

WICOFF J. FOX

February Newsletter

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SCHOOL CLOSED

Schools will be closed on
Friday, February 14th
for a Professional Development Day

School will be closed on
Monday, February 17th
In honor of President's Day



GENESIS ATTENDANCE

The Board of Education requires each parent to notify the school by the morning of any absence. Genesis is available to you on our district website 24 hours a day. In the event a parent does not notify the school, a phone call will be made to the parent. In the event the parent cannot be reached by phone, a police officer will visit the home. This policy has been adopted to insure the safe arrival of your child at school each day. Your cooperation will make this an effective policy. **Please be sure to keep your Genesis contact information updated with home, cell and work phone numbers.**

When reporting an absence or if your child will be late to school, please enter the information into your child's Genesis account under NOTIFY ATTENDANCE OFFICE.

Policy and Procedures: Each year there are many requests for students to be released from school for family vacations. These requests are disruptive to the educational process of the students. Student absence for family vacations is discouraged. However, should it be absolutely necessary for a student to be absent due to a family vacation, the parent or guardian must put their child/ren's absence into GENESIS.



VISITORS

OFFICER GAETA & OFFICER SMITH will grant you access into our building. Please remember to make sure you have proper identification to show the officer when you come into the building. Accepted forms of identification are a driver's license or a passport. Visitors without valid identification that can be scanned by Raptor Technologies will be denied entry until valid identification is provided and it is scanned by the system. The Eyes on the Door Officers will give each visitor a pass and allow the visitor to enter the main office. The visitor pass must be visible at all times. All visitors must enter the main office; visitors cannot go directly to a classroom or other building spaces. Once inside the main office, a staff member will contact the teacher, administrator, or staff member with whom the visitor will meet

Upon leaving, please return your visitor's pass back to the security officer. If the officer is not at the desk when leaving, please place your pass on the security desk.

OLD MAN WINTER IS HERE!!



The cold winter months are upon us. We remind you to send your child/children to school each day with appropriate dress. This includes jackets, gloves, scarves, and hats.

Throughout the winter months, we will make every attempt to send the children outside for recess whenever possible. If going outside is not an option due to the temperature or inclement weather, appropriate videos, indoor games, and quiet work will be provided for the children. Children will not be permitted to go outside if they are not dressed in proper attire for the cold weather.

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ILLNESS EXCLUSION POLICIES

The exclusion policies are established by the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education in an effort to control the spread of communicable disease in the classroom.

FEVER – any student with a **temperature of 100°** or more **is not to be sent to school** and is **excluded from school for the entire following day**. Your child also **has to be fever-free without medication the following day** in order to return to school.

VOMITING – any student who **feels sick or vomits at home will be excluded from school** and should **remain home for the entire following day**. They should **NOT** return to school unless he/she **has not vomited for 24 hours** and are able to tolerate normal meals.

Also, please be advised that if your student is absent from school they may **NOT** attend after school activities or evening events.

Again, these policies are an effort to control the spread of communicable disease in the classroom.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.



FROM OUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR MRS. ELLEN INCOLLINGO

Life Skills - The life skill for the month of February continues to be **Self-Management**. Self - Management is the ability to successfully regulate one's emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations. It means effectively managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating oneself. Self-Management is also the ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

Students of the Month – Congratulations to the students who were chosen as “Star Students” for the month of January. These students are truly “Stars” for demonstrating self-control and managing their emotions in a positive manner. Be sure to look for their photographs on our Star Student Bulletin Board.



Ms. Danica Taylor



What a GREAT ADVENTURE!! All the **Read to Succeed 6 Hour Reading Club** forms are due on **Friday, February 29th**. Your child will receive his/her ticket for Great Adventure in early June. A special thank you to all who participated! Reading is a **GREAT ADVENTURE!**

LOST AND FOUND



Lost and found is located in the cafeteria. Please check the unclaimed items already in lost and found. **Please label** your children's clothing, lunch bags/boxes, backpacks, etc. If an item has a name, it can be reunited with its owner.

WICOFF CELEBRATES

Wicoff staff and students, along with the High School North Honor Society students, will celebrate **Read Across New Jersey on Monday, March 2nd**. High School North students will be reading to our Wicoff Foxes! We are looking forward to a fun-filled day commemorating Dr. Seuss!!

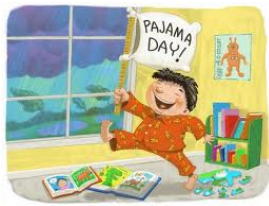


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JAMMIE DAY

Our 17th Annual Jammie Day will be on **Friday, February 21st**. By donating a SUGGESTED \$1.00 or more, students and staff are invited to wear their favorite pajamas to school. Students will gather with guest readers to hear various stories read aloud to them. Children may wear or bring appropriate pajamas to school. Please send slippers in a bag or backpack.

This year our Jammie Day proceeds will be going to the **World Wildlife Fund for Australia**. Right now, it is estimated that about 12 million hectares of Australian land have been burned and **around 1.25 billion animals have been killed across Australia to date**. We can help WWF-Australia deploy emergency funds to care for injured wildlife and when the fires clear, help restore the forest homes koalas, kangaroos and other animals have lost.

To learn more about this organization, please <https://www.wwf.org.au/>



FROM OUR PE DEPARTMENT

Kacie Kellerman and Jason Petrone

During the month of February, we will have our YouTube dance week where students will participate in a variety of different styles of dance! We will then learn how to juggle and have the opportunity to play with the BIG parachute! The climbing wall and climbing rope will be open again as we start our gymnastics unit. We will end the month with jump rope activities.

Each grade level will have a chance to participate in several different types of jump roping. This unit is a great way for students to exercise and can be a lot of fun as we focus on heart health!



....to send your child to school with their sneakers on the days that they have physical education class. Thank you.

Wicoff PTA News



Hola Families!

Entertainment Night was a success. Thank You for your participation and enthusiasm. We are going to begin the February with Coin Challenge.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Coin Challenge

Feb 3-Feb 7

There are prizes to be won! One class from every grade will have the opportunity to win this challenge by collecting the maximum number of coins. Help your child's class win by gathering all the spare change and coins from around the house for your child to bring in for our coin challenge week. Your child will learn all about the different coin denominations every day of the week.

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PTA General Meeting

Feb 12

Please join us for coffee and a chat with our Assistant Principal, Ms. Lindsay Jablonski, Ms. Penny Fisher, the K-5 Literacy/ ESL supervisor and Mrs. Kelly Borup, our Teacher Resources Specialist for Curriculum and Instruction.

Topic is "Getting an Inside Look at Reading Instruction at Wicoff". This will be an interactive presentation that will focus on how teachers are instructing students in reading, how we assess students and help them grow as readers. Parents will have the opportunity to experience what it is like for their children during the reading block.

Box Tops

Due on Feb 25

Our amazing Box Tops is back!! Wicoff is participating in the Box Tops for Education Program. Please be on a lookout for the instructions on how to participate in this program.

Thank You for your participation and your support. Your support is invaluable to the school, PTA and your child's academic life.

For more information, contact our Box Tops coordinator, Harshad Kamat.

PTA Board Nominations

PTA Board Nominations for next year are going to begin soon. We are recruiting members to lead the PTA next year!! The Wicoff PTA board is currently comprised of parents of kids graduating from Wicoff in June of this year. As you are aware, the PTA is an essential arm of every elementary school. They are responsible for supplementing the school's mission with meaningful and fun activities for students and their families. We have had some great interactions with many of you who have volunteered

throughout the year. If being involved, creative and making connections sounds like you, then we need YOU on the board. Email us for more info

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