WASHINGTON WOODS *BULLETIN*

Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Hard Work & Honesty **February 24, 2012**

Principally Speaking

Along with the Super Bowl, this February we are celebrating Youth Art Month in Indiana. We've previously noted that 3rd grader Garrett Smith's design was chosen from hundreds of entries to represent all of Indiana as our art flag. The month culminates with a celebration this weekend of the arts in Indiana education. Our own art teacher, Mrs. Staub, has been the statewide chair of this celebration, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved honor. Part of the celebration includes the display of children's art work at this weekend's conference. Congratulations to the **three** WWES students chosen to represent our school: Alanna Taylor, Viktorija Platonova, and Alexyss Austin. Their art will be on display with pieces from students across the state. Education in the arts, including physical and musical arts, is an essential part of your child's at Washington Woods, and we celebrate the arts this month and every month.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for Family Math Night on Thursday. These special events are an important part of the school year. We appreciate all the planning by our staff and all the support from our families.

Our Math Bowl Team is in the district competition at Maple Glen Elementary next Thursday. The Team and their coach, Mrs. Joseph, have worked hard to prepare and to represent Washington Woods well. Congratulations to them all in advance--we know they will make us proud.

We hope you and your family are enjoying the unseasonably mild winter. Children should still remember to dress in layers to help with sudden changes outside and cold spots inside. Have a good weekend.

Dr. Williams

Important Dates to Remember

Feb. 27
Second Grade Field Trip "Bodyology"

Feb. 28
First Grade Dental Visit

Mar. 29
3rd Grade Battle of the Books

April 24
Third Grade Field Trip to Hilbert Circle Theater

May 8
Cookie Dough Pick Up

Counselor's Corner

Third and fourth grade students at WWES will take the applied skills (written) portion of ISTEP+ the week of March 5th. The ISTEP+ assessment measures students in the areas of mathematics and language arts/reading. Additionally, fourth grade students will be tested in science. Third graders will begin with the practice test on Monday, March 5th and will test through Thursday, March 8th. Fourth graders will test from Tuesday, March 6th through Friday, March 9th. All testing will take place in the morning. If at all possible, please avoid scheduling appointments that take your child out of school during these testing times. We very much appreciate your help with this!!

Students will take the multiple choice portion of ISTEP+ in early May. We expect overall scores to be released at the end of May. If you have any ISTEP-related questions, please contact Brian Sawa at 867-7906.

ABC Days

Monday	2/27	D
Tuesday	2/28	A
Wednesday	2/29	B
Thursday	3/1	C
Friday	3/2	D

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Lace up your running/walking shoes for Underground Railroad Run!

The Westfield Washington Education Development Foundation's annual Underground Railroad Run, Fitness Walk & Health Fair will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012.

Activities will start at 8 a.m. with a health fair at Westfield High School. Runners will take their mark at 9 a.m. for the 5K race followed by the 3K fitness walk at 9:20 a.m.

All proceeds from the event support the Education Foundation and benefit the community by funding educational grant programs for teachers and college scholarships for Westfield students. The Education Foundation invests its resources into programs for learning enrichment provided by the many dedicated teachers in our schools.

Since its inception in 1986, the Education Foundation has provided more than $139,000 in teaching grants to support innovative classroom enrichment. In addition, greater than $508,000 in college scholarships has been awarded to new Westfield High School graduates.

Registration forms are available on the district website, click here to access the form. For more information, contact Jan Skinner, foundation executive director, at 867-8085.

If you are interested in having a booth at the health fair, contact Teresa Layton at 867-6605.

In addition to the community funding, the Westfield Education Foundation honors the Physical Education department of the school with the highest percentage of students registering for the run and walk. The winning school receives the 3-foot trophy and $500 to the Physical Education department for class equipment that enhance student learning.

<u>Completed registration forms must be turned in by MARCH 9</u> to count towards the school competition for the BIG trophy and the $500 award. Washington Woods has NEVER won this trophy/award. PLEASE SIGN UP AND MAKE IT OUR YEAR!!!

Underground Railroad Run
Ameriana Bank donating $5 per race application***

Be sure to make plans to attend the **Underground Railroad Run** on March 24 at Westfield High School. This popular community event includes a 5k race at 9:00 a.m., a 3k fitness walk at 9:30 a.m., and an awards ceremony at 10:15 a.m. Also that morning is a free Health Fair including many local health and fitness providers with valuable health care information to share. All proceeds support education opportunities for students at Westfield Washington Schools. Registration forms are available at all WWS buildings and at Ameriana Bank in Westfield. ***Ameriana Bank is donating $5 to the Education Foundation for each of the first 150 people who turn in a form at their bank located at State Road 32 and Carey Road. ***Support the Westfield Education Foundation, register today!*** Registration forms are available online at http://www.wws.k12.in.us/subsite/dist/page/run-fitness-walk-health-fair-1852 Questions? Contact the Westfield Education Foundation at foundation@wws.k12.in.us or 867-8085.

Softball Clinic for grades K-8

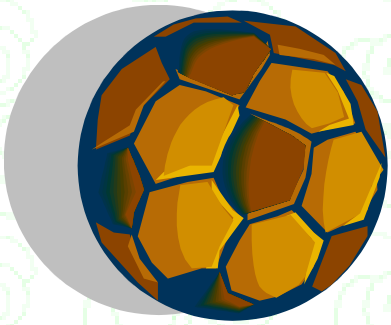
WHS softball coaching staff and team is hosting two clinics – one for girls in grades K-6 and one for grades 7-8.

Grades K-6 will be on March 9, 6:30-9 p.m. Grades 7-8 will be on March 24, 3-5 p.m. Both will be in the WHS MPIF.

The cost is $20 per child.

The is one-day clinic will focus on the basic fundamentals of softball: throwing and fielding properly as well as hitting, bunting, base running and sliding. Girls will be divided into age groups and will receive instruction that is specific to that level. This is a great way to get ready for softball season. It will be a fun and exciting time for both our current players and our future WHS softball players.

WYSA Recreational Soccer Spring Registration



Mark your calendars now for Westfield Youth Soccer Association's recreational soccer spring registration. Walk-in registration is scheduled for Sat., Feb. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Shamrock Springs Elementary School. Online registration is currently open at www.wysa.org. The deadline for registering is midnight Feb. 18.

Spring recreational soccer is open to all youth ages 4 and up to high school seniors, regardless of experience or ability. Children must be 4 as of Dec. 31, 2011 to play. You do not have to be a Westfield resident to participate. Fees range from $80 to $125 and include a jersey, socks, weekly practices and games. All games and practices are held at Habig Field, on Carey Rd between 151st and 156th. Practice begins during the week of Apr. 9 and the final games will be over the Jun. 2-3 weekend.

Questions? Contact Lori Roberts, the club administrative assistant, at adminoffice@wysa.org.

2012 WYSI In House Baseball Registration

WYSI In House Baseball registration is open through February 17 at 11:59 p.m.
Westfield Youth Sports Registration:

Baseball
Dates and times for Evaluations:

February 18 at Westfield Middle School
Single A – 8 a.m.-10 a.m.
Double AA – 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

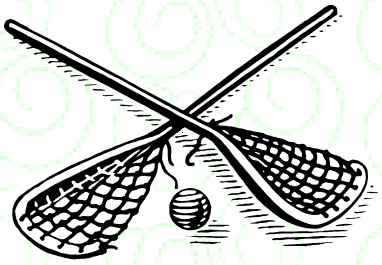
February 25 at Westfield High School
AAA – 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Majors – 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Pre-K and K Instructional Only: Registration is open to participants preK-K until Feb. 25. The season runs from Apr. 1 – Jul. 2. There are no evaluations for this age group.

Log onto www.wysi.net for details or email David Cope, Baseball Commissioner at: dzscope@gmail.com

Lacrosse

Registration is still open until Feb. 28. Registration is open to students in grades 1-8. The season runs from March–May 31. Please visit our website at www.wysi.net for details and to register or contact: Brandon Breedlove, Lacrosse Commissioner at bbreed88@yahoo.com.



Girls Softball

Registration is still open until Mar. 8. Registration is open to students in pre-K through grade 8. The season runs from mid-March–July. Please visit our website at www.wysi.net for details and to register or contact: David Pucci, Softball Commissioner at davepucci1@gmail.com.

Community News

Don't forget the 4-H enrollment deadline is March 1!! For more information on how to enroll, call the Purdue Extension Office at 317-776-0854 or go to www.ag.purdue.edu/counties/hamilton.

Box Tops for Education

Just a reminder we are still collecting Box Tops for Education and will be all through the school year. Last year our school raised $800 from your Box Top donations!