



West Point Elementary School

25 January 2013

Bulldog Blast

Parent Newsletter #21

Telephone: 938-2313/3827/2997 Nurse: 938-2069
http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY_VA/westpoint/elementary/Index.htm

Morning Bell: 8:30
 Tardy Bell: 8:35
 Dismissal Bell: 2:50
 Early Dismissal Bell: 11:30

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

West Point Elementary School and the Department of Defense Education Activity provide, in military communities worldwide, exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

West Point Elementary School provides opportunities for all students to achieve their personal best and to become caring, respectful, and responsible citizens. Our school strives to create a differentiated learning environment to ensure that every child is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged. We work with the community to motivate and enable all students to be life-long 21st century learners.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7 January—Back To School	1 February—No School—Teacher Work Day
11 January—No School—Teacher Work Day	15 February—Early Release– 11:30
21 January—No School– Martin Luther King Day	18 February–No School– President’s Day

GRADES K,1,2,& 3—5 Day Rotation

MON 1/28	TUE 1/29	WED 1/30	THU 1/31	FRI 2/1
Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	No School
MON 2/4	TUE 2/5	WED 2/6	THU 2/7	FRI 2/8
Day 4	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3

GRADE 4 ONLY—3 Day Rotation

MON 1/28	TUE 1/29	WED 1/30	THU 1/31	FRI 2/1
Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	No School
MON 2/4	TUE 2/5	WED 2/6	THU 2/7	FRI 2/8
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1	Day 2

SPECIALS SCHEDULE

8:45-9:35 Third Grade
 9:40-10:30 Second Grade
 10:35-11:25 First Grade
 12:20-1:10 Fourth Grade
 1:15-2:05 Kindergarten



FOR INFORMATION ON SCHOOL CLOSING DELAYS OR EARLY DISMISSALS DUE TO **INCLEMENT** WEATHER

Call 938-7000 or tune into Local cable Channel 23 or Radio 100.7 & also online at www.WHUD.com



FOR SAFETY REASONS AND TRAFFIC CONTROL, PARENTS ARE REMINDED TO USE THE

KISS & DROP LANE TO DROP-OFF CHILDREN.

PRIVATE VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN BUS LOOP AT ANY-TIME, ESPECIALLY DURING ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL TIMES
 With the exception of handicap marked vehicles

Any vehicles that are witnessed passing a school bus with flashing lights on will be ticketed by an MP per NY state law. Please see Kiss & Drop Rules & Procedures that are listed in the back of your Calendar/Handbooks.

REMINDERS

21 January
 No School–Martin Luther King Day
1 February
 No School–Teacher Work Day
15 February
 Early Release–11:30 Day

REMINDER: Please call the school @ 938-2313 by 8:30 am when your child will be absent or tardy.

STUDENTS WHO ARRIVE TARDY AFTER 8:30 AM MUST COME IN THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR, BE SIGNED IN BY A PARENT AT THE FRONT WINDOW AND OBTAIN A TARDY SLIP BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CLASS.

WEST POINT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY FRIDAYS

Show your school Spirit by wearing BLACK & GOLD every Friday.

Nadine Sapiente, Principal



Congratulations to 3L's class - the winner of the second quarter BOX TOP\$ contest. The class will be awarded a pizza party for collecting almost 900 BOX TOP\$. Thank you to all of the parents that have sent BOX TOP\$ into the school. Especially those parents that take the time to clip the edges of the BOX TOP\$ and note the "amount" of BOX TOP\$ in their collection bag! Our last contest will end April 25.

WPES ASSESSMENT DATES

Fourth Grade NAEP Assessment

A letter was sent home this week announcing that our fourth grade students will be participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Students will be given the assessment on February 21, 2013. Your child will take either mathematics or reading assessment. There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do, however, ask parents to encourage their children to do their best and get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

TerraNova ASSESSMENT

On March 4-8, West Point Schools will administer the **TerraNova** Achievement Assessments for students in grades three through eight. The **TerraNova** Assessments are standardized, comprehensive achievement tests administered nationwide; the assessment includes reading, language arts, math, social studies, and science. These assessments will be administered in the morning and be completed each day by noon. Please make every effort to have your children in school on these days and on time. We will begin administering the assessment promptly at 8:45 each morning. If you have any questions about the **TerraNova**, feel free to contact Assessment Coordinator, at 938-2313.

Please note that the West Point School Board meeting originally scheduled for

6 February 2013 has been changed to

Wednesday, 30 January 2013, 4:30PM.

The meeting will take place in the MS Conference Room.



Physical Education

2012 President's Challenge OP ORD: Make our School a Healthy Lunch!

Many students returned their OP ORD to make a healthy lunch for our school. The recipes were creative, healthy and show they care about what they eat. A first grader was our chef for the month of January. "his Mountain of Macaroni and Cheese" which included broccoli was a huge success. Everyone enjoyed this healthier version of macaroni and cheese.



Coming soon are more healthy lunches created by the following W.P.E.S. winning chefs:

Kinder: E .H. " Lunchable Pizza"

2nd Grade: G.P. "Turkey and Cheese Pita with Fruit"

3rd Grade: C.G. " Quesadillas"

4th Grade: A.P. "Abi's Fresh Bowl"

All grade levels are working on basketball dribbling skills and jump rope skills. In addition, 3rd and 4th grade students will be participating in a fitness assessment called Fitnessgram. Please ensure your child has sneakers on days they have P.E. If possible, leave a pair of sneakers in their backpacks so that they can change their boots or shoes before they come to the gym.

Nadine Sapiente, Principal

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Back To School	8	9	10	11 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 February NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	2 
3	4	5	6	7	8	9