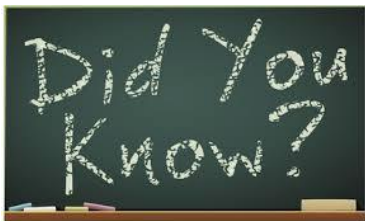




Fort Report

Mrs. Pearson, Principal

May, 2018



Although we are in this year's homestretch, we continue to look for ways to improve the performance of students and opportunities for families. Spring will be busy and students and parents have a lot to look forward to on both the academic and enrichment fronts.

For a genuine understanding of classroom based learning, parents/guardians shouldn't miss our Spring Open House which will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 10th. The students are full of pride as they lead their grown-ups through their classroom and other learning rooms in our school. For a forecast of what your student will learn by this time next year, be sure to visit a classroom in your child's subsequent grade. You'll be impressed at how much learning is accomplished from one year to the next while your student gets a glimpse of all the learning to come. You will both see why summer engagement matters!

May and June find teachers making a final push helping students reach curriculum goals and assessing mastery. Frankly, there isn't a time of year when student attendance matters more. Year-end assessments will be completed in all content areas as we look to measure and document both the effectiveness of our approach to instruction and the curriculum we are using. Please be sure your child is in school and on time each day!

Prior to the end of the school year, teachers will complete and submit a very

comprehensive student placement grid which will summarize the academic status of students, specifics about their approach to learning, general academic profile and student learning history. This placement grid is an especially useful tool as we work to create classrooms that factor in the unique academic and emotional needs of our students.

Experience tells us that these final two months of school pass faster than any others which means summer will be here before we know it. Whatever your child does, it is imperative that it include an opportunity for social skill building and academic reinforcement. One option worth considering may be Camp Fort, a school based program for incoming kindergarten through grade 2 students. The program runs 8:30-12:30 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from July 10th through August 16th. Tuition for Camp Fort is \$360. This program is popular and fills up quickly. Registration forms are available in our school's office or for more information and to register your child, come to our Registration Night on May 31st from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school's multi-purpose room.

These months will also find students enjoying an array of extra-curricular programs and a nice assortment of activities specific to grade level. A check of our calendar shows you that although the year is coming to a close full and active participation by our students in class and by families at home remains critically important. We look forward to a busy spring...with you!

Your Partner in Education...

☺ Mrs. Pearson

Shout OUTS!



Congratulations to our random SMART student winners for April...

K students-Wesley, Phoebe, Zoe, Camden, Aubrey, Ellie G., Mason, Joey F., Razan H., Gianna B., Edyn, Chase T., Arianna. Franco, Jackson Eli, Cece, Rafan

1st grade-Sofia F., Mikela T., Devin, Jonathan P., Yacine, Bahija, Audrey T., Raine, Hazel, Derek, Isabella S., Evelyn, Isabella R., Riya, Camilla A., Michael N., Ella, Ador, Mia A., Nicolas L., Guiliana G.

2nd grade-Jason C., Samuel J., Nina, Kelsey T., Kennedy, Mia T., Matthew T., Jihane, Isabella G., James W., Omayma, Clark, Gianna D., Kamila F., Emanuela, Sarah T., Zoe, Adriana, Jordan, Cadene

Thank you to Ms. Calinda and Winthrop Drama Dept. students for a wonderful author's theatre performance! We love Eric Carle!



- 5/2-4 Incoming Kindergarten registration (appointment & documentation required!)
- 5/9 PTO meeting @ 6:30 (NOTE DATE CHANGE)
Walk to School Day
- 5/10 Site Council meeting @ 2:30
- 5/17 Incoming Kindergarten Info Night @ 6:30
- 5/25 early release/professional development
- 5/31 Camp Fort Information Night @ 6:00

Something special....

Our former and current third grade student, Josh Cohen, is undergoing treatment for kidney cancer. Please join the community in supporting Josh and his family in a Walk for Josh on June 16th. The walk begins at 10:00 and will be followed by games, activities, raffles, food, music and more. For more information, please see our school's website. This event is sponsored by the GFB and ATC PTOs. If anyone would like to donate raffle and/or auction items please email: walkforjoshcohen@gmail.com or call 978-596-4093.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



WHS Drama students perform several Eric Carle book skits that remind us of important SMART choices.



This month's assembly found Ms. Finn, Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Seipt and Ms. Egan engaged in a popular game of "What's My SMART".

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