Hickory Woods Elementary Weekly Reminders

Dear HWE Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a wonderful time during the break and that this week’s return has been a smooth one for your family.

As we start into this new year, we head towards an important holiday and district event, MLK Day, 1/20/2020. This year, we will once again have the day off school in observance, but hope that you will join us in the evening for our district-wide celebration at Walled Lake Northern High School. This event will begin at 5:00 with a multicultural dinner experience and will feature speaker Dr. Jay Marks, Diversity and Equity Consultant with Oakland Schools. For more information, please see the district flyer and I hope to see you at this important celebration.

Incidentally, January 20th also opens our School of Choice Application window for the district (January 20-February 7). If you know of a family that lives outside of the Walled Lake Schools District, but would like to have their child attend a Walled Lake School, please have them contact our enrollment department for more information on how to apply (248-956-2000).

Have a fantastic weekend,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

Kids Care Council News: Kids Care Council continues to work on “Our Attitude for Gratitude” campaign. KKC is kicking off the “Souper Bowl of Giving” food drive which will align with the BIG GAME. We are asking students to bring in canned goods and other nonperishable grocery items to donate to Hospitality House. Our goal is 1,000 lbs. The collection will run thru February 7th. There will be a box in front of the media center for students to place their items. Thanks for your support.

Student Recognition: Coming up this month, we will host out Spelling Bee and Geography Bee! Please see below for the students that will be participating and some helpful tips from Ms. Gantz.

- **National Geographic Bee:**
  - I have used the daily quiz and Kahoot with students. I have downloaded the app from Google. Play for free and it is GREAT! Also there are online games in Google Classroom for them to use.
  - Please congratulate the following students on making it into the Geography Bee!
- **National Spelling Bee:**
  - I gave out the list of words to practice from in both schools. Also there are online games in Google Classroom for them to use.
Please congratulate the following students on making it into the Spelling Bee!

2020-2021 Kindergarten: If you have an incoming Kindergarten student for the 2020-2021 school year, please call our office and let us know (248-956-2600). We will be sending information regarding orientation and activity night events and want to be sure that every family is reached! Please see our website for more information.

Parking Lot Reminders: Please remember these few safety items when driving through the parking lot:

- Always use a designated crosswalk when walking from the parking lot to the building.
- If you need to exit your vehicle, use a parking spot to stop. Stopping in a throughway prevents the flow of traffic and is a safety issue as your child exits the car where other cars are driving.
- We have a drop off lane around the back of the building available at 8:50 for you to let your child out of the car and into the building safely at door 18. Please have them exit the driver’s side of the car.

Reminder: Trading cards (Pokemon, etc) and other toys are not allowed at school unless specifically requested by the teacher for a special award day. Additionally, selling or trading items is not permitted at school. Thank you for helping your child to keep these items at home to prevent any sad feelings should they go missing.

Important Dates:

- January
  - 13 – Spelling Bee @ 9:30 a.m.
  - 16 – Nest
  - 17 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid only)
  - 20 – No School, District-wide MLK Day Event @ WL Northern High School (evening)
  - 23 – Bonaventure Night 6:00-8:30 p.m.
  - 24 – PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only), Club/Activity Pictures for the Yearbook (no retakes will be available for absences)
  - 27 – Geography Bee @ 9:30 a.m.
  - 29 – Half Day (12:25 dismissal)
  - 31 – HAWK PRIDE, PTA Family Bingo Night @ 6:00-7:30 p.m. (note the time change)

- February
  - 3-March 20 – WIDA Testing Window
  - 4 – PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 5-7 – Fifth Grade Camp
  - 7 – All Pro Dad @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 12 – Count Day, Pajama Day ($1)
  - 14 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-pay only)
  - 17-21 – No School
  - 27 – Nest
  - 28 – HAWK PRIDE, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only)

Please click here: 2019-20 calendar to view this year’s district calendar.
Volunteers Needed:
Family Pancake and Bingo Night is on January 31st from 6-7:30 PM. Ticket sales will start next week and you will receive a flyer home with your child. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up here.

Bonaventure Night:
Come roller skate with classmates on January 23 from 6-8:30 at Bonaventure.

HWE Alumni Scholarship for 2020:
This is open to 2020 Graduating Seniors (WLW, WLC, WLN) that attended HWE. It is a $250 scholarship. Deadline is March 20, 2020. Please see the scholarship form for more information.

Reflections: The judging process at the district level is complete and advancing entries are now moving on to the state level to be judged among other elementary entries from across the state of Michigan. We wanted to congratulate the follow students whose entries are going on to the state: Ty G (photography/primary), Ty O (photography/intermediate), and Aadrita S (dance choreography/intermediate). We should find out the results of state level judging in early March. Congratulations once again!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chance to win BIG & support WL classrooms! 15th Annual Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle:
Purchase your Tuition Expedition 50/50 Scholarship Raffle tickets today! Raffle’s proceeds are channeled into Walled Lake Schools' classrooms through Foundation’s annual mini-grant program (see list of grant awards per school). Tickets are $50 each or 3 for $100 (plus $2 convenience fee per $50). Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale. Great Odds! Grand prize winner will receive scholarship funds for postsecondary education (40% lump sum option available). Plus, ticket purchasers have the chance to win a FREE raffle ticket courtesy of the WL School Emp. Fed. Credit Union and opportunity to win secondary prize; HP Sprocket 200 Bundle Media printer donated by the FFE. Grand Prize drawing is March 30, 2020 at District’s Reflections Celebration; need not be present to win. Visit the FFE’s TE raffle website for details or contact the Foundation for more info. and to purchase tickets with check or credit card: phone ext. 62116 or email michellebianco@wlcsd.org. MI Raffle License# R55190