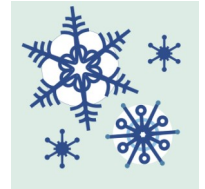




Winston Campus Junior High

PTA Newsletter



Feb./Mar./April 2011

Co-President's Message

Welcome back from a most restful Winter Break! We are looking forward to the PTA events and activities we have planned for 2011. Believe it or not, we are at the half way point of the school year. We appreciate the families and staff that have joined PTA. There is still time to join! Our PTA volunteers have been working behind the scenes preparing for our next Fund-raiser. The Winter Dance is an opportunity for the students to enjoy a night out with their friends. This fundraiser provides an atmosphere that is fun for the students and requires no selling or purchasing of goods. The theme is "No Parking on the Dance Floor". Encourage your child to attend on January 28th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. School appropriate attire is required and light concessions will be available for purchase. Start the evening off at Photo's in Palatine, mention Winston Campus Junior High PTA (even at the drive-thru) and our PTA will raise the necessary funds to insure our end of the year programs.

We hope that you have visited our website (www.wcjhpta.org) and/or our Facebook page. Communication is the connection between school and home.

Have you tried Market Day? Maybe this is your month to try it. Even a small purchase can help fund our school activities. Do you have a neighbor who might be interested in Market Day. Offer to pick up their order with yours. This is an easy way to get more of our community involved. We have convenient pick up times and dates.

As always, we accept Direct Donations and membership throughout the year.

Upcoming PTA sponsored events include the concession stand at the District Wrestling Meet in March. Students are welcome to stay and cheer our Winston Campus Junior High wrestlers. Look for Book Fair fliers in the beginning of April. We have a new vendor and the Book Fair is open to students and parents during the posted hours of operation. 7th Grade parents place your orders for the 7th grade t-shirts. Order forms accompanied this newsletter and should be returned as soon as possible, for a quick deliver.

Our best wishes as we begin the second half of school. Consider helping out with the PTA next year. The commitment is minimal, but the rewards great. We will need to fill a Co-President position, the Treasurer, the First V.P. of Legislation and several Committee Chairs. Feel free to contact either of us with any question or concerns. Happy New Year 2011!

Winston Campus Junior High PTA Co-Presidents,

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Upcoming dates:

2/5—Math Competition @Oakton Com. College

2/15—PTA meeting 6:45pm

2/21-22—**NO SCHOOL - President's Day**

3/15—PTA meeting 6:45pm

3/17—St. Patrick's Day

3/21-25—**Spring Break**

3/28—School Resumes

4/8—Report cards issued

AN UPDATE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2011 and the end of the 2nd quarter! January is always a very busy time at school, and this year is no exception. We are wrapping up basketball season for the boys while wrestling and volleyball are just getting started. Our many clubs continue to provide a wealth of after school activities for students to explore areas of interest. Has your child joined an activity yet?

We've recently expanded our Winston Campus family by four handsome young men. Mr. Suarez, seventh grade reading, writing, and history, and his wife welcomed Brayden Suarez on December 30th. Ms. Burns-Wojtalewicz, seventh grade history, and Mr. Wojtalewicz, special education, welcomed Nick, Jake, and Cole Wojtalewicz on January 6th. All are doing well and the new parents are enjoying these wonderful additions to their lives. Ms. Burns will be out on maternity leave the remainder of the school year, and we are fortunate to have Ms. Lauren Minow as her long-term substitute. Ms. Minow student taught for Ms. Burns last spring, so I am very confident that the classroom is in good hands.

Our eighth grade students met with Palatine High School counselors the first week of January. Course requests for next year are past due, so if yours has not been returned, please return this to

the high school. We can no longer take the forms.

The time between now and spring break is always a concentrated time for academic instruction. Regular attendance is especially critical at this time of year. In addition, we are seeing an increase in the number of students who are arriving to school late. We ask for your support in getting students to school on time to insure that instructional time is not lost. Thank you in advance for your help!

We have set a very tentative graduation date for our eighth graders. The final date will not be set until the April Board of Education meeting and will be dependent on any snow days that we have. Currently, we are set for Thursday, June 2nd at 7 p.m. The other junior highs will be graduating on Friday, June 3rd and Monday, June 6th. Ours is one day earlier due to the availability of Palatine High School. Therefore, we will be keeping our eighth graders for a full day of school on June 2nd since all other district schools will have eighth graders in attendance that day. It will be expected that all eighth graders attend school all day on the 2nd in order to participate in the ceremony that evening. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns about our school, your child's progress, or any other issues.

Sincerely, *Mary Baum*

Choices Club

Choices Club's next fundraiser is Candy Grams that will be sold for Valentine's Day, February 14th. Junior High students will have the opportunity to purchase Tootsie-pop Candy Grams for that special someone during lunch periods on February 9, 10, 11 for 50 cents each. Students can purchase as many as they like. The Candy Grams will be delivered to homerooms on Valentine's Day. Proceeds will benefit the Winston Campus school store.

Sponsors: Denise Almdale & Sue Lello



Ballot for April 5 Board of Education election set

Six candidates will be running for the District 15 Board of Education this spring.

Three seats on the seven-member Board will be filled at the April 5, 2011, election. Candidates elected will serve four-year terms expiring in April 2015.

The six candidates' names will be listed on the ballot as follows:

Manjula Sriram

James G. Ekeberg

Scott Herr

Gerald D. Chapman

Gerard Iannuzzelli

David Seiffert

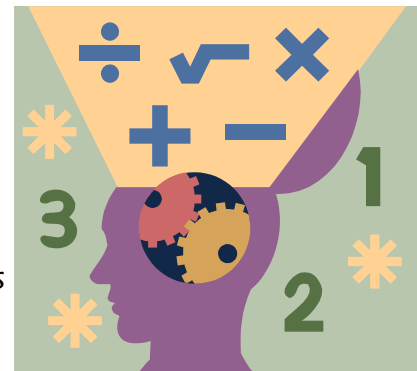
Elections are nonpartisan and Board candidates do not indicate a political party affiliation. To be eligible to serve, a school board member must be on the date of election a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, a registered voter, and a resident of the State of Illinois and District 15 for at least one year immediately preceding the election.

Winston Sends 14 Mathletes to Purdue Math Competition

This year's overnight trip and math contest at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana saw the largest group ever of Math Club members participating, including, for the first time, a 6th grader from Winston Campus Elementary. Thanks to several willing parents who drove and chaperoned on January 14-15, fourteen mathletes attended the event. Hats off to Mrs. Breytenbach, Mr. Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. Kosulic, Mrs. Margaret Koj and Mr. Lieberman for accompanying the club this year. Special thanks go to Morrie Lieberman for making this year his fourth trip in a row.

"Without parent drivers and chaperones," noted Mr. Banasiak, Math Club sponsor, "we would have to limit those coming to a small number. The Purdue event is a great way to learn new math concepts and problem solving tricks, making it a perfect warm-up for our official math competition on February 5th."

The contest is held in Purdue University's math lecture hall and follows the same format as MathCounts, (www.mathcounts.org), a non-profit math organization that runs regional, state and national competitions for middle school students. This year's regional MathCounts competition will be held on Saturday, February 5 at Oakton Community College



WE'VE MISSED YOU! THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP!
JOIN NOW! THE 2010-2011 WINSTON CAMPUS JUNIOR HIGH PTA
The membership form can be found on our web site at wclhpta.org

"Stay informed! The WCJH PTA newsletter will come home in report card envelopes. Stay informed between report cards by adding your name to our email list. Send an email to thescovics@hotmail.com to ask to be included in future electronic mailings."

Congratulations

to the students who entered projects into the Reflections Program:

Daniel Plata
Stepan Shashchuk
Hannah Struckoff
Carla Pereyra
Matthew Butler
Bradley Kolar



All of these projects advanced to the Northwest Suburban Council PTA to represent Winston Campus Junior High among all the schools in District 15.

An extra congratulations to Bradley Kolar - his photograph, "Together We Can. . . Rock the World," advanced a second time to represent Winston Campus Junior high among schools from around the Northwest Suburbs.

Board removes 'interim' from Scott Thompson's title, names him District 15's superintendent

In July, the District 15 Board of Education named Scott Thompson the District's interim superintendent.

Four months after that selection, during a special November 30 meeting, they voted to remove interim from Mr. Thompson's title and extend his contract to June 30, 2013.

"In his short time in District 15, Mr. Thompson has demonstrated positive leadership and a commitment to continuous improvement of our school district," said Gerald Chapman, District 15 Board President. "He is a proven leader who will serve all children of the District 15 community."

Upon his selection, Mr. Thompson said, "I am honored to serve in a district with such a rich history and tradition of excellence.



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ordering Market Day. It's easy!

Visit www.marketday.com to view all of their wonderful meal solutions.

Use account 5372 when you place your order, so proceeds will come to our WCJH PTA.

Feb. orders are due by Wed., Feb. 16. Pick up from (11am-12pm) on Sat., Feb. 19th.

Mar. orders are due by Wed., Mar. 16th. Pick up from (11am-12pm) on Sat., Mar. 19th.

Orders are picked up from Presbyterian Church.