



WESTPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEEKLY NEWSNOTES
October 24, 2008

Soar With Excellence

AUTISM CONFERENCE

There is a two part conference being offered to family, teachers and support staff on Autism on Thursday, October 30th at the High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid. The first session is "Understanding Best Practices in the Treatment of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders" will begin at 9 a.m.; the second session "Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Classroom" will begin at 10:45 a.m. To register, or for more information, please call 1-866-442-2574 by October 24th. (There is no fee for NYS residents.)

HALLOWEEN PROGRAM

The Westport Central School Halloween Program will be held on Friday, October 31st. Please see attachment for more details!



SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES

If your child missed Picture Day, retakes will be done on Tuesday, November 4th. Please contact the main office for order forms.

FITNESS ROOM

The Fitness Room is open Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

SKI REGISTRATION FOR '08-'09 SEASON

Registration forms for the downhill ski/snowboarding season are located in the main office of the school. If you have not already pre-registered, please pick up, complete and return your form to the office. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Jeff Schwoebel at 962-8567.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to our boys and girls modified and varsity soccer teams for being committed to athletic excellence!

KUDOS...

...to the Jr. High All-County Music Festival participants on their outstanding performance last night!

GRANTS AWARDED

Did you know WCS has been awarded the following grants through the diligent efforts of:

- * Mr. Jack Thompson – New York's 400th – a community mini-grant program to assist schools and communities in the Hudson and Champlain Valleys with their plans for the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the exploration of the Hudson River by Henry Hudson, and Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain and the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's first steamship voyage on the Hudson River.
- * Mrs. Heather Olson – Bright Ideas Mini Grant – an award to assist in the student's project and presentation titled "700 Years of Music: Classic Music Listed and Listened".
- * Mrs. Theresa Lindsay – The Stern Center's Cynthia K Hoehl Institute for Excellence Advisory Council – a professional development fellowship awarded to our school towards the cost of four staff members to attend two courses offered by the Stern Center.

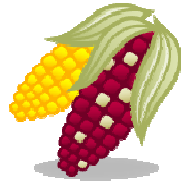
SPECIAL AWARD

Westport Central School District's Business and Education Department was recently selected as a recipient of the "2008 Business and Marketing Education Department of the Year" award at the Business Teachers Association of New York State Fall Conference. Congratulations to Business Teacher, Adam Facteau, for his efforts in educating our students in business and marketing subjects.

ACAP AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The after-school program is still taking applications for students in need of daycare 1.5 – 3 hours daily. The cost varies depending on the amount of time your child needs supervision – up to 1.5 hrs/daily = \$25/week; 3 hrs/daily = \$50/week; or \$4 per hour. ACAP after-school program will be closed on all early release days, including weather related closings.

Applications may be obtained in the main office of the school, from Vera Martin, or by calling Marge at 873-3207 x249. Up to date we have 19 children enrolled and are looking for more to attend. We need the continued support of parents and community to keep this valuable program open. ACAP has received donations from concerned citizens which enabled the program to stay open. But, without any federal or state funding, the program is funded solely on parent fees and community donations. If you have any questions please call either Marge Zmijewski or Alan Jones at 873-3207 or e-mail at margez@acapinc.org.



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 11/4 | School Picture Retakes |
| 11/5 | Special Board of Education Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.
in the Superintendent's Office |
| 11/7 | End of 1 st Quarter Marking Period |
| 11/8 | The 75 Year Celebration of WCS |
| 11/11 | School closed for Veteran's Day |
| 11/13 | Coffee Hour w/ the Superintendent 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Open House / Report Card Distribution
Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. |
| 11/20-22 | Senior Play |
| 11/21 | All State Music Festival @ Saranac HS
Parent Luncheon Day |
| 11/25 | Go Home Early Drill – 1 p.m. dismissal |
| 11/26-28 | Thanksgiving Recess |

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