

Dear Community,

November starts a busy time of year, both personally and in our schools, as we begin to prepare for upcoming holiday events and family gatherings, as well as the first school report card, Superintendent's Conference Day and Parent-Teacher Conferences. Since the opening of school, regardless of grade level, our teachers have worked diligently to identify and plan for the needs of their students.

As the first marking period draws to a close, we remind parents that communication is a key component to the success of our students. Never hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher to ask a question or share feedback. Upcoming parent conferences are an example of the District's commitment to providing opportunities for communication between home and school. Teachers and parents use this time to discuss their child's progress. In support of this work, the Board of Education adopted three goals that focus on the mission and vision of the Wappingers Central School District. The goals established by the Board of Education promote our district-wide and building-level initiatives with a focus on student learning. You will be able to review the goals by clicking on the link below. The Board Goals are organized into three categories: Curriculum and Instruction, Communication, and Financial.

#### [2015 Board of Education Goals](#)

We are extremely fortunate to have a highly qualified teaching staff committed to the education of our students. On Tuesday, November 3, 2015, we will have Superintendent's Conference Day. It is a full day of professional development for the WCSD staff. Our distinct departments have been working collaboratively to ensure that the day will consist of workshop sessions aligned to the Board of Education Goals and our Strategic Plan.

We are also excited to announce that on Saturday, December 5, 2015, we will have our first district-wide Parent Workshop. These workshop sessions will consist of topics from Standards-based learning to the emotional and social development of our students. We will have many of our own local educators facilitating the workshops and providing you with insightful information related to the work we do for your children on a daily basis.

As we prepare for the winter, it is very important to check our website, listen to the local radio stations and/or check for email, text or phone messages from School Messenger indicating school closings and delays. There are times when determining to close school due to inclement weather can become a daunting task. For parents with children who are seniors and drive to school, please consider having your child utilize District transportation. Our bus drivers are experienced and it is the primary focus of the Transportation Department, and the District as a whole, that our students arrive to school safely.

Lastly, I would like to wish the entire WCSD family a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful and healthy start to the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Jose Carrion

*The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions, and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.*