Dear HWE Families,

Our 5th graders came back from camp today with big smiles and tired eyes. They spent the last 3 days and 2 nights together at our WL Outdoor Education Center engaged in some wonderful learning opportunities, but also some really amazing opportunities for play! This week we also had many of our kids take part in Global School Play Day where they spent a portion of their day engaged in fun activities of play with their classmates and teachers. Seeing the kids soar down the sled hill, make cup and saucer with their sting from the String Man at camp, and celebrate a really great game of Tic Tac Toe brought so much joy to my heart this week!

It’s these events and seeing the kids’ eyes shine while we are in them that remind us that we all need to slow down once in a while and take time to play. Our lives are very heavily programmed and full of things that keep us busy, mine included, but we often don’t schedule play as a part of this programming. I challenge you to take a look at your family calendar this weekend and schedule some time for a family board game or to go sledding in the snow with your kids. While you are in that moment, be sure to look at their eyes for the shine. It’s truly priceless.

Have a great weekend,

Patricia

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HICKORY WOODS NEWS

Student Recognition: A big congratulations to our National Geographic Geography Bee Winner, Cameron S! He participated in an online assessment for the National Geography Bee that will yield results sometime in March. Great job and good luck Cameron!

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.

Important Dates:

- 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)

- March
  - 3 – ½ day (12:25 dismissal), PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm
  - 6 – All Pro Dad @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 12 – Musical Production @ 7:30 p.m.
  - 13 – PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid only), Musical Production @ 7:30 p.m.
  - 14 – Musical Production @ 2:00 p.m.
  - 16 – Kindergarten Orientation @ 6:30 p.m.
  - 18 – ½ day (12:25 dismissal)
  - 20 – Spring Pictures, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid only)
  - 25 – Peer Book Study @ 8:00 a.m.
  - 26 – Nest, Staff v WLE Staff Volleyball @ Geisler MS. @ 6:00 p.m.
  - 27 – Hawk Pride
  - 31 – PM Author Visits, Bonaventure @ 6:00 p.m.

Please click here: [2019-20 calendar](#) to view this year’s district calendar.

**PTA NEWS**

**Volunteer Needed:** The PTA is looking for someone to co-chair the Restaurant Night Committee. This committee is responsible for reaching out to local restaurants to hold fundraisers at. HWE families get to dine out while supporting HWE. If interested please email hwepta@gmail.com

**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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Job Opportunity:** Food Service positions are our perfect jobs for our parents who want to have the same schedule as your children. We need you! If you have food service experience and would like to have a part time job, Walled Lake Consolidated School District Food Service Department is hiring. Monday thru Friday while your students are at school or if you know anyone who would be a great fit in our department, please view our Food Service Jobs. We currently have an opening for Guest Elementary as an Elementary Server and Wixom Elementary as an Elementary Server. We are always looking for subs as well which is through the EduStaff company.

Julie Fortner, Food Service Supervisor, 248-956-3082

**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