WESCOTT WORD

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 18
Author Visit - Grades 1 & 2
2:15 pm

Wednesday, October 19
PTO Special Lunch - Viccino’s

Thursday, October 20
Picture Retake Day
Board of Education Meeting

Sodexo Lunch Information
Click here for October lunch menu and allergen information.
http://www.district30.org/parents/Lunch-Menus.cfm

Click here for Mr. Brown’s Blog!

Kids Care Food Drive is October 17-21, 2016

The students of District 34, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and District 30 are coming together in conjunction with Character Counts week, to collect food items to be donated to Northfield Township Food Pantry.

Items of great need are: pancake mix and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce, juice/juice boxes, coffee, tea, kid's snack packs, cookies, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, jelly, paper products, cereal, oatmeal, canned spaghetti, ravioli, chili, and corned beef hash. (Please check expiration dates.)

Checks and Cash are welcome. If you don't have time to run out to the store, monetary donations are much needed. For every dollar you send in we count it for 5 cans of food. Checks must be made out to Northfield Township Food Pantry. Please put any monetary donations in a sealed envelope labeled Northfield Food Pantry and have your child give the donation to his or her classroom teacher.

Please email Erin Sommer at sommerlife@gmail.com
Storify

Click on the link below to see photos of happenings at Wescott School.

https://storify.com/egreene07/oct-14-week-at-wescott

PE Newsletter

Click here for October PE Newsletter.

Events in the Community

Click on the link below for Events in the Community

http://www.district30.org/parents/Virtual-Backpack.cfm

Wescott's Halloween Bash - The Monster Mash

Join us for Wescott's annual Monster Mash on Friday, October 28 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Newly added to this year's spooktacular night is a Zombie Hall and Mystery Boxes.

Other fangtastic activities include DJ, Photo Booth, Costume Contest, Spooky Stories, Cake Walk, Ghost Craft, Games, Prizes, Treats and More.

Click on the link below to register your family for a discounted price of $20 and quicker entry at the door. The cost at the door will be $25.


VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the Monster Mash!

We need your help to make this year’s event a huge success. From set-up to clean-up and everything in-between, we are counting on YOU!

Please click on the link below to volunteer:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845a5ae29a57-monster2

Together Everyone Achieves More!

Wescott, we collected 728 pairs of shoes for the Share Your Soles organization! Because of your generosity Share Your Soles will be able to deliver these shoes to distressed areas in Mexico and North Dakota.

Thank you Wescott for helping achieve more and making a difference for those in need.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Wescott family earned $14,246 for this year's Walk for Wescott!

10% will be donated to Families Helping Families and our sister school, Burbank School. A huge thanks to our gym teachers, Mr. Grober, Mrs. Fee, and Mr. Anderson and to all of the Wescott staff for supporting our efforts. Thanks also to Lucio for all of his help in setting up and tearing down. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Our winners were:

Principal for the Day - Andrew Novak
Pizza Party and After School PE - Mrs. Latek's 1st Grade and Ms. Grosshuesch's 1st Grade
Extra Recess - 1st Grade
Raffle winners - Olivia Sung, Lexi Shmarak, Aubrey Kelsen, Jack Jack Chen

Send in the Reading Logs -- PTO Summer Reading Program Wrap-up

For those children that participated in the PTO’s Summer Reading Program, associated with the Book Fair last May, it is time to turn in your reading logs. Mrs. Janavicius, our librarian, has graciously offered to collect all reading logs, so please have your children bring them to the library. For those children that signed up for the Summer Reading Program in May and return a reading log, we will issue gift certificates in November to be used at our November Book Fair which will be held November 16-18.

Thank you for supporting our inaugural Summer Reading Program! – The PTO Book Fair Committee

Wescott Project Update

While work has progressed on this project, we do want to make everyone aware of school route issues that you may encounter as you come to Wescott School over the next month.

Farnsworth Lane, between Western Avenue and Ellendale Drive, remains under heavy construction. Car traffic will not be possible and drivers are advised to use Woodlawn Road to access Western Avenue. Walkers are also advised to find alternate routes as the construction will not allow consistent access to sidewalks.

Work is anticipated to be complete by early-October. For the latest information on the Wescott Park Project please visit the web site: http://wescottparkproject.com/
**District 30's Environmental Awareness Committee**

**Now There is a Place to Recycle Old Trophies!**

So many families have old trophies boxed up in the basement or gathering dust on bedroom shelves. There is now a place to recycle these items. To find out more, just go to [http://www.awardsmall.com/trophy-recycling_ep_46.html](http://www.awardsmall.com/trophy-recycling_ep_46.html)

"We hear almost every day of folks that have old trophies collecting dust and they don't want to throw them away to the landfill; they'd rather make a useful contribution to others. For over 30 years we have accepted these treasured awards and recycled them for parts or re-engraved and donated them to non-profits."

~Donna Gray, president of Total Awards & Promotions

**Watch the Worms Squirm! Learn about Vermicomposting on October 29th**

Ever see a worm squirm? Join Go Green Northbrook and Environmental Awareness Committee member, Sarah Sanford from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 29, 2016 at her home. She will be hosting a demonstration on Vermicomposting - using an indoor worm bin to compost food scraps. Sign up for a workshop on how to set it up at home. See [https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080d49aaab2c7-worm](https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080d49aaab2c7-worm)

**District 30 E-Recycle Day & Facility Presentation and Tour @ Maple School**

**E-RECYCLE DROP OFF DAY**  Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The District 30 community has an opportunity to declutter and recycle electronics while supporting Amigos de las Americas, youth service organization ([amigosinternational.com](http://www.amigosinternational.com)). This is a complimentary service to the District 30 community.

**Items Accepted**

- Desktop, Laptop, and Tablet Computers- LCD Monitors
- Printers (for large, office printers please contact your local store)
- Computer Peripherals (keyboards, mice, etc.)
- LCD and Plasma Televisions
- Satellite and Cable Equipment
- Projectors
- VCRs
- DVD Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Radios
- Speakers
- Cellular/Mobile Phones
- Smart Phones
- Telephones (including PBX equipment)
- Toner
- Networking Equipment and Cables
- Mailroom Equipment
- Point of Sale Equipment
- Pagers
- Cameras
- Camcorders
- Power Tools (including batteries)
- Fax Machines
- Answering Machines
- Battery Backups and Uninterruptable Power Supplies (UPS)
- Surge Suppressors and Power Strips
- Power and Accessory Cables
- Walkie-talkies
- Ink Cartridges

Questions on e-recycling? Contact Meena Klein mederani@gmail.com 847-682-6472
**FACILITY PRESENTATION AND TOUR**

Residents are welcome to tour Maple School on Saturday, October 15, 2016 with Superintendent Dr. Brian Wegley, students, and staff to learn about the priorities being defined within District 30’s Master Facility Plan. School tours will be held at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 15. There will be a short presentation in the Library Media Center (LMC), followed by the facilities tour of Maple School.

Two additional evening tours are scheduled for Tuesday, October 18 and Wednesday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Contact Michele Pollina at 847-400-8902, mpollina@district30.org with questions.

For more information about District 30’s Facility and Educational Vision go to the following link. http://facilities.district30.org/.

2017 School Board Elections

Northbrook/Glenview School District 30 will have three school board seats to be filled at the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election. Candidates who are elected will fill four-year terms expiring in April 2021.

Candidates for the office of school board can begin to circulate nominating petitions for signatures beginning September 20, 2016. The period for filing nominating papers runs from December 12 through December 19, 2016.

A candidate for school board is required to file the nominating petitions, Statement of Candidacy, and receipt for the filing of their Statement of Economic Interests with the applicable County election clerk and not with the school board secretary or the administrative offices of the school district. The county clerk may have petition forms available or blank petitions may be downloaded from the State Board of Elections website, http://www.elections.il.gov/.

Candidates may also want to consult the “2017 Candidate’s Guide,” http://www.elections.il.gov/DocDisplay.aspx?Doc=Downloads/ElectionInformation/PDF/2017CanGuide.pdf, which can be downloaded from the State Board of Elections website, or contact the county clerk or board of election commissioners regarding the requirements of filing. Candidates and voters can get information about the district from its website, and learn about being a school board member from the Illinois Association of School Boards, at: www.iasb.com/elections.
Mrs. Eilhauer’s Excerpt October

The Power of Play

One rainy day during indoor recess a student in my class began folding paper and making a paper hat. Then another student began folding...and another and another...until the room was awash in hats, swords, scabbards, helmets, fortune tellers, scepters, jewels....and more. The next day was rainy too...and the folding continued apace.

Soon after that the children were making paper money in varying denominations, and buying and selling the items they had made. The purveyor of paper hats was doing a brisk business along with the creator of custom colored medieval swords and scabbards. Soon the room was almost entirely involved in playful commerce!

At first I wondered if I should allow this to continue. Of course all teachers have been schooled in the doctrine of Piaget and play as vital to early childhood learning. But what about fourth grade? Was the sacrifice of an entire 500 sheet ream of paper worthwhile? Should they be doing something else? Using the blocks, games math materials and tangrams I have in abundance instead? And then it hit me...The students were engaged in productive social play!! Everyone who wanted to be involved was involved!! They were negotiating the value of their products, and they were creating their own currency and economy to boot! They were doing what all children need to do...Play!

At that point I started to think about the kind of play I engaged in when I was their age, and a flood of memories inundated me. There was jump rope, stoop ball, group games, building forts, castles and dollhouses with furniture out of cardboard boxes and found objects. Building a race car out of a wooden box from the fruit man around the corner with a board and two roller skates...making a tent out of an old army blanket over a washline, building carriages, dolls and doll furniture out of wooden cigar boxes and my mother’s round headed clothespins…

Why, my entire childhood was based on creating things with other kids and then playing with them. In fact, I remembered creating a store with paper items and our own paper money and then buying and selling in exactly the same way as my students were doing! Summer vacations, weekends and hours after school provided endless hours to engage in play. Of course back then there were no other outlets like technology, for our time as there are now.

I wondered if my students were telling me that they need more of this kind of play? Are they getting enough time to engage in free play outside of school the way I did and if not, how can their natural craving for self generated play be satisfied? I’m thinking about how to do this in an educationally valuable way and I already have some ideas.

In the meantime, I would urge all parents to do two things....watch the youtube video by Stuart Brown on the power of play, and encourage your children to go outside and do some good old fashioned playing! If you can put up with a bit of mess...visit a crafts store or burrow through the closet and gather up a pile of odds and ends for rainy day fun!