Dear HWE Families,

Well this last week was certainly a busy one! We had an amazing Open House event on Tuesday and welcomed several possible future Hawks through the building to see what Walled Lake Schools can offer to their family. Thank you to all that volunteered to support this important event! I hope you had an opportunity to go check out the middle and high schools, if your schedule allowed. Additionally, we had our incredibly fun Fall Festival on Thursday and appreciate all of the volunteers that contributed to this event, including our National Junior Honors Society helpers from Geisler. And lastly, we wrapped up the book fair on Friday.

A couple of important items to note in our upcoming calendar. First, please be sure to try to make it to the upcoming parent safety meeting at Oakey Park elementary on 10/29 at 6:30 p.m. to hear about our shift towards an options based response to possible security threats in our buildings. And second, I hope to see you at the Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair on November 2 at WL Northern High School. All registered participants will receive Keynote Speaker Brooks Gibbs parenting series online FREE as a gift for your attendance. Don’t miss out on this amazing program and opportunity to build our resiliency skills as parents and for our children!

Don’t forget to send in those new socks this next week as it is our last week for collections!

Let’s make this a great week,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

The Parenting Fair is Back! The Western Oakland County Parenting Education Fair is coming to Walled Lake Northern High School on Saturday, November 2, 2019. We are very excited to have Brooks Gibbs joining us this year as our keynote speaker! Topics include managing social media with your child, reducing stress and anxiety, strategies to help you with a child with ADHD, nutrition, character building, planning for college, and more. Child care is available for a reasonable cost ($3 for one child, $5 per family) and includes entertainment and lunch. Lunch for conference participants will be available for purchase from local food trucks during the event. Please see this important message (with a free gift for parents) from Brooks Gibbs and register online to attend. Registration is $15 per person or $25 per person at the door the day of the event.
Volunteers Needed: We are in always in need of volunteers to help in the Media Center. If you could be available to help with shelving books, repairing books, support weeding the collection, and such, please email Ms. Gantz at debragantz@wlcsd.org.

Buster the Bus is Coming November 6: The Michigan Department of Education recommends that: “every school bus driver conduct an emergency evacuation of pupils from the school bus at least three (3) times per year (front, rear, and front/rear combination).” In compliance with this recommendation, keeping SAFETY as a top priority, the Walled Lake/Dean Transportation bus drivers and BUSTER THE BUS will be doing a skit about safe bus riding practices. Your child’s bus driver will explain and lead the children through a practice bus evacuation. This evacuation will be done on school property. They will also watch several short videos on bus and bus stop safety. This program is for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade. We will do a program for the 3rd – 5th graders later in the school year.
If you have any questions, you may email Jill Segal: jilsegal@wlcsd.org

Important Dates:

- **October:**
  - 29 – WLCSD District Safety Meetings for Elementary Parents 6:30 p.m. at Oakley Park Elementary
  - 30 – WLCSD District Safety Meetings for MS/HS Parents 6:30 p.m. at Clifford Smart Middle School
  - 31 – ½ day for all students
- **November**
  - 1 – All Pro Dads @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 2 – Western Oakland County Parenting Fair at WL Northern HS
  - 5 – No School for all students
  - 6 – Buster the Bus assemblies K-2, PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 7 – Picture Retakes
  - 8 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 13 – Bonaventure Skating Night 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  - 14 – Nest 4
  - 15 – PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 22 – Half Day (no school for SXI Program)
  - 27 – HAWK PRIDE, No School for SXI Program
  - 28-29 – No School for all students

Please click here: [2019-20 calendar](#) to view this year’s district calendar.
A big thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make out Book Fair and Fall Festival a huge success!

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Princess Party Opportunity**: Walled Lake Western’s Fall Musical is *Rogers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella*. On Sunday, November 17, prior to the 2pm matinee performance, Walled Lake Western Performing Arts students will be hosting a “**Princess Party**”. There will be children activities, snacks, a special gift for all children, and a photo opportunity with Cinderella and the Fairy Godmother. ALL students and families are welcome! Tickets are $15 per person for party. There is a party and show ticket combo.

**Games and Inventions Challenge**: Oakland Schools and the Oakland Schools Education Foundation are proud to introduce the [Oakland County Game & Invention Challenge](https://www.oaklandcountygamed invented.org). This event will be held at Oakland Schools on March 7, 2020 and is intended to inspire students in grades 1-12 to use their creativity, critical thinking, and STEM skills to develop games, apps or inventions that solve problems that children/families face in their daily lives. Students will have a chance to demonstrate their games or inventions to a team of judges. Students can enter individually or in a team of up to 5 members. The challenge is limited to 50 individuals or teams. Be sure to let Hickory Woods know if you enter!

**Ski Swap**: It is that time of year again - time for the Walled Lake Central Ski & Snowboard Swap! The Swap is Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00am-2:00pm in the Walled Lake Central Cafeteria. Drop off to sell items is Friday, November 8 from 6:00-9:00pm or Saturday, November 9 from 8:00-10:00am. Attached is [a flyer](https://www.centalskiswap.com) with all of the relevant information or visit: [www.centalskiswap.com](http://www.centalskiswap.com).