



Watervliet Elementary School News and Notes

NEWSLETTER DATE: NOVEMBER 2011

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SCHOOL WEBSITE: WWW.WATERVLIETCITYSCHOOLS.ORG

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Girl Basketball Tryouts 3rd & 4th 5-6PM 5th & 6th 6:30-8PM	3	4 Kids of Character Celebration Garnet & Gray Day	5 (Students wear garnet & gray to support Character Ed Day)
6	7 Parent Teacher Conferences 6-8PM	8 No School— Election Day PTA Bake Sale Parent Teacher Conferences all day	9	10 Books for BINGO	11 No School 	12
13	14	15 Board of Ed Mtg. 7PM	16 PTA Mtg. 6:30 PM 5th Gr. Field Trip	17	18	19
20	21	22 DEAR Day Gr. 5/6 Gr. 1 Feast Day	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			

Thanksgiving Break!!!!!!!!!!

NOVEMBER LUNCH MENU:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Toasted Cheese	2 French Toast sticks w/ turkey sausage	3 Spaghetti w/ meat sauce	4 Cheese Pizza
7 Chicken Nuggets	8 No School	9 Loaded Nachos	10 Chicken Quesadilla	11 No School
14 Hamburger	15 Turkey Club Wrap	16 Mac N' Cheese	17 Tacos	18 Pepperoni Pizza
21 Chicken Patty	22 Turkey Dinner	23 No School	24 No School	25 No School
28 Hot Dog	29 Sloppy Joe	30 Italian Mix		



MENU

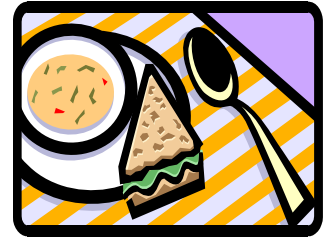
Meals may be prepaid for the week or month in the cafeteria between the hours of 8 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Checks are to be made payable to the Watervliet School Cafeteria. Parents may also pay through the online system, www.mynutrikids.com Information is on the school website. www.watervlietcityschools.org Food service link or "What's For Lunch" icon

CAFETERIA MANAGER:

MR. DARRYL WHITED

629-3261



WCSD

Student Breakfast is available daily, and includes:

Choice of milk, 1%, low fat chocolate

Choice of fresh fruit **or** juice

Choice of sunflower seeds - honey or salted

Choice of bread item - cereal, mini-muffins, multi-grain pop tart or wheat bagel

(muffins, graham cracker, & bagel count as 2 items)

NOVEMBER HOT LUNCH SPECIAL OF THE DAY MENU

11/1	Toasted Cheese	11/16	Mac N' Cheese
11/2	French Toast Stick w/ Turkey Sausage	11/17	Tacos
11/3	Spaghetti w. Meat Sauce	11/18	Pepperoni Pizza
11/4	Cheese Pizza	11/ 21	Chicken Patty
11/7	Chicken Nuggets	11/22	Turkey Dinner
11/8	No School	11/23	No School
11/9	Loaded Nachos	11/24	No School
11/10	Chicken Quesadilla	11/25	No School
11/11	No School	11/28	Hot Dog
11/14	Hamburger	11/29	Sloppy Joe
11/15	Turkey Club Wrap	11/30	Italian Mix

Students are entitled to 5 items (from different food groups) but must take at least 3 to qualify for a full hot lunch .

The Deli Bar is open each day with choice of Sandwich **in place of** the Hot Lunch Special of the Day

Examples of student lunch choice:

- chicken patty on bun, milk, hot vegetables, fresh fruit.
- Deli sandwich, milk, fruit juice, cold vegetables.





PTA



- **PTA Bake Sale:** The bake sale will be November 8th, if you are interested in volunteering or sending in a treat, please send a note to the PTA.
- **Books for Bingo:** Join us on November 10th! If you are interested in attending Books for Bingo, please send your slip to the main office. Any student who brings a canned good to the evening's event will receive an extra raffle ticket!
- **PTA Meeting:** Please join us on Wednesday November 16th at 6:30PM in the WES cafeteria.
- **Price Chopper Tools for Schools:** Please re-enroll your AdvantEdge card & to help us earn points for education!
- **Colonie Center Receipts:** Please continue to drop off any receipts to the Colonie Center Guest Service Desk., we appreciate your support .
- **Upcoming Events:** PTA Holiday Breakfast– Saturday 12/3/11 from 8:00 AM –12: 00 PM
Holiday Workshop– Friday 12/9/11 from 6:00-8:00 PM
Colonie Center Holiday Music Program– Tuesday 12/13/11 at 6:00 PM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **Parent Teacher Conference Night:** Parent Teacher conferences will take place on Monday November 7th from 6:00 –8:00 PM & November 8th all day. We encourage all parents to attend these conferences & we also ask that each parent bring 1 non-perishable good to support our local food pantry. If you have not set up an appointment, please contact your child's homeroom teacher right away to schedule the appointment. We value the time discussing your child's growth and look forward to meeting with everyone
- **Watervliet Food Drive:** This year's event will begin on Monday October 31st and will run through Friday, November 18th. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food & healthcare items during these days. Every little bit is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. 
- **Dressing for the Weather:** A Reminder to all parents to dress their children appropriately as the weather turns colder. Students will be going outside each day and need warm coats, hats, and mittens. Thank you. 
- **Disregard Go Home Drill on November Calendar:** Please disregard the district calendar which states November 10th will be an early release. We will have a regular school day on this day.
- **Holiday School Concert:** Mark your calendar for our annual winter concert. This year's concert will be held on December 8th. Join us for this musical evening from Grade 4, Chorus & Instrumental Band.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE FOOD DRIVE. BRING A CANNED FOOD ITEM TO BOOKS AND BINGO AND/OR TO YOUR CHILD'S CONFERENCE. HELP SUPPORT THE WATERVLIEET COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

A Message from 4th Grade Teachers!



Fourth grade students have been studying a variety of animals since early October. African dwarf frogs, fiddler crabs and millipedes have found new habitats built by the students. After studying the natural habitats of amphibians, crabs and millipedes, students were asked to design a proposal for building a man-made habitat which would closely resemble each animal's natural habitat. After building the habitats, students eagerly awaited the arrival of their animals. Once safely placed in their new homes, students spent the next few weeks observing each animal for particular body features and characteristics, as well as behaviors. Body features studied included body parts, webbed feet, body coverings, number of legs, gills, eye stalks, etc. Behaviors included locomotion, breathing, eating, resting and hiding or burrowing. Students recorded their observations in animal behavior logs and even tried their hand at drawing each animal in detail. Our unit of study will conclude with an exploration of food chains and webs, as well as how animals protect themselves from predators. The fourth graders have learned that taking care of and observing animals as scientists involves carefully recording data and paying attention to the needs of each animal.



From the Attendance Office:

If your child is ill & will be missing school, please contact Mrs. Daniels in the attendance office at 629-3214. If your child is late, they must check in at the attendance office to receive a late pass.

Thank you!

Basketball News

WES Girls Basketball Tryouts

Watervliet Elementary School fields several basketball teams for girls in grades three through six; a 3rd and 4th grade CYO team, a 5th and 6th grade CYO team and a developmental team for girls who are not selected for a CYO team but enjoy basketball and want to improve for next year. Tryouts for the teams will be Wednesday, November 2nd.

- 3rd and 4th grade team - 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the WES New Gym
- 5th and 6th grade team - 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the WES Old Gym

All girls, regardless of experience, are welcome to tryout!



PEACEFUL SCHOOL BUS

Our first Peaceful School Bus Booster was a success. Please review our Peaceful School Bus Expectations with your child. We are looking forward to a safe year on the bus.

Be Respectful by...

Keeping your hands and feet in your own personal space

Using a level 2 voice and not saying hurtful words

Be Responsible by...

Always facing forward

Not eating or drinking on the bus

Following the directions of the bus driver

Be Safe by...

Staying seated at all time

Keeping your hands to yourself

Not flinging things in or out of the bus

Be Honest by...

Being in control of your behavior

Turning in found items to the bus driver

FROM THE NURSE

FLU KITS

Flu Kits are available in the nurse's office. The kit comes with instructions on how to care for someone with the flu, tissues, mask, & digital thermometer. Please fill out the form below & have your child submit it to the nurse's office when you pick it up. There is a limited quantity so it will be first come, first serve.

Please contact the Health Office at 629-3402 with any questions.

Student Name _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____





The Watervliet Elementary 6th Grade is raising money for their class trip and will be selling pies. They need your help!

Since we know how busy the holiday season is, we are holding the pie sale prior to Thanksgiving. These Gourmet Pies are frozen... ready to bake and serve! The pies are provided to us by TRI CITY FOODS in Watervliet. For those of you who may have ordered pies from the PTA a couple of years ago, this is the same vendor.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY Monday, November 7th, 2011

If you are interested in purchasing pies, please fill out the attached order form and return it via your child's teacher. All payments should be made by check, money order or cash. Checks and money orders should be made payable to **Watervliet Elementary PTA**. Please attach the payment(s) in a sealed envelope and staple the envelope to the pie order form. Please make sure the order form includes your child's name, grade, teacher, and your name and contact information.

Pie delivery will be Wednesday, November 16th for a **set two-hour pickup time** since these pies are frozen. A notification with the exact time of pickup will be sent home with your child prior to the delivery date.

If you have any questions regarding this Pie Sale, please contact the following:

Nancy Baughn @ 273-4640 or Judy Ethier @ 274-8441 or Ms. DeLollo via e-mail @ adelollo@vliet.neric.org

Thank you for your support of the 6th Grade's Class Trip!





Watervliet Elementary 6th Grade Pie Sale



STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____
 TEACHER NAME: _____ GRADE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Name / Phone Number	Blueberry Pie \$10.00	Cherry Pie \$10.00	Gourmet Chocolate Pie \$9.00	Apple Pie \$10.00	Strawberry Rhubarb Pie \$10.00
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Caramel Walnut Pie \$10.00	Sweet Po- tato Pie \$9.00	Pre-Baked Pumpkin Pie \$9.00	Raspberry Pie \$10.00	Lemon Me- ringue Pie \$9.00	*Fruits of the Forest Pie \$11.00	Total
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**Fruits of the Forest Pie Contains: Apples, Raspberries, Strawberries, Blackberries and Rhubarb.*

Pie orders with payment are due Monday, November 7th. Pies will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, November 16th. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE WATERVLIET ELEMENTARY PTA. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A \$25 RETURN CHECK FEE.



School Banking through CAP COM!



School Banking through Cap Com will begin on Friday, October 28th. The bank station will be open in the upper lobby at 8:35 AM. Please call

Mrs. Diane Tambolleo with questions at 518-272-6413.

School Banking Program:

Kids learn to save by making deposits at school!

Great Grades:

Bring in your child's report card and we'll deposit \$10 into his or her account! Your child can earn a total of \$40 every year (\$10 per quarter) for submitting a report card each quarter until they graduate from high school.

Reading Programs:

During winter and summer months, children can earn up to \$15 for reading up to five books (\$3 per book). That's \$30 per year! Our Reading Programs run twice per year and are a great way to get kids to read and save some money for college!

CertifiKID:

Stash your child's savings in a CertifiKID*! Your child's money will grow faster than in a regular savings account and you can add money at any time!





Our local food bank needs help to stock their pantries to prevent hunger in our community. We are asking for donations of non-perishable food & healthcare items. Please send your donations to the Attendance office at WES.

Support this this wonderful project, and help us feed our neighbors.

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for your support!



Food Pantry
Donations Needed