Dear HWE Families,

As you know, diversity is a big part of what makes Hickory Woods such a special community. We are proud of our differences in our culture, nationality, race, sexual orientation, and socio-economic backgrounds. While these things make us different, they are also what draws us together as a community of learners, hoping to develop understanding and to grow from each other. That being said, we are excited to share with you this year’s window for nominations for the “Alec Bender Friend of Diversity Award.”

The “Alec Bender Friend of Diversity Award” honors individuals who are true friends of multicultural diversity in our school district and community. The honor will be bestowed upon the recipient(s) at the district-wide Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on January 20, 2020 at Walled Lake Northern High School. Any staff member, student, parent, or community member is eligible to receive this award and to make a nomination. Nomination forms for the “Alec Bender Friend of Diversity Award” are available HERE or in our school office. Please submit your nomination to our office by the deadline of Wednesday, November 20, 2019. I hope you will consider nominating a member of our Walled Lake community for this excellent award!

I also hope to see you at the Parenting Fair tomorrow at Walled Lake Northern HS from 7:30-2:30!

Have a great weekend,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

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: jillsegal@wlcsd.org

Important Dates:

- November
  - 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)
  - 11-15 – Diversity Week
  - 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.

PTA NEWS

Please click [HERE](#) for the November PTA Newsletter

**Restaurant Night:** November 5th (noon-8pm) dine in or carry out at Blaze Pizza (26401 Novi Road in Novi) to raise money for Hickory Woods. Be sure to present the flyer!

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. 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 with all of the relevant information or visit: www.centralskiswap.com.