



West Point Elementary School

9 November 2012

Bulldog Blast

Parent Newsletter #12

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

12 November—No School—Veteran's Day
 15 November—Picture make up day-8:30 to 10:30-Library

21 –23 November—Thanksgiving Break



GRADES K,1,2,& 3—5 Day Rotation

MON 11/12	TUE 11/13	WED 11/14	THU 11/15	FRI 11/16
No School	Day 5	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
MON 11/19	TUE 11/20	WED 11/21	THU 11/22	FRI 11/23
Day 4	Day 5	No School	No School	No School

GRADE 4 ONLY—3 Day Rotation

MON 11/12	TUE 11/13	WED 11/14	THU 11/15	FRI 11/16
No School	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 1
MON 11/19	TUE 11/20	WED 11/21	THU 11/22	FRI 11/23
Day 2	Day 3	No School	No School	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



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



REMINDERS

12 November
 No School Veteran's Day
 15 November
 Picture make up day
 21-23 November
 No School-Thanksgiving break

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.

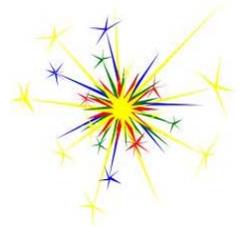
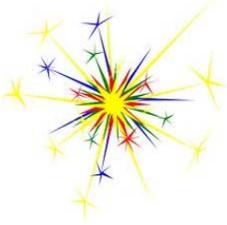
WEST POINT SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY FRIDAYS

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

Nadine Sapiente, Principal



West Point Elementary School celebrated 50 years!



West Point Elementary School celebrated 50 years in the building that opened in 1962 on 31 October. A fourth grade boy noticed that a picture of John F. Kennedy and a plaque dated 1962 was at the entryway of the school during Open House. He mentioned this to teachers during part of his duties as a Morning News anchor and the idea to celebrate the building's 50th birthday developed. Students conducted research about John F. Kennedy, his family and life in 1962. The Morning News Anchor and his Co-Ancor became President and First Lady Kennedy for the program. Mrs. Kennedy told about her plans for renovating the White House on the Morning News and first grade FLES students counted to 50 by tens in Spanish. A student teacher voiced a Flash-Back-to-62 lead-in to the opening of a Jetsons clip. Students compared the cartoon's prediction of life in the 21st Century to what they see in their own 21st Century daily lives.

Students and teachers dressed as people from the 60's on 31 October. The program included a speech as the 35th President of the United States by the boy who first noticed the 1962 connection to JFK. He and the girl portraying Mrs. Kennedy presided over the celebration. Students in the GE program prepared a slide show about JFK, fashion styles promoted by Mrs. Kennedy, music, civil rights, the Cold War, children's books, cars, games and movies, and toys that was presented to the school. Third grade FLES students counted to 50 and sang Happy Birthday in Spanish. Fourth grade students sang the theme song to another popular cartoon from 1962, The Flintstones. The day ended with everyone dancing to the number 1 hit from October 31, 1962, The Monster Mash.





Our First grade team had a Hoedown on October 25, 2012. We had a square dance, sang songs, and made fall crafts. We had a wonderful time with our first grade families.



West Point School Picture Re-take Day Thursday, November 15th.

WPES Details:

Date: 11/15
Location: School Library - 2nd floor
Time-Frame: 8:30am - 10:30am

WPMS Details:

Date: 11/15
Location: Auditorium
Time-Frame: 12:00pm-2:00pm

Introducing Smart Tables

We just received 2 Smart Tables for use in our Pre-school and Special Education classrooms. Preschool students started using the Smart Table this week. We are excited to learn the many ways this will help our students learn. This is what SMART Tech has to say about the SMART Table:

“One touch on the SMART Table interactive learning center is never enough. Young students are drawn to the world’s first multitouch, multiuser interactive table because they know that it is special. Children today expect echnology to be a part of their lives, and they approach the SMART Table with a natural curiosity and eagerness to incorporate it into their activities. Here, work and play come together, as groups of early education students engage simultaneously in hands-on activities – sharing their knowledge and ideas, and learning skills that will reach beyond the classroom.

As an interactive learning center, the SMART Table is designed to encourage collaboration, discussion and consensus building through digital lessons, educational games and interactive learning activities. The possibilities for fun and teamwork abound, and even the youngest students can get started with minimal instructions. Groups of two to eight students can simultaneously touch and manipulate objects on the surface – from animals and coins to maps of the human body and painting palettes – in a spirit of play suited to each child’s learning needs and interests. And if the SMART Table takes a bump or two while kids shift from one activity to another, no need to worry – its durable construction holds up in active classrooms.”



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL	2 CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12  VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL	13	14	15  PICTURE MAKE UP DAY	16	17
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