



January 8, 2010



“Nine tenths of education is encouragement.” Anatole France

Man is it cold out there! A high temperature of 21 degrees is no fun!

My thoughts this month revolve around the new year and the many ways we can work together to help our students be as successful as possible in all aspects of their lives. Many times parents ask us what they can do to help their son or daughter be more successful at school. I think the quote I found says it best...provide encouragement. Encourage your child to make the right choices with their peers. Encourage them to eat foods that will keep them healthy and productive in school. Encourage them to exercise and play—outside. Encourage them to apply themselves in school. Encourage them to avoid situations that they know are not healthy. Encouragement can go a long way in assisting students to be the best they can be!

Last week, a grant application was sent to the Office of Healthy Community Development in Trenton requesting more than \$2,500 towards a new Fitness Trail that would be developed around the field behind the school. This fitness trail is a cooperative endeavor between the school, the school board, the OCS PTA and the Township of Oxford. We hope our request is granted so that we can implement the Trail over the summer and have it up and running as soon as possible. More news will follow as the grant announcement is made.



As the month unfolds, let's remember the importance of the national holiday on January 18th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. As the day of remembrance approaches, let us all remember Dr. King's message of

tolerance and non-violence... this message can still have an impact today!

Mr. Tim O'Brien, Principal of Warren Hills High School, will be here on Wednesday January 20, 2010 at 2:00 to meet with our 8th grade students and provide them with information about Warren Hills.

We have two very important meetings on January 20th! At 6:00pm we will be hosting the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) meeting in order to give parents information concerning our CAP program that will be conducted January 25-28 in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7. This meeting will allow parents to come and ask the presenters questions they might have concerning the upcoming program. This meeting will be held in our cafeteria.

Later that evening, we will be hosting “How to Keep Yourself Safe in a Technical World.” Mr. Jean Paul Reece, who is a technology advisor to the Oxford Township Police Department, will be presenting information on how parents can help keep their children safe in this technological world! This meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held in our school library.



The 2009-2010 Spelling Bee will be held on January 22 at 2:00 p.m. for 5th through 8th grades. Parents are invited to attend.

Until next time,

Robert Magnuson



Art Room is in need of the following items:

Wide-mouth Heinz ketchup bottles with the big white lid, empty box-type baby wipes containers, travel and regular size, Ziploc type plastic bags in snack, sandwich, quart and gallon sizes, Styrofoam egg cartons, and donations of yarn, any colors, but especially yellows, oranges, and black.

7th Grade Language Arts

Happy New Year to Everyone! Students in seventh grade are busily preparing for the Pasta Dinner fundraiser on March 30th. We hope to see you there! Students are reading 100 books collectively to support Scholastic's Classroom Cares; consequently, sending books to students in need. *Schooled* by Gordon Korman is the latest novel read by these young teens. They are exploring a biography about Teddy Roosevelt in literature circles. Seventh graders' writing is exploding with vivid verbs, focused nouns, upper level vocabulary, and figurative language. Sprinkled with lots of creativity, persuasive essays, narratives and expository writing emerge every day. Lots of sixes are being achieved on our web-based writing program called MyAccess. These dynamic writers created children's books and shared them with the 1st and 2nd graders. Capricorn the hamster is our class pet. He ventures to different abodes on weekends; his adventures recorded in a journal. We look forward to the warm weather in anticipation of our class trip to Sea Pirate Campground.



7th grade science students have been studying 3 types of matter and specifically what phase changes water can go through. Check out our cartoons to understand it better. We also used temperature probes, salt, and crushed ice to see the effect of salt on ice and changes in temperature. Lastly, we examined pressure by making a Cartesian diver. Physical Science is alive and well in the LAB! Forward look: Science in the Winter Olympics!!!!



OCS EVENTS

Board of Ed. Work Session - January 14, 2010

Market Day - January 14, 2010

School Closed - January 18 - Teacher In-Service

CAP (Child Assault Prevention) Parent Meeting - Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Internet Safety Parent Meeting - Wednesday, January 20 at 7:00 p.m.

2009-2010 Spelling Bee - January 22 - 2:00 p.m. - 5th-8th Grade

Board of Ed. Meeting - January 28, 2010

Community Events

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

Please help support Oxford Girl Scouts and help us donate cookies to our American troops overseas. Starting January 9th and ending January 31, our eight OCS Girl Scout Troops (Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes) are selling boxes of GS cookies at \$4.00 per box. Stock up on all your favorites as we only sell these cookies once a year. Contact any Oxford Girl Scout or GS Troop Leader to buy cookies.

The Girl Scout cookie program is designed to help girls: Become entrepreneurs, Learn money management, learn planning and goal-setting, develop a marketing plan, be successful and build self-confidence. Girls will be selling eight varieties: Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-Si-Does, Trefoils, Thank U Berry Munch, Dulce de Leche, and Lemon Chalet Cremes. For more cookie info, please access our cookie link http://www.gsnj.com/cookie_sale2010.html

Again for this year, a person can buy cookies and donate them to our troops overseas via our GS troops. Our troop leaders will mail these special boxes to our troops. Contact any Oxford Girl Scout leader for details.



**Warren Hills Regional School District
Special Education Advisory Council
Invites Parents!**



**Are you prepared for your child's
next Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
Meeting? Join us and find out what you need
to know. Some helpful resources will be
provided too.**

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

7pm. to 9pm.

**Warren Hills Regional Middle School
Library
64-66 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ**

Parent Informational Meeting

Light refreshments will be served

For more information email the WHRSD SEAC at wh-seac@hotmail.com