATES

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

If you need to be reimbursed or need a payment sent out, please submit all expense receipts / requests along with the completed reimbursement form (available on the PTA website) to school in care of Connor Kressman, Mrs. Silfies 4th grade class. Attn: Kim Kressman

Any questions please email Kim Kressman at kimk@rcn.com



#### **SCRIP PROGRAM**

Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables the PTA to raise money. Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards. You purchase gift cards at face value and the PTA orders those cards. The difference is a rebate to the PTA. It's really that simple! Great Lakes Scrip Center carries over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, and more. You can also order by going to www.shopwithscrips.com and

use our school id

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Contact Stephanie Koufalis at stephaniekoufalis@gmail.com or 610-392-6756

#### **BOX TOPS**

All you need to do is shop for participating products from the advertised promotions for the week during your visit to the store. Please get your family, friends, co-workers to clip those Box Tops and help us reach our goal of \$2000 for the year!

Our monthly winners for the \$100 classroom Scholastic dollars are:

September– 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Buskirk October- 3rd grade Dickson, November – 4th grade Silfies

Congratulations



#### **AMAZON SMILE**

When you shop online with AmazonSmile, the foundation that runs it will donate a percentage of your eligible purchases to Williams Township PTA. You Shop, Amazon Gives.

Visit AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) and select our charity; Williams Township Elem School PTA. Our charity will be saved and remembered. Anyone can register and help out our PTA.

#### **GIANT A+ REWARDS PROGRAM**

Williams Township Elementary School – ID# 23417 has the opportunity to participate in and earn **CASH** from A+ School Rewards, a great fundraising program run through your local Giant! You DO NOT need to re-register your card if your school selection(s) remains the same as last year.

It's easy to participate, visit www.giantfoodstores.com

and select Savings & **Rewards.** Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 11-digit BONUSCARD® number and the School ID# 23417 OR IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR BONUS CARD® NUMBER CALL 1-888-814-4268 OPTION #1.

Please encourage your family members and friends to support our school. This could result in more CASH REWARDS.



#### **SHOUT OUTS**



Michael DiBartola

Congratulations on being named Warrior of the Month!!

Keep working hard!

Love, Mom and Dad

We want to send a huge SHOUT OUT to our Williams Rams Competition Cheerleaders on a AWESOME season and bringing that spirit to all you do. Great Job!!





Jake Grade 2 Hakvaag

Mom is so very proud of Jake and the effort that you make; Here's a SHOUT OUT from me to you for all the kind things that you do! I LOVE YOU!



Want to give a "Shout Out" to your child for a birthday wish, a great job or just a reminder how awesome they are? All Shout Outs are placed in each newsletter.

Cost is \$2 per shout out and can be sent into school in an enveloped marked "Newsletter"



#### We want to help you answer your toughest financial questions!

- Where do I stand financially?
- How do I rollover my IRA/401(k)?
- What can I do to beef up my savings and retirement plan?
- How much should I be saving for my child's education expenses?
- What will happen to my family if I die unexpectedly?
- How can I reduce my debt?
- What can I do to earn some extra money?

#### **Matt Domaszewicz**

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#### LOCAL EVENT ADVERTISING



#### Please Join us for a Sockdollager;

An event of great importance!

#### Attagirl;

2nd Annual Fundraiser to Benefit St. Luke's Cancer Center Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018 Time: 7 pm Location: The View at Morgan Hill 100 Clubhouse Drive, Easton, PA 18042

A Bee's Knees Cocktail Party \$50.00 per person-Hors d'oeuvres, Jazz etc.

It would be swell if you looked

spiffy; roaring 20s inspired attire welcomed!

Let's have a good time.... Whoopee!

Please make check out to St. Luke's University

Health Network and mail to SLUH Development Office

801 Ostrum Street, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

Contact Darlene Daily Jake's mom, for more information 610-462-9515

