Dear HWE Families,

October is in full swing and we have lots of fun things planned on the calendar! Thank you to all of the families that supported our Color Run 4 Funds. Donations are still being accepted by our PTA if you would like to send those still.

Please remember that we will have a half day on Oct 31 with dismissal at 12:25 a.m. On this day, students will celebrate Fall and Halloween with their classroom and teachers may ask to have a couple of volunteers attend their classroom party. As with all events at HWE, all visitors/volunteers must be pre-planned with your child’s teacher and placed on our visitor/volunteer list. Visitors/volunteers that are not on the visitor/volunteer list will not be able to attend the party unfortunately. More information should have come home from your child’s teacher with details about their classroom celebration including volunteer sign-up and donation requests for the party, if needed. Students may wear a costume during their class celebration. Please adhere to the following guidelines when selecting a costume to bring to school:

- All costumes must follow the district guidelines for dress code.
- No blood, violent, or gory costumes.
- No weapons of any kind, real or toy.
- Hair styled at home should not be so unusual as to create a distraction for the class during academic activities. Hair coloring/sprays are not permitted at school.
- Face paint/Make up is not permitted at school.
- Costumes should be able to be put on by the student over their clothes without adult support.
- Masks are discouraged, but may be worn during the party as long as your child can see to walk safely.
- Costumes that are beyond normal clothing (for example large wings, hats, etc.) may not be worn on the bus and items that can be carried in a small bag may be brought on the bus.

When planning your child’s costume with your child, please remember that we have students in the building from kindergarten through fifth grade. A recommendation for an appropriate costume choice would be a literary character or a historical figure. If you have any questions or concerns about your child’s costume, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or our office.

Remember to send in those new or very gently used socks for Socktober, sponsored by Kids Care council!

Have a great Fall weekend,

Patricia

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Open House: As we have the past couple of years, we will host an elementary open house event on Tuesday, October 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at each of our elementary buildings. During this event, we will be welcoming potential families to the building, having them complete a brief survey, and providing student led tours of the building. If you have any questions about the Open House event, please feel free to email me or to call our office at (248) 956-2600.

Please note that current HWE families are not expected to attend this event, but encouraged to visit the Middle School event at Geisler MS on Wednesday, October 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and the High School event at Walled Lake Western HS on Thursday, October 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to see what exciting opportunities the future holds for your child with Walled Lake Schools.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: If your 4th or 5th grade child or a former HWE student would like to be a tour guide and/or if you are available to help welcome families and secure surveys, please complete this [Google Form](#).

Socktober: Hickory Woods students along with Kids Care Council are participating in Socktober. We are collecting new socks for people in need during the month of October. Please send your sock donations to school. Thanks!!

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 learn more about our keynote speaker, Brooks Gibbs, by watching: [The Resilent Parenting Style](#) and [register online](#) to attend. Registration is $15 per person or $25 per person at the door the day of the event.

Apple Pick-Up Update: We have a couple of apples available for families that are considered School of Choice and Transfer, but do not regularly use Prime Time Care services. These are available on a first come, first serve basis. Please come to the office during school hours to complete the registration process.

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](mailto: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:

- **October**
  - 16 – Family Book Study @ 7:00 p.m.
  - 18 – Breakfast with a Buddy @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 18-25 – Book Fair
  - 22 – Elementary Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 23 – Middle School Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 24 – Nest 3, Fall Festival @ 6:30 p.m., High School Open House 6:00-8:00 p.m.
  - 25 – Hawk Pride, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid orders only)
  - 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 – 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.
Volunteers Needed! Please sign up at the links below:

- Breakfast with a Buddy (October 18th):
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044FA5A82FA7FC1-volunteers
- Book Fair (October 17th-25th):
  https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CAAAFA4FB6-book

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dog Park Celebration: On October 26th, there is a 5th anniversary celebration of the Novi Dog Park. There will be a costume contest for the best dog/owner pair costumes. This is for ages 6 and up and costs $5. This event is being held at the Novi Dog Park located at 42390 Nick Lidstrom Drive behind the Novi Ice Arena.