



West Point Elementary School

30 November 2012

Bulldog Blast

Parent Newsletter #14

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 December—Early Release 11:30
 19 December—Winter Concert
 20 December—Jingle Bell Run 3:00

24 December to 4 January—Winter Break

GRADES K,1,2,& 3—5 Day Rotation

MON 12/3	TUE 12/4	WED 12/5	THU 12/6	FRI 12/7
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
MON 12/10	TUE 12/11	WED 12/12	THU 12/13	FRI 12/14
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5

GRADE 4 ONLY—3 Day Rotation

MON 12/3	TUE 12/4	WED 12/5	THU 12/6	FRI 12/7
Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1
MON 12/10	TUE 12/11	WED 12/12	THU 12/13	FRI 12/14
Day 2	Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3

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

7 December
 Early Release—1130
 19 December
 Winter Concert
 24 December-4 January
 No School-Winter Break

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

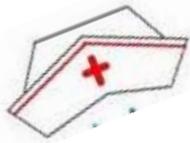
“On the Road to Healthy Living!”

This week in P.E., we are learning about Go, Slow and Whoa Foods while playing Nascar Racing and Fruit and Veggie Tag.



If your child was physically active for at least 60 minutes a day, at least 5 days this past week and created a healthy lunch recipe for school (see attachment), please sign their Presidents Challenge log. Participants who turn in their log with a healthy lunch recipe and have completed the Challenge for 6 out of 8 weeks will receive a certificate and an opportunity to win a W.P.E.S. pedometer. This is Week 8 of the President’s Challenge. December 14th is the last day to turn in logs with healthy lunch recipes.

Sneaker Update: Many children are disappointed when they do not have sneakers for P.E. and not allowed to participate. Please check the BD schedule and/or leave an extra pair of sneakers in your child’s backpack. Thank you!



Head Lice Prevention

We can all help to prevent our children from getting and spreading head lice by taking the following precautions:

Please remind your children not to share hats, coats, scarves, brushes, hair accessories or any other personal items. Lice can’t fly or jump; they spread mainly through head-to-head contact and the sharing of personal items in which the lice cling to firmly. Lice don’t spread disease and they are not dangerous, but they are contagious and annoying. It is a good idea to check your child regularly for head lice. For more info please visit: http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/head_lice.html. Thank You!!



Boxtops News

In addition to clipping boxtop coupons, there is another way to earn money for West Point Schools. Over 175 retailers offer boxtops for shopping. To earn boxtops, you must do the following:

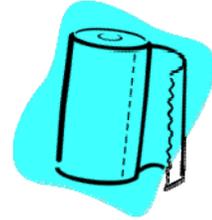
- * Go to the boxtops website: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
- * Create an individual account. This is found in the top right corner of the webpage “LOGIN”. At the bottom of the tab click “Don’t have an account, Sign up”. Be sure to enter West Point Schools in West Point as your School ID. There are a few West Point Schools in other states.
- * Enter the retail site through the boxtops for education marketplace. Go to the top menu “Earn” and select “Shop Marketplace” from the pull down menu. You will be redirected to the website for the store you choose. Our account is automatically credited for your purchase.

The West Point Elementary School Student Council will be hosting a winter food drive. The drive will run from December 3- 17, and the collection will be donated to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley in Cornwall on Hudson. Donation boxes will be placed in the front entrance of the school and in the cafeteria. Items needed by the Food Bank at this time include: Non perishables canned items such as tuna, chicken, ravioli, fruit, soup and spaghetti sauce, cereal, instant potatoes, dry milk, rice, crackers and granola bars. Non food items such as toilet paper, tissues, paper towels and toothpaste are also needed. We appreciate your donations. For more information about the Food Bank of The Hudson Valley, visit www.foodbankofhudsonvalley.org. Please contact us at 938-2313 if you have any questions.



Sincerely,

Student Council Advisors



Dear Parents!

I know many of you are anxiously awaiting the winter concert entitled “Holiday News Live at WPES!”. It will be performed on Wednesday, December 19th in the Middle School auditorium. We have two performances on that day and your child’s class is assigned to one of the performances. The schedule is as follows:

The following classes will perform in the **9:15 show**- All Fourth grades, 3J, 3T, 2Kr, 2L, 2U, 1C, 1V, KG and KM.

The following classes will perform in the **1:00 show**-All Fourth Grades, 3D, 3L, 2D, 2Ko, 1B, 1F, 1W, KJ and KK.

I estimate the performance to last one hour. It is an exciting day for all the students! I ask that you dress them in something I describe as “Holiday Best”. I prefer no tee shirts. The children understand that this is a special event and dressing for it makes it even more special! Remember to bring your cameras!

Sincerely,
The Music Specialist

December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4 PTO General Membership MTG 9:00 A.M.	5	6	7 EARLY RELEASE 11:30	8  Hanukkah Begins at Sundown
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Hanukkah Ends	17	18	19 WINTER CONCERT	20  Jingle Bell Run 3:00	21  First Day of Winter	22
23	24 WINTER BREAK	25 	26	27	28	29
30	31  WINTER BREAK	1 January	2	3	4	5