Dear HWE Families,

What a wonderful event we had this morning with our Breakfast with a Buddy and our Book Fair kickoff! A big thank you to all of the parents and staff that made it possible for us to have these events. Your volunteerism is appreciated and makes a difference in the things that we are able to offer our kids at Hickory Woods.

Next week is our Open House event for future WLCSD Families. Please see the note below and 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.

Have a great weekend,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

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: \(\text{The Resilient Parenting Style}\) 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.

**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 2\(^{nd}\) grade. We will do a program for the 3\(^{rd}\) – 5\(^{th}\) graders later in the school year.

If you have any questions, you may email Jill Segal: jillsegal@wlcsd.org

**Important Dates:**

- **October:**
  - 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 – 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.

**PTA NEWS**

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Book Fair *(October 17th-25th)*:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0E4CAAF2CA4FB6-book

**More on the Fall Festival:** Join us for games, cider, donuts, pumpkin raffles, music and prizes on October 24th from 6:30-8pm

**More on the Book Fair:** The fair is *October 18-25*. Please visit the book fair website to learn how to set up an e-wallet or to shop online: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hickorywoods

There is a new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book coming out on November 5th and a new Dog Man book coming out December 10th. Both of these books can be pre-ordered during the book fair. You can pre-order them in person at the fair or online at the book fair website: https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/hickorywoods

**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.

**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!