

GOLDEN-CASTLE NEWS

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The Holiday Season has arrived. This means running to get those special gifts. Scheduling all the holiday get togethers. Trying to fit in every

little thing you can to make your holiday time special. Let's not forget the true meaning of this time of year. Remember those in need, remember those who have given something special to you or someone else, and let us not forget those who are so special in our lives – our family. This is the time of year that means family to me. Coming together and being together. Sharing and remembering with our loved ones.

Please come and share at our December 3rd PTA meeting which will be held in the Brass Castle Media Center at 7:00PM. I wish all of you a very HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON.

Tracy Smith
PTA President

:: REFLECTIONS ::

This year's entries must be delivered to the school in an envelope marked "Reflections Entry" no later than Friday, December 11th. Thank you so much and good luck!

Karen Wiessler
Committee Chairperson

:: PENNY JARS ::

Keep bringing in those pennies to fill your classroom penny jars! Seven classrooms have already turned in full jars. Remember every full penny jar equals a new book for the school library.

:: BE AN ANGEL ::

BE AN ANGEL PROGRAM

A very special thank you to all of you who donated food or made monetary contributions to our "Be An Angel" program! Due to your kind and giving spirit, several families had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We are still in need of turkeys and hams for Christmas. If you would like to donate a turkey or ham, please contact Abbie Zola at 689-9413 or Stacie Paruta at 835-1237. Once again, the generosity of our community has made this program a huge success!

Abbie Zola & Stacie Paruta
Committee Co-Chairs

:: HOLIDAY SHOP ::

This year's Holiday Shop will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Thursday, Dec. 10. A Price List and Gift List Planner (money envelope) will be sent home with your child the week before the shop. If your child will be attending the Holiday Shop, he must bring his Gift List Planner with him the day his class is scheduled. (The Planner greatly aids our volunteers during the shop and minimizes the chances of your child misplacing his shopping money, so please use it!) If your child forgets his Gift List Planner, or is unable to attend the Holiday Shop on the day his class is scheduled, he will be able to shop on the make-up day, Friday Dec. 11.



BRASS CASTLE

Tuesday, December 8

Baxendale, Watters/Pare, Burkat, Cambria, Pellito, Johnson, Mahon, Motzenbecker, Casserly/Mahoney, Young

Wednesday, December 9

Slack, Mason, Palavido, Pare, Margolin, Pomeroy

Thursday, December 10

Alogna, Penner, Galoppo

PORT COLDEN

Tuesday, December 8

Cooper, Melhem, O'Cone, Graham

Wednesday, December 9

Renner, Bell, Lisk, Trush, Krupka

Thursday, December 10

Kupcha, Polhemus, Rohmann, Barratta

Friday, December 11 Make-up day at both schools

:: WTYA SPORTS NEWS ::

Basketball Clinics for boys and girls in grades 5-8 are being held December 5th, 12th, and 19th in the Franklin Municipal Building Gym. Go to wtya.org for registration flyer.

Lacrosse Registration for boys' and girls' spring teams is going on now. Go to wtya.org to register online, or mail-in registration flyer.

Lacrosse Clinics for boys and girls in grades 3-8 will be held Sundays, January 10 and 17. Go to wtya.org to download flyer.

Tball, Rookie League, Baseball & Softball spring signups will be in late January. You can join our notice list by emailing president@wtya.org

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Washington Township PTA

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 <i>Parents – Bowl with the PTA at Oakwood Lanes! Tuesdays at 9:15am!</i>	2	3 <i>PTA MEETING 7 pm BC Media Center</i>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <i>Winter Concert WHHS Auditorium 7:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Reflections Entries Due Today Hanukkah begins</i>	12
HOLIDAY SHOP FOR STUDENTS Dec. 8-11						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 <i>SNOW DATE for Winter Concert</i>	22 <i>WINTER PARTIES Pre-K & Kindergarten</i>	23 <i>WINTER PARTIES Grades 1-6 Early Dismissal</i>	24 <i>WINTER RECESS</i>	25 <i>WINTER RECESS Christmas</i>	26 <i>Kwanzaa begins</i>
27	28 <i>WINTER RECESS</i>	29 <i>WINTER RECESS</i>	30 <i>WINTER RECESS</i>	31 <i>WINTER RECESS New Years Eve</i>	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	<i>STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4</i>



WHAT'S AHEAD

January 1 – Friday
New Years Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED

January 4 – Monday
Return to School

January 18 – Monday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
SCHOOLS CLOSED

:: SPIRIT WEAR UPDATE ::

Spirit wear order deadline for Holiday delivery is Friday, December 4. Spirit wear will also be available throughout the rest of the school year. Orders may be placed by using the order form that was sent home in November. For more information please contact Tracy Smith at (908)-887-2630 or bdtsmith@gmail.com

:: COOKIES WITH SANTA ::

The Warren Hills Cheerleaders are hosting a Cookies with Santa event Saturday, Dec. 5th from 11-3 at Warren Hills High School. \$5 admission includes cookies, drink, and visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Photo with frame may be purchased for an additional \$5. Parents can also do some holiday shopping - various vendors will be there.

**:: IMPORTANT INFO. ::
FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

ATTENTION CURRENT 5TH GRADE PARENTS

All children born on or after January 1, 1997 and entering 6th grade in Sept. 2010 must show proof of having received a dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis vaccine) and one dose of a meningococcal containing vaccine in order to enter school in September of 2010 per N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.

ATTENTION PRESCHOOL/PRE-K PARENTS

Every child 12 months through 59 months of age must show proof of having had at least one dose of pneumococcal I conjugate vaccine (PCV), received on or after their first birthday in order to enter school. You must also show proof of your child having received an annual dose of influenza vaccine, given between September 1 and December 31 of each year in order for your child to remain in school per N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.



Please forward documentation of vaccinations to the Health Office.

REMINDER

When you take your child to the Doctor/ER for immunizations, physicals, stitches, broken bones, surgery, etc., please get documentation for the school nurses. This should indicate date and type of immunization(s), doctor's diagnosis, and gym status as necessary so health records can be kept current.

Kathy Fiore – School Nurse