

# RES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2024



Dear RES Parents,

As we enter the month of February, I am reminded of the warmth and care that defines our wonderful school community. This month is not just about Valentine's Day, but also about celebrating the love, support, and care we share for our students. We thank you, our parents, for your involvement and partnership in making RES truly a special place. Thank you for entrusting us with your precious children and for being an integral part of their school journey. Let us continue to grow and nurture a learning environment filled with love, growth, and success.

With gratitude,

Teresa M. Carboy, Ed.D

### **STAFF UPDATES: Welcome!**

- Dana Boettinger Speech Therapist Days 2/4/6
- Andrew Galella Student teacher with Mrs. Novia, Kindergarten
- Kayla Harrington Student teacher with Mrs. Kurtas, Grade 2
- Marco Newsome Student teacher with Mr. Slifer, Instrumental Music

### **Exciting Baby News!**

Congratulations to Rose Van Hulst on the birth of her son, Adrian, who was born on January 13, 2024!

Congratulations to Kristen Crescenzo on the birth of her daughter, Emmy, who was born on January 29, 2024!



### **Groundhog Day....**

This year Groundhog Day is on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phil will leave his burrow at 8:00am at Gobblers Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. He will then observe the weather conditions and look for his shadow and then make his prediction for the remainder of the winter.

According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring.

### Valentine's Day



Children will have an opportunity to celebrate Valentine's Day with their peers and teachers on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Fun activities as well as a Valentines exchange is planned for the students. Homeroom teachers will coordinate with the homeroom parent for collecting and dropping of goodies.



### **Spring Conferences**

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held in-person on Monday, February 19, 2024, from 8:00AM to 3:30PM on an as-needed basis. Conferences will last approximately 25 minutes. If your child has been making satisfactory progress throughout the year, it may not be necessary for his/her teacher to meet with you.

However, should you feel that a conference is necessary, you may, of course, request a meeting with your child's teacher. Families will receive further conference information in the coming days.



### **PSSA TESTING Grade 3 and Grade 4**

PARENTS/GUARDIANS, please avoid scheduling any trips or appointments during this testing window.

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessments (PSSA) is a required state-wide assessment given to students in grades 3-8 in English Language Arts and Math, and grades 4 and 8 in Science.

- All students in grades 3 and 4 will be required to take the PSSA English Language Arts
  (ELA) Assessment and Mathematics.
- Students in grade 4 will also be required to take the PSSA Science Assessment.

2023-2024 Assessment	Dates	Grades
English Language Arts	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	Grades 3-
	April 24, 25, 26 <sup>th</sup>	8
Mathematics, Science, Make-ups	Math: Monday/Tuesday	Grades 3-
	April 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	8
	Science: Wednesday/Thursday	
	May 1 & May 2	
	Make Ups: Friday May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (for	
	early reporting)	
	Additional Makeups if needed:	
	May 6-10 (will not qualify for early	
	reporting)	

### Looking to change it up a bit? Hair, Skin or Nails? Why not give



### The Salon at Western Montgomery Tech Center a try?

## Call to schedule or book online. Online scheduling

#### **School Year Hours:**

Wednesday 11:15AM - 2:00PM

Thursday 11:15AM – 7:00pm

Friday 11:15AM – 2:00PM

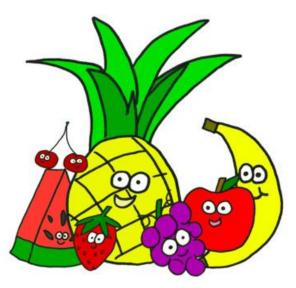
### Look for additional hours coming soon!

The Salon at WMCTC offers a variety of services performed by well-trained students under the guided supervision of licensed Cosmetology instructors. Students use state of the art equipment coupled with professional products, like Matrix and Sexy Hair, to deliver the most current cutting, color, texture, and styling trends.

### Thank you for supporting our Salon!



### And Now..... Announcing the Healthy Snack Contest for Winter 2024



In an effort to get our students (and staff!) to eat more fruits and vegetables, I have put together a little contest. Here is how it works...

On this **Thursday, February 1st, Grades 1-4 students\*** will be encouraged to bring a fruit or vegetable for snack. Every time a student brings a fruit or vegetable for snack, they can add a mark on a 100-count chart in their classroom. Items like fruit snacks or veggie straws do not count. I am looking for students to eat whole fruit and/or veggies (e.g., carrot sticks, apple slices, strawberries, celery with cream cheese, unsweetened applesauce.... The list is endless!!!) You can have fun with it and make each day a different color of the rainbow or just stick to the basics... you decide.

Each time the class has 100 fruit or veggie snacks counted the class will hand in the sheet to me. I will be keeping "score" on

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the bulletin board the student pass in the hallway near my office.

The contest will end the day before Spring Break – March 28<sup>th</sup>. I will announce the winning class on that day. The winning class will get a special surprise when they return from break.



Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

### Nurse Schauder

\*Kindergarten students can certainly pack healthy snacks

but will not be included in this contest

Current Recommendations support fruits and vegetables as foods that should be eaten most often. And for most Americans, this means more than doubling the number of fruits and vegetables they eat daily. Fruits and vegetables are major contributors of nutrients, are associated with a reduced risk of many chronic diseases and are relatively low in calories which can replace high calorie foods that can lead to weight issues.

This contest is *completely* voluntary.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Celebration Assembly was held January 19. Golden Awards were given out to:

Golden Book: Mr. Maffucci (K-2) Mrs. Trimble (3-4)

Golden RAM Quest: Mrs. Ellis (K-2) Mrs. Brooks (3-4)

Golden Note: Mrs. Vaccaro (K-2) Mrs. Thompson (3-4)

Golden Sneaker: Mr. Maffucci (K-2) Mrs. Preston (3-4)

Golden Paintbrush: Mrs. Novia PM (K-2) Mrs. Weise (3-4)

CONGRATULATIONS!

### **Dates to Remember:**

### National School Counselor Week Feb 5-9

Feb 5: **Respect your body**... Wear sweats

Feb 6: We love our school... Wear your RES T-Shirt

Feb 7: 100th Day of School... Dress like you are 100 years old

Feb 8: Throwback Thursday... Decade Day, dress like your favorite decade

Feb 9: Superbowl Friday... Wear your favorite team attire

Feb 5 - 9: Soap-er Bowl Drive for Project Outreach See flyer

Feb 8: PTO Meeting 7:00pm Media Center

Feb 14: Valentine's Day...Wear Pink/Red/Hearts

Feb 22 - March 1: Scholastic Book Fair Takes place during your child's library time.

Feb 29: Rare Disease Day... Wear bright colors

March 1: Evening Book Fair 5:00pm - 8:00pm in the LGI