

# Fishkill Plains Newsletter



## Message from the Principal

Jan/Feb, 2015

Winter weather has officially arrived! Over the course of the past month, we have seen a combination of freezing rain, snow, and very cold conditions. Currently, we have used all of our allotted emergency (snow) days. The 2014-15 WCSD school calendar specifies the make-up days as follows:

If we use one additional snow day, school will be in session on Monday 4/6/15

If we use two additional snow days, school will also be in session on Monday 3/30/15

If we use three additional snow days, school will also be in session on Tuesday 3/31/15

If we use four additional snow days, school will also be in session on Wednesday 4/1/15

If we use five additional snow days, school will also be in session on Thursday, 4/2/15

Recently we have had an increase in the amount of cars during dismissal pulling up and parking their car in the "drop-off zone." School safety continues to be a top priority here at Fishkill Plains. Therefore, I'm asking everyone to continue to follow our procedure of parking your car in the parking lot to ensure the safety of all students, siblings and adults. Thank you for your cooperation!

The students at Fishkill Plains were introduced to our new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative when we returned from winter recess. Our PBIS team held grade level assemblies to explain our Panther Paw grade level competition for our expectations in the cafeteria (being Safe, Respectful and Responsible). Our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders won our first round of competition and all six grade levels are within striking distance to win our next round of competition. We are also in the process of rolling out our bus expectations. Please take a minute at home to talk to your child about our PBIS program and encourage your child to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible every day at Fishkill Plains. You can also see our video that our PBIS team put together with the help of Mr. Sonnleitner by visiting our webpage (<http://www.wappingersschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1575>). Our bus video will be posted on the website shortly.

Let's continue to hope for warmer weather as we wind down February and move toward spring. Our second semester is an extremely busy time of the year. I encourage you to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to a great second half of the school year!

Mr. Seipp

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### CALENDAR:

2/27—Half Day of School

3/19—Open House

Grades K-2 @ 7 pm

3/26—Open House

Grades 3-5 @ 7 pm

3/24—PTA Mtg @ 7:00 pm

3/27—Spring Pictures



PTA Council Meeting!

Students of the Month:

Kassondra and Kaitlynn Mueller



## New Daycare/Babysitter Forms for 2015-16

If your child is a WCSD Student Grades K-8 and will require bus transportation to or from a Babysitter or Day care location for the next school year (2015-16), please request a Day Care/Babysitter Trans-

portation Form NO LATER than APRIL 1st. For transportation to a Day care or Babysitter for the 2015-16 school year, or transportation may not be available.

Forms are available in the Main Office and can

be requested at any time. Once the application is filled out parents must return the form to the main office for the principal's signature.

Thank you for your help in this matter!!!!

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## PBIS—Lunch room Winners



Congratulations to the 3rd and 5th grade classes for reaching 100 "paws." These classes were recognized for being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe during lunchtime. They earned a PJ Day! Nice work!

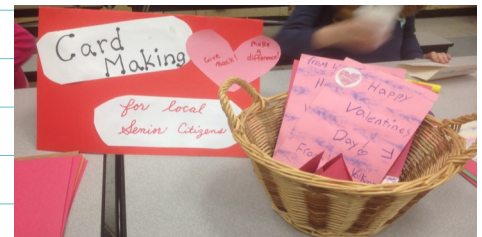
I pledge to be Responsible  
Respectful  
And  
Safe  
At

Fishkill Plains Elementary School

## PTA Game Night—Valentine Cards for Seniors

At last week's Game Night, PTA members set up a table with card making materials to give the kids who attended the opportunity to create Valentine's Day cards for Senior Citizens, as proposed in our SLT Project outline. Well, they had a fantastic turnout for Game Night and for card making! 35 cards were very thoughtfully and enthusiastically created. Some students even

made multiple cards "for the nursing home!" Mrs. Klein and her sons Joshua and Zachary personally delivered the cards. It brought many smiles of happiness to receive these priceless handmade cards. It was heartwarming for them too! The makers and the recipients of these cards both benefited greatly..



## Pennies for Patients—Denise Lombardi

Thank you to all the students at Fishkill Plains for participating in Pennies for Leukemia. As a school we raised a total of \$2,939.48!!!!

The winning class who collected the most money was Mr. McCafrey and Mrs. Brothers 5th Grade class. They collected \$267.42!

They will be receiving an Olive Garden Luncheon. Everyone

did a wonderful job. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!

Mrs. Lombardi

Kindergarten Teacher

A penny can go a long way!!!!





## WCT—Parents Night OUT!!!

The Wappingers Congress of Teachers would like to thank all the students who joined us for Movie Night! We had a wonderful time! Also, thank you for donating to the Food Pantry.



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



This year Kindergarten Registration will be March 10, 11, and 12th.

Please contact the main office at 227-1770 X 13100 if you have a child eligible for Kindergarten for the 2015-16 school year.

Kindergarten screening will be June 8, 9, 10 & 11.

We look forward to all the new kindergarten students in September!



## American Heart Association—Wear Red Day

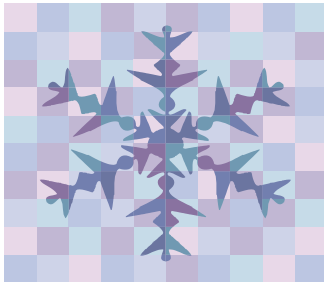
This year the faculty and staff at Fishkill Plains participated in the American Heart Association fundraiser on February 6, "Wear Red Day."

Thank you to all who participated in the worth while cause.

By donating \$5 staff members received a red American heart association bracelet or "red dress pin."

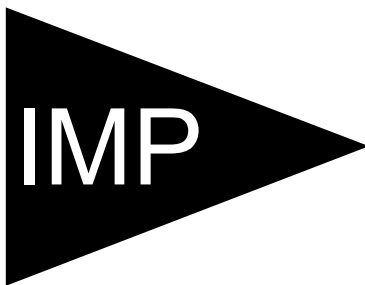
Total donated to the American Heart association was \$117.00!





## Wappingers Central School

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School  
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Wappingers Falls, NY  
12590



### NYS TESTING DATES:

April 14, 15, & 16 –ELA tests Grade 3-5

April 22, 23, & 24—Math tests Grades  
3-5

May 20 & 21—4th Grade Science Test

June 1—NYS 4th Grade Science Writ-  
ten Test

Please make sure your child is on time  
on these dates!

## Environmental Club News—Mrs. Dean

Twenty percent of our carbon foot-  
-print comes from the way we  
handle our waste. Here in  
Dutchess county everything that  
is not recycled is burned at the  
incinerator on the Hudson River in  
Poughkeepsie.

The Environmental Club will be  
interviewing the Kitchen staff  
about how they could actually  
conduct a waste audit. They  
would like to be able to weigh the  
preparation waste and the post  
consumer waste that comes from  
the cafeteria. They would also  
like to weigh the recycled plastics  
that get collected as well as the  
trash. PLEASE REMEMBER!!!

Please recycle!!!

