

GOLDEN-CASTLE NEWS

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:: PRESIDENT'S COLUMN ::



Can you believe school has already been in session for a month? I don't know about everyone else, but I feel like the days are coming faster and faster.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who came out to our September PTA meeting. We had a great meeting and hope that you will all come back and bring another parent or your spouse with you. I think it is so important that we get together and use this time to go over our programs and discuss any new ideas or even refresh some old ones. It takes many great people to execute all of the activities that we have going on. So please mark the date October 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Brass Castle School Media Center for our next PTA meeting.

I would also like to thank those who helped with the Old School House Open House Refreshments. This was truly a great day, we had beautiful weather and great attendance. As I think back it was a day of remembrance for me as well. A memory of my grandmother actually taught school in the old school house and remembering her and all the stories that were told by her and her friends when they taught there. To see it restored and being used again is a wonderful thing and a special thank you to all of those who made that possible.

Please check the calendar and watch for those flyers for all the upcoming October events. HAPPY FALL!!

Tracy Smith – PTA President

:: BOOK FAIR ::

FALL BOOK FAIR

Destination Book Fair, Read Around the World will take place October 6th through October 9th. The fair will be open to students during school hours with Parents Night on Wednesday, October 7th at Port Colden from 6:30 to 8:00pm and Thursday, October 8th at Brass Castle from 6:30 to 8:00.



Help us make this event a great success. If you are interested in volunteering at the book fair, please contact us at the numbers below.

<i>Brass Castle</i>	<i>Port Colden</i>
Sally Christine	Linda Ballard
689-1733	689-0629

:: PUMPKIN FARM ::

PORT COLDEN FALL FUN (PRE-K – 3RD Grade)

The Port Colden seasonal event will be held at Horse Sleigh Farm on Route 57 in Washington on Wednesday October 14th. The rain date is October 15th. Sign-up is required. Please turn in forms no later than Thursday October 8th to Yomi Hamilton. If you have any questions, contact Tracy Smith at bdtsmith@gmail.com or Yomi Hamilton at yforshhamilton@yahoo.com.



:: FLU VACCINES ::

SEASONAL FLU VACCINE ADDITIONAL CLINICS

If you can't make the one at Brass Castle School on October 8, here are some additional clinics in the Washington Area.

Oct. 6 St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Route 31 in Washington, 4:00-6:00PM

Oct. 14 Assembly of God Community Hall, Brass Castle Rd in Washington 10:00-11:30AM

Oct. 22 St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Carlton Ave in Washington 9:30-10:30AM

If you have any questions in regards to the flu vaccine contact Warren County Public Health Nursing at (908)689-6000.

:: HALLOWEEN DANCE ::



DANCE (4TH – 6TH Grade)

Brass Castle's fall seasonal event will be a costume dance party complete with a costume contest with lots of categories. The dance is Friday, October 30 from 7-9 pm in the Brass Castle Gym. Check backpacks for permission slips to sign-up. We will be looking for volunteers to chaperone and to donate snack items. Please sign up on permission slips and you will be called if you are needed.

For admission to the dance please bring a pet food item to be donated to Common Sense for Animals.

Melinda Schaffer
Seasonal Events Chairman
– Brass Castle
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PTA CULTURAL ARTS

CULTURAL ARTS UPDATE

On October 5th, Solid Brass will be performing “Beat the Brass – How to Listen to Music” at Port Colden at 9:15 and 10:15; and at Brass Castle at 1:15 and 2:15. This program is funded in part by an arts grant received from the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

On October 28th, North Jersey School of Dance Arts will perform “Broadway or Bust” – a musical review of favorite tunes from popular shows such as “Wicked”, “Annie” and “Peter Pan”. Performances will be held at 9:15 and 10:15 at Brass Castle and 1:30 at Port Colden.

This month, the Cultural Arts committee will again be applying for an arts grant from the Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission for 2010. Please contact Elizabeth Smith at 689-3087 or elizjsmith@comcast.net if you have any questions or are interested in joining the cultural arts committee.

Elizabeth Smith – Cultural Arts Chairperson

:: BOWLING PARTY ::

COLUMBUS DAY FUN

Bring the kids to Oakwood Lanes on Monday, October 12 from 11:00-1:00 for a Bowling Party. \$10 admission includes 2 hours of bowling with shoes.

RSVP by emailing your name and the number of people in your group to info@whcsdo.org. This way, a lane will be reserved for you.

Admission fee will be collected at the door.

Questions?

Call Deb Childers at 689-0571.



WARREN HILLS COMMUNITY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

PTA GOODWILL

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

It’s hard to believe but Thanksgiving and the holidays are right around the corner. The PTA Goodwill Committee will be collecting non-perishable food items to make Thanksgiving and holiday food baskets for needy families in our district through our “Be An Angel” program in November. If you are interested in donating a turkey or ham, please contact Abbie Zola at 689-9413 or Stacie Paruta at 835-1237.

Additionally, we will be looking for volunteers to donate a gift of clothing or a toy to a less fortunate child in our school district. Information will be sent home in early November.

This program could not succeed without the overwhelming generosity of people like you! Let’s make this another great year!



Abbie Zola & Stacie Paruta – Goodwill Co-Chairs

:: SCHOOL STORE ::

HI BC READERS!

The school store will be open on Monday, October 26th.

The school store now has contribution boxes where you can donate points to better the world around you! It will be exciting to see the changes you can make with only one reading point at a time. You can contribute points to your school, your community (Norwescap or Habitat for Humanity) the United States (Modestneeds.org or members of the U.S. Military) or the World (Free Rice or purchase a goat).

If you have 250 or more points and are saving up for gift cards, please start that process now. We are initiating a new policy that will only allow students to redeem a maximum of 250 points per school store.

Thank you so much and if you have any questions or concerns please contact Karen Wiessler at k.wiessler@comcast.net.

Karen Wiessler – School Store

PTA MEMBERSHIP

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On behalf of the PTA, I would like to thank everyone who has joined so far this year. Cards will be coming out soon; please keep an eye out for them.

Currently 234 parents/guardians and 39 teachers/staff members have enrolled, making our PTA 273 members strong! We would be thrilled to make the 300 member level. If there is anyone else who like to join or would like to purchase additional membership for a spouse or relative, additional membership applications will be going out later in October.



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone 835-1355, email cesieber@gmail.com, or backpack mail (BC)Pellito-5 or (PC)Bell-3.

Cathy Kohansby – Membership Chairperson

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Washington Township PTA

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
					<i>WTYA Basketball Registration 7-9pm</i>	<i>WTYA Basketball Registration 10am-12</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<i>PTA Cultural Arts Solid Brass Performances</i>		<i>BOOK FAIR PARENTS NIGHT Port Colden 6:30-8</i>	<i>BOOK FAIR PARENTS NIGHT Brass Castle 6:30-8</i>		
		PTA BOOK FAIR Oct. 6-9				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<i>TEACHER IN-SERVICE NO SCHOOL Bowling Party 11-1</i>		<i>HORSE SLEIGH FARM SEASONAL EVENT Pre-K thru 3rd grade (raindate 10/15)</i>			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				<i>PTA MEETING 7 pm BC Media Center</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	<i>Brass Castle School Store</i>		<i>PTA Cultural Arts Broadway or Bust Performances</i>		<i>Fall Class Parties HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE 7-9pm 4th, 5th & 6th grades</i>	

:: PTA OPENINGS ::

PTA CHAIR OPENINGS

Family Movie Night
School Spirit for Port Colden
*Co-Chair Seasonal Events for
 Port Colden in the Spring*
Holiday Shop for Port Colden

If you are interested in any one of these PTA committees, please contact President Tracy Smith at bdtsmith@gmail.com

:: WHAT'S AHEAD ::

November 5th & 6th – Thursday & Friday
 NJEA CONVENTION - SCHOOLS CLOSED

November 17th–19th
 EARLY DISMISSAL - Teacher Conferences

November 25th – Wednesday
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November 26th & 27th – Thursday & Friday
 NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING



:: FRIEND FINDER ::

FRIEND FINDER COMING SOON

Friend Finder Chairman announces that the 2009-2010 friend finder featuring art by Joshua DiNapoli and Jenna Hoag should be arriving by October 15.

The directories will be delivered via backpack with the child listed first on the forms which came in with the orders. Thank you for your cooperation and speedy return of forms.



:: TECHNOLOGY CORNER ::

ESSAY PUNCH

This site takes users through the process of writing an essay. From pre-set writing prompts users learn to develop an idea and write their descriptive, informative and persuasive essays.

<http://www.essaypunch.com/>

PLEASE TAKE NOTE PTA has changed our color! In efforts of going green with the oldest and only list when possible, the PTA has picked this bright green paper to send correspondence home to you. Please look for all PTA correspondence now in bright green.