



# West Point Elementary School

5 October 2012

## Bulldog Blast

Parent Newsletter #7

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[http://www.am.dodea.edu/NY\\_VA/westpoint/elementary/Index.htm](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 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

8 October Columbus Day—no school  
 19 October—Teacher work day—no school

1 & 2 November—Parent/Teacher conference days



#### GRADES K,1,2,& 3—5 Day Rotation

MON 10/8	TUE 10/9	WED 10/10	THU 10/11	FRI 10/12
No School	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
MON 10/15	TUE 10/16	WED 10/17	THU 10/18	FRI 10/19
Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	No School

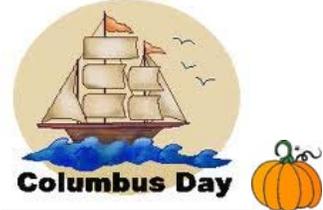
#### GRADE 4 ONLY—3 Day Rotation

MON 10/8	TUE 10/9	WED 10/10	THU 10/11	FRI 10/12
No School	Day 3	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
MON 10/15	TUE 10/16	WED 10/17	THU 10/18	FRI 10/19
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1	No School

**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

School Board Meeting  
 The date has been changed from 7 November to **Thursday, 1 November.**

**Fire Prevention Week**  
 During the week of Oct 9-12 the 15 minute spots in the upper lot will be unavailable due to the fire department trailer. Please manage your time appropriately because of the limited parking.



**REMINDERS**  
 8 October  
 No School—Columbus Day  
 19 October  
 No school—teacher work day  
 15 November  
 Picture make up day

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.



**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





Bus Reminder: Students are **not** permitted to ride school buses after school for play dates, girl scouts, boy scouts, etc. Please be sure other arrangements are made. If your child needs special bus arrangements for child care purposes, please be sure to submit your request in writing through your child's teacher to the Transportation Coordinator.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month  
Wear **ORANGE** on Wednesday!!

WPES is participating in Unity Day **Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>** to recognize our unity against bullying. So wear **ORANGE** on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup>!

For more information visit:

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>

Follow-up activities will take place in the classrooms by WPES Counselors

WPES Counselors



Dear Parents, I know that the fall has just begun, but the classes have already started learning their Winter Concert songs! All students in grades K-4 participate in this annual event. I need to make each of you aware that there is a mistake listed in the WPES calendar that went home. The Elementary School's concert will be on Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. The exact time your child's class will sing is TBD. Since I know many of you plan on attending, please make this very important change of date on your calendar. More details on the concert will come later.



# Fall Field Day

Physical Education:

After participating in today's fun-filled field day activities, we are certainly on the "Road to Healthy Living." The Ramble Rouser's led our first W.P.E.S. Flash Mob Dance and then helped us learn a cheer:

We learn how to read!  
We learn how to write!  
West Point Equals Success,  
That's \_\_\_\_Right!  
Graphic Organizers  
6 plus 1  
We use them to make  
Learning Fun!



The various stations represented easy, moderate and vigorous levels of physical activity intensities, integration of reading and writing across the curriculum, and nutrition.

To successfully continue on the road to healthy living, please encourage your child to take part in the President's Challenge (see attachment). All family members are invited to join along. Participants will receive recognition awards and a chance to win a pedometer.

Many thanks to our volunteers who manned the stations.

**From Your Principal...**  
**Thank you to all the volunteers and parents for their support on a fun, wonderful and educational Field Day!**



*Nadine Sapiente, Principal*

School Counselors Make a  
World of Difference



## WPES Counselors

### Why We Are Here and What Do We Do?

As guidance counselors we are here to serve the students, teachers, and parents of West Point Elementary School. Our goal is to provide each student with a set of skills and experiences that enhance all learning.

We chair the Student Support Team (SST), provide individual and group counseling, coordinate standardized testing, and teach developmentally appropriate classroom guidance lessons. Skills and lessons taught are designed to support academic, career and personal/ social growth working toward the DODEA standard: All students will acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and interpersonal skills needed to improve learning and self-concept, and achieve academic success.

### What Others Services are Available?



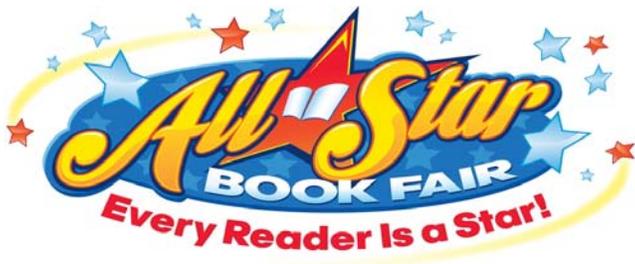
We have a variety of activities, materials, and resources available to assist in meeting the needs of any of our students or their families who may be experiencing such things as a family crisis, the deployment of a family member, or a loss of any kind. In our continued effort to meet the needs of our students, we would like to ensure that there is a support system in place at school for children who are affected by deployment. This would include children with a family member who is deployed, likely to be deployed, recently reunited as well as children who are separated from a parent or guardian for an extended period of time for any other reason. Support providers may consist of, as appropriate, one or more of the following school personnel: the child's teacher, the school psychologist, one of our school counselors, the school nurse, and the principal.

If any of the situations described above are applicable, please complete the paperwork that was recently sent home with your child return it to the guidance office. This information will be treated as confidential and shared only with those who are directly involved with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the guidance department at 938-2313.

The guidance office maintains a parent library. Please feel free to drop by and check out a book.

## WPES Counselors





**Dear West Point School Parents and Families:**

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission:

*encouraging kids to read every day so they can lead better lives.*

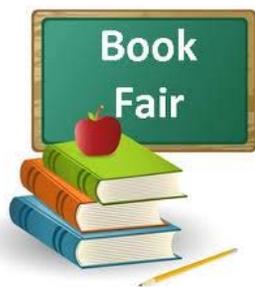
Our Scholastic Book Fair theme – **All-Star Book Fair: Every Reader Is a Star!** – is part of an exciting reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more kids practice reading, the better they'll get.

The Book Fair provides a great opportunity to do some early holiday shopping or to plan ahead for birthdays and other special days. Hope to see you there!

- Book Fair Dates:** October 22-26
- Shopping Hours:** Monday – Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. \*\*  
Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- Special Events:** Family Expo – All Star Carnival:  
\*\*Thursday: 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Fun, Food and Shopping!

**Sincerely,**

**WPS PTO**



*Nadine Sapiente, Principal*



**Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.**

# October 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5 EARLY RELEASE 11:30  FALL FIELD DAY	6
7	8 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 NO SCHOOL TEACHER WORK DAY	20
21	22  BOOK FAIR 	23	24	25	26  BOOK FAIR FAMILY EXPO 4-6	27
28	29	30	31	1 NOVEMBER  CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL	2  CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10