



Radnor Township School District

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Dear WES Family,

Snow...what snow? With the flurry of activities taking place at Wayne Elementary School the last thing we want is any snow to disrupt the fun that our students, families and staff have been experiencing this past month! The programs and fun activities enrich our students learning process and make it exciting. The International Committee took us on a tour of Ireland with special presentations and a potluck dinner. We also had a fun filled night of bingo winning fantastic prizes. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated Parent, Teacher Organization!

At this year's MLK Day of Service, the PTO organizations at WES, IES and RES planned numerous activities for our elementary school students. The students collected books, created snack bags for senior citizens, decorated pillow cases for patients at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, cleaned up and recycled used shoes, collected blankets for animal shelters, and much, much more! Thank you to all of our WES students and parents who helped to make this a worthwhile event by helping those in need.

For me, the highlight of the month had to be the annual WES International Week and the study of Ireland. This event was truly astonishing. The students enjoyed taste testing opportunities, presentations about Ireland, Irish Dancing, exploring numerous artifacts, and a scrumptious Potluck dinner with a plethora of entertainment. We cannot give thanks enough to all those who volunteered their time to make this such a successful event!

Even though Punxsutawney Phil has indicated six more weeks of winter, spring is right around the corner and so are the PSSA's! Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will be participating by taking math and reading assessments. In addition, 4th grade will participate in the science assessment, and 5th grade the writing assessment. Over the next few weeks, your child's teacher will be reinforcing good test taking skills and helping them to feel confident in demonstrating their knowledge base in these content areas. Additionally, we will work to support you in helping your child prepare for the assessments by providing helpful suggestions and information regarding the assessment. This information is available on our website by way of a PowerPoint created by WES counselor, Mrs. Tracy. The students will also be presented with small surprises throughout the assessment period to help keep them motivated and "Do Their Best on the TEST"!

In the coming months, as we begin to plan for the 2012-2013 school year, I will be sharing more information regarding a building utilization plan; the process used for classroom placement; preparations for the second half of the building renovations (HVAC); and my personal goals in ensuring that WES is an outstanding place for your child to learn and grow.

With the second half of the school year in full swing I continue to immerse myself into the WES and RTSD community. I am even more excited about what is available to your children in order to help them achieve academic and social success. Thank you again for your support and dedication in helping me transition to WES. It has been exciting getting to know you and your children!

The mission of Radnor Township School District is to inspire in all students the love of learning and creating, and to empower them to discover and pursue their individual passions with knowledge, confidence, and caring to shape the future.