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November 2022

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# NEWSCHESTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wildcat Families!

We are in the season of giving and our Westchester family has a tradition of helping our students who are less fortunate by donating food to the Harvest Drive. Our students donated many items this year and I am sure all our families will be able to have a wonderful Thanksgiving due to their kindness and generosity.

The first quarter has come to an end and our students will receive their first report card on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will send home a paper report card but please know that there is an online version of your child's report card available on Virtual Counselor.

We ended the month of October with our very first Trunk or Treat! What an awesome event it was! Our staff, PTA and some community members decorated their trunks and gave out plenty of goodies! It was a nice treat seeing our families. We must have had at least 1,000 people. I must say it was a successful event!

Thanksgiving is the perfect time to stop and reflect on all the wonderful things we have here at Westchester. I hope that you all take a moment and think about all the remarkable people who enrich your lives. We have so much to be thankful for! I hope you all have a relaxing, enjoyable, and safe Thanksgiving Break!

Your Proud Principal,

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING*

Mrs. Geraine



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**Nov. 8:** No School, Planning Day

**Nov. 9:** Family fundraiser

- Let's Chill and John the Baker (all day)

**Nov. 10:** Report Cards

**Nov. 11:** No School, Veterans' Day

**Nov. 15:** PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.

**Nov. 16:** Kid of Character

- Citizenship

**Nov. 20 – 25:** Thanksgiving Break

**Nov. 28:** Classes Resume

**Nov. 28 – Dec. 15:** Giving Tree collection

**Nov. 29:** Interim reports



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- All visitors must report to the front office and must have I.D. to gain access to our school.
- All visitors must go through our Raptor Visitor System.
- Students will wear their I.D.s while on campus
- Parents must update their contact information with the front office.
- Dismissal consistency is important, please alert the teacher and the office ASAP of any changes.
- Early student sign-outs end at 1:30 p.m.

## LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DISMISSALS

Reminder: Our school day begins at 8:00 a.m. The first bell rings at 7:55 and morning announcements start at 8:00 a.m. If you arrive after 8:05, you must come into the front office and sign your child in school. Also, early dismissals end at 1:30 p.m. It is important to know your child's daily schedule. Many times, students are picked up during their lunch or specials. If they are at lunch or specials, this causes a delay in getting them to the front office because they must return to the classroom to gather their belongings. Knowing their schedule helps to expedite this process.

Also, if you need to make a dismissal change, please call the office by 1:00 p.m.

Thanks for your cooperation!



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Our 22-23 Parent and Family Engagement Survey is available! Use the link below to participate in the survey.

[www.tinyurl.com/5fnhpj6m](http://www.tinyurl.com/5fnhpj6m)

## Free or Reduce Lunch

Parents, if you have not already done so, please go online and apply for Free or Reduces lunch. The percentage of students who receive free or reduce lunch determines our Title 1 status. You still have time to apply!



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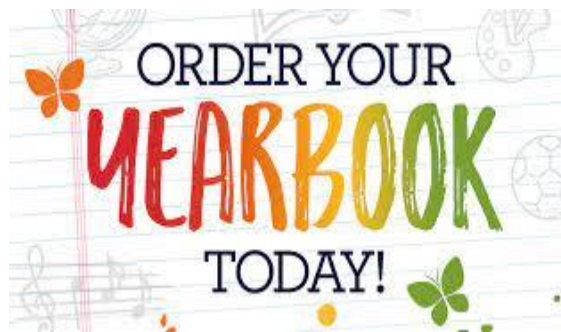
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Order your 2022-2023 Wildcat yearbook now at <https://westchester.memberhub.com/store/items/774158>

Our yearbook sales will continue throughout the school year but there is a little incentive for ordering early!

- October 1st - December 1<sup>st</sup> cost is \$25 (with free name stamp on yearbook)
- December 2nd- January 15<sup>th</sup> cost is \$25 (without name stamp) or \$30 (with name stamp on yearbook)  
This is the last chance for name stamp.
- January 16th- May 15th- \$30 (without name stamp on yearbook)

## **Reflections Art Program**

Over the past few years, Westchester Elementary School has participated in a unique program offered by the PTA. This a national PTA event. This program is called Reflections Art Program. This year's topic is Show Your Voice. Students who are interested in participating will demonstrate their interpretation of this topic through the arts (dance choreography, music composition, film production, literature, visual arts, or photography). It is open to all grade levels.

To begin, the student will create and submit their project by November 18th, to their teacher, who will then give the submission to Debbie Ferrara or Noelle Cheresnick. It is judged locally. The winners will then advance to the state PTA. The winners of the state PTA will then advance to the National PTA. Westchester Elementary has had students reach the national level! If you have any questions, please email [westchesterpta.thearts@gmail.com](mailto:westchesterpta.thearts@gmail.com)

Disclaimer: This project is NOT a substitute for school time or school activities. It is to be done at home and outside the classroom ONLY. Below is an informational video

<https://youtu.be/F30WEbPSYIs>

\*In order for a student to participate- a parent/guardian MUST be a member of the PTA\*



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Wishing all our families a Happy Thanksgiving



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