

## FISHKILL PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

As I write this newsletter, it's hard to believe that we are getting closer and closer to turning the calendar to the month of December. November flew by and I anticipate December to move just as quickly. Thank you for meeting with your child's teacher during our Parent-Teacher conferences. Your support and involvement are appreciated. It is our hope that you were able to learn more about how your child is progressing in school thus far both socially and academically. We look forward to a fantastic remainder of the school year.

We have a few busy weeks before we break for our Winter Recess. On Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be competing in our final round to determine who advances to the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual District Spelling Bee. The Finalists Competition is on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at Myers Corners Elementary School at 5:30pm. On December 10<sup>th</sup>, our Winter Concert takes place at 7:00pm at Van Wyck Jr. High School. In between these two functions, the Board of Education will hold meetings on Monday,

December 1<sup>st</sup> and Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Wappingers Junior High School. Our winter recess takes place on December 22<sup>nd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We return back to school on Monday, January 5, 2015.

As we approach the winter months, please remember to keep an update on school cancellations, delays or emergency dismissals. Information is posted on our district webpage ([www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org)), or you can call our school number, 227-1770 and press option 2. We will record up-to-the-minute information.

As we head into the Holiday season, it's a great time to reflect upon the past and look forward to the future. Thanksgiving Day launches the Winter Holiday season and I am reminded daily of all the things I am thankful for. I encourage you to remind your children of everything they are thankful of and I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

Enjoy the time together over the break and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2015!

Sincerely,  
Eric T. Seipp



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**“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.”**  
~ Cicero

### Fishkill Plains Anti-bullying Week Activities

October was Anti-Bullying Month. Fishkill Plains students, faculty, and staff participated in Anti-Bullying

Activities the week of October 27-31st that included:  
Monday—“Bullying makes me blue”—students and faculty wore blue.



Tuesday—“Mix it up at lunch day”—all students sat by Birthday month  
Wednesday—5th Grade students did Public Service Announcements.  
Thursday—Classes participated in reading Anti-Bullying books with planned activities and discussions  
Friday—All faculty, students and Staff wore orange to promote Unity.

## FAMILY FEATHERS



The whole purpose  
of education is to  
turn mirrors into  
windows.  
Sydney J. Harris

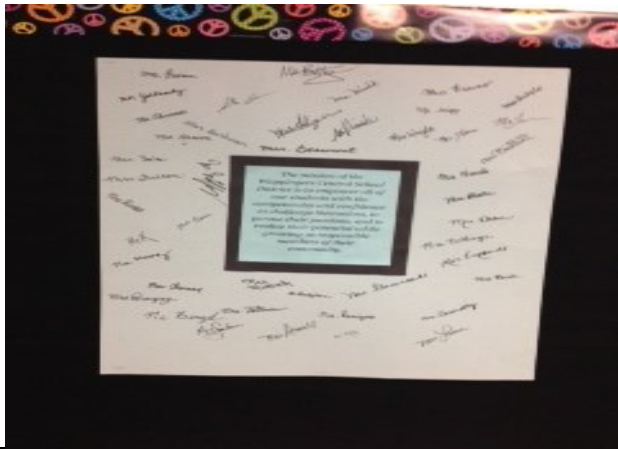
### Kindergarten is Thankful

#### Our Kindergarteners Are Getting Ready For Thanksgiving

The kindergarteners were asked to create a turkey as a family. They needed to be as creative as they could and they should have made patterns, counted out pieces to decorate with and used their sense of touch to create a textured turkey. They turned out absolutely beautiful.

They also created a family feather that represented what was important to them. Many children placed pictures of their family members past and present on their feather and they've enjoyed speaking to the class about their family traditions.

### Wappingers Central School Mission Statement



All the teachers at Fishkill Plains signed the **Mission Statement of the Wappingers Central Schools.**

It is hanging in the hall by the main office.

Please read it when you visit.

We all stand by this mission !

# John Jay Mentors at Fishkill Plains

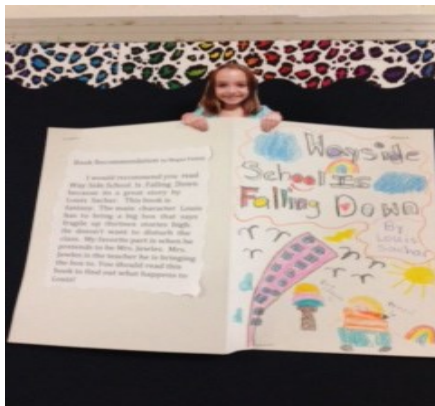

Every year the John Jay Math-Honors Society volunteers their time to help mentor our Elementary Students here at Fishkill Plains.

The students come to the library with extra reading materials or extra math work.

The students love to visit with their John Jay Mentors. The program is in it's fourth year. We are grateful for the time the John Jay students give to our Elementary Students here at Fishkill Plains!!!!



## MRS. BLAKE AND MS. FORSYTHE'S CLASS - BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS!!!

The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn and change.  
Carl Rogers

*Hey, I just met you and this is crazy but here's my trailer so read me maybe.....*

Mrs. Blake and Ms. Forsythe's class created their personal book recommendations to the class.

They are hanging in the hall by room 11. Please stop by and read about their favorite books.

You will not be sorry!!!



EVENTS

Picture Retake Day 11/25  
Thanksgiving recess 11/26-11/28

December 3—Fishkill Plains Spelling Bee  
December 10—Fishkill Plains Winter Concert @  
VW—7:00 pm

PTA Holiday Shop— December 11 & 12  
December 15—Snowdate Winter Concert 7:00 pm  
Holiday recess—December 22—January 1st

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAY'S**

Check us out on the web:  
[www.wappingersschools.org](http://www.wappingersschools.org)  
Fishkill Plains

THANKSGIVING

Each year on the fourth Thursday in November, Americans gather for a day of feasting, football and family. While today's Thanksgiving celebrations would likely be unrecognizable to attendees of the original 1621 harvest meal, it continues to be a day for Americans to come together around the table— with some updates to pilgrim's menu.

Thanksgiving is a time to be grateful for all we have and the people around us. Wishing you and your family the best during this holiday season.



Drama Club Presents: The Little Mermaid

Mrs. Prongay is pleased to announce all students have been assigned roles and are excited to start practice.

Thank you to all the cast and crew for the production of The Little Mermaid! Mrs. Yablansky and Mrs. Tutolo will be joining Mrs. Prongay this year. They are so excited to be helping with the production!

The Little Mermaid hits shores the SPRING of 2015!!!

We hope to see you there.