

GOLDEN-CASTLE NEWS

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:: PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ::

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



It seems that this time of year brings many new ideas and thoughts into our minds. Is it the idea of resolutions or just a spark to set some new goals? Although times may be tough for all of us today, there is nothing more important than family. Take the time and enjoy each other.

On that note you have another family as well, a much larger family – the PTA and I like to think of us as a great big family, as we are all here for the children. Please come out and join us for our monthly PTA Meeting on Thursday January 14, 2010 at 7:00pm in the Brass Castle Media Center.

Best wishes for the New Year to all of you and hope to see you on the 14th.

Tracy Smith
PTA President

:: CULTURAL ARTS ::

CULTURAL ARTS UPDATE

On January 21st, the Franklin Museum will bring their traveling science show “Energy!” to Port Colden. This show will introduce the students to the different kinds of energy and demonstrate how transformations from one type of energy to another provide the power to run everything from complicated electrical grids to their own bodies. There will be two morning shows at 9:15 and 10:15.

On January 22nd, the Franklin Museum returns to Brass Castle with their traveling science show “Weather”. This assembly is an introduction to weather and will discuss the water cycle and forces behind our weather. There will be two morning shows, one at 9:00 and 10:00.

These shows are generously paid for by a grant from the Washington Township Clean Communities Fund.

If you should have any questions regarding these assemblies, please contact Elizabeth Smith at 908-689-3087 or elizsmith@comcast.net.

Elizabeth Smith
Cultural Arts Chairman

:: SPIRIT WEAR ::

SPIRIT WEAR STILL AVAILABLE

Did you miss the December deadline? Not to worry. Spirit wear is still available. Orders will be accepted monthly. Please submit your order and money by January 15, 2010. Send them to Tracy Smith c/o Brittany 4-Burkat.



If you need an order form or have any questions you may contact me either via e-mail at bdtsmith@gmail.com or phone (908)-887-2630.

:: PTA POSITIONS ::

COMMITTEE CHAIR OPENINGS

The following PTA Chairman positions are available:

- FAMILY ART NIGHT
- FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Want to lend a hand? You could be just who we are looking for.

If you're interested or want to know more about any of these PTA positions please send me an email bdtsmith@gmail.com or call me (908)887-2630.

:: FRIEND FINDER ::

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS FOR THE 2009/2010 FRIEND FINDER

Please add the following new member to your Friend Finders:

- Jacob Wilson, in K-Cambria, Parents Bryan & Elizabeth at 5 Norfolk Ave., Phone number 973-271-3392.

Please correct the following information:

- Jocelyn Mosher's name spelling on the first page of PTA Officer's and Chairmen was misspelled. Sorry Jocelyn.
- The Slinkowski Family information in 1-Graham, 5-Pellito and 3-Krupka should read: PO Box 262, Washington, NJ 07882 and should have phone number 908-689-0556.
- Rosemarie Caffiero's phone number in 3-Trush should read 619-5672

Thank you.

Christine Thompson
Friend Finder Chairman

Please Note.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
					1 <i>WINTER RECESS</i> School Closed <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3	4 <i>Schools Reopen</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>PTA MEETING 7pm</i> <i>BC Media Center</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	19 <i>4th Grade</i> <i>Spelling Bee 6:30pm</i>	20	21 <i>PTA Program "Energy"</i> <i>at Port Colden</i> <i>5th & 6th Grade</i> <i>Spelling Bee 7pm</i>	22 <i>PTA Program "Weather"</i> <i>at Brass Castle</i> <i>WTYA Sports Sign-ups</i> <i>7-8pm</i>	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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WHAT'S AHEAD

February 8 – Monday
BC School Store Open

February 11 – Thursday
Early Dismissal

February 12-15
Friday – Monday
Presidents Holiday

:: ANGELS ::

THANK YOU "ANGELS"

A very special thank you to all of you who donated food, bought gifts or made monetary contributions to our "Be An Angel" program! Due to your kind and giving spirit, several families had a wonderful Thanksgiving and a great Christmas. Once again, the generosity of our community has made this program a huge success!

Stacie Paruta & Abbie Zola
Goodwill Committee Chairs



:: TEEN DRIVER SAFETY ::

TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WORKSHOP AND NJ TEEN DRIVER STUDY COMMISSION UPDATE

The Warren Hills PTSA will be hosting a workshop for PARENTS and STUDENTS on January 20th at 7pm at the WH Middle School. This workshop is free of charge and is open to everyone. Pamela Fischer, Director of the NJ Division of Hwy Traffic Safety and Director of the NJ Teen Driver Study Comm., will be conducting the workshop.



Ms. Fischer will be educating us with facts about teen drivers. Learn about the changes to the GDL Law that goes into effect May 1st 2010, pending legislation, policy developments and new classroom standards. Your children will turn 16 before you know it – start thinking about them driving now! This workshop could save a life! For questions, please contact Jeannie General at 813-3344.

:: WTYA SPORTS ::

T-BALL, SOFTBALL & BASEBALL

- Walk-In Registration is Friday, Jan. 22 from 7:00-8:00pm at the Parks and Recreation Building on Little Philadelphia Rd.
- Register online at wtya.org starting Jan. 18
- For more information about WTYA spring sports programs, go to wtya.org

LACROSSE

- Registration for boys and girls 3rd-8th grade teams will remain open until teams are full.
- 1st & 2nd grade co-ed lacrosse clinics will be held on Saturday mornings this spring. Sticks will be provided. Walk-in Registration on Friday, Jan. 22. Online opens Jan. 18.

BOWLING

WTYA Bowling Program for children in Grades K-6 will run Jan. 20 thru March 31 – Wednesdays at 4:15. Call Oakwood Lanes at 689-0310 or email oakwoodlanes@verizon.net