Dear HWE Families,

This week we had our first Nest of the year. Nests are an opportunity for K-5 students to be in cross grade-level teams where we work to build community throughout the building. During this time, which is about once a month, students are assigned to a staff member in the building with a new team of students in grades K-5. This is their Nest family. Students in grade 4 and 5 are assigned a student (or 2) in grades K or 1 to be their Nest buddy. They go to the classroom and pick up their buddy to make sure they get to the right Nest. Each Nest family then works on team building activities and opportunities to work together to build community.

This week we had students get to know each other through an activity where they picked 2 Skittles from a bag and then shared a fun fact about themselves depending on the color they chose. Then, they reviewed the Nest Mission Statement:

Nests are a place where we intentionally engage in activities that help us grow as a school family. We work together and inspire each other to become a safe, respectable and responsible school family. Play is the work of kids, so we play together to become a closer community and grow our minds.

Students participated in a Thinking Routine called a Chalk Talk to look at the bolded vocabulary from our mission statement. Kids were able to write down things that they thought these words meant and then read what others had written to develop a deeper understanding of our Nest mission.

Our next Nest will be in couple of weeks. Be sure to ask your child about their Nest throughout the year and what they are learning through this process!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Patricia

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Hickory Woods News

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 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.

Parking Lots/Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick Up

- Please remember that we have a morning drop off around the back of the building each day, starting at 8:50 a.m.
- If you would like to drop off your child and walk them up to the building, please be sure to use a parking space.
- If your child is eligible to ride the bus, please consider them doing so each day. This will help with traffic in the parking lot.
- Please try not to park in the Handicap spaces during drop off and pick-up as we have families that need these spaces.

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:

- September:
  - 30 – No school for all students
- October:
1 – Taste of the Lakes 5:00 p.m. at Edgewood Country Club
2 – Count Day, Pajama Day ($1 to wear your pajamas all day), PTA meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
4 – All Pro Dads @ 8:00 a.m., PTA Bagel Day (pre-paid orders only)
9 – No School for all students
10 – Nest 2, Kindergarten Curriculum Night @ 6:30 p.m.
11 – PTA Color Run 4 Funds!
16 – Family Book Study @ 7:00 p.m.
18 – Breakfast with a Buddy @ 8:00 a.m.
18-25 – Book Fair
24 – Nest 3, Fall Festival @ 6:30 p.m.
25 – Hawk Pride, PTA Popcorn Day (pre-paid orders only)
31 – ½ day for all students

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