

WESCOTT WORD

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 5-8

CogAT Testing - Grades 3-5

Thursday, December 7

Board of Education Meeting -
7:30 pm at Wescott

Wednesday, December 13

PTO Ice Cream Day

Wednesday, December 20

PTO Special Lunch -
Once Upon A Bagel

Friday, December 22

District 30 Winter Sing -
9:30 am - Maple
Winter Sing - 1:30 pm Wescott
Classroom Parties - 2:30 pm

December 25 - January 7

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Monday, January 8

School Resumes



From the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

CogAT

During the week of December 4th, all students in Grade 3 and Grade 5 will take the Cognitive Abilities Test (*CogAT*). Part of the District's assessment plan, *CogAT* measures general and specific cognitive abilities; a student's ability to reason and problem solve. *CogAT* is a multilevel battery assessment that provides information in three domains: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. Each domain requires approximately 45-60 minutes to administer. In addition, a practice test will be administered prior to the actual testing session. *CogAT* is a timed test; however, most students have sufficient time to attempt every item.

This year the assessment will be taken online. Student results will be provided to the faculty and to parents in early January.

Check the Lost and Found!

Please remind your children to check the Lost and Found located in the front foyer. There are many items in our lost and found that you may not even realize are missing from your homes. We will be donating any items left behind to charity during Winter Break.



Also, please label your students' coats, hats, mittens, etc. with their names so we can easily get them back to the correct owner.

Storify

[Click here for this week's Storify!](#) to see photos of happenings at Wescott School.

PE Newsletter

[Click here for December Newsletter](#)

Events in the Community

Click on the link below for Events in the Community

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

Read to Succeed



Wescott School is participating in an exciting program that encourages students in grades K through 6 to read for fun. Read to Succeed is a free program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. Every student who completes and logs six hours of recreational reading before February 16 is eligible for a free admission ticket valid at the Six Flags Theme Park in Gurnee, IL on select dates during the upcoming season. We hope that you and your child enjoy this free program and spend time reading together.

Reading logs went home with your child before Thanksgiving, but you may also print one here:

<http://static.sixflags.com/readtosucceed/StudentReadingLog.pdf>

For more information about Read to Succeed, please check out this link:

<http://www.blytheparkpta.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/SixFlagsReadingLetter.pdf>

If you have any questions about the program please contact Jody Contreras or Amy Brennan.

Safety Reminders

As we head into the winter driving months, you may want to think about car safety and the proper use of car seats when dropping off or picking up your child from school. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests elementary-age children should use a belt-positioning booster seat until they reach 4 feet 9 inches and at least 8 years of age. All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat. For more information, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration car & booster seat page. <https://www.nhtsa.gov/equipment/car-seats-and-booster-seats>

Just in time for the holidays - you shop, Amazon gives.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Wescott Parent Teacher Organization whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) you will need to select Wescott Parent Teacher Organization. Then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. All regular Amazon settings such as Prime will transfer over.



From the Environmental Awareness Committee



Save the Date! District 30's EAC Hosting a Special Movie Night on February 9

District 30's Environmental Awareness Committee, with Assistant Superintendent Dr. Melissa Hirsch, will host a family movie night from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Friday, February 9, at Maple School, which will highlight a topic that promotes environmental awareness. More information will be available soon.

Dispose of Unwanted Holiday Lights the Environmentally Responsible Way: Holiday Light Recycling in Glenview

Glenview residents can drop off holiday lights for recycling at Glenview's Public Works Department, at the corner of East Lake Avenue and Shermer Road, through February 23, 2018. A receptacle is outside the center for collection marked with a sign. Acceptable items for recycling include: mini-lights or Italian lights; C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights and extension cords. All colors and lengths of lights will be accepted. Items that will not be acceptable for recycling include: garlands, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclable materials. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County and the Village of Glenview have partnered with Elgin Recycling Inc. to take the lights and cords. The strands are separated, baled and sent to be chopped or shredded and sold as a commodity to foundries and mills in the United States.

For more information, call Glenview's Public Works Department at (847) 657-3030. Additional information regarding the program is also available on the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County website <http://www.swancc.org/residential-programs/holiday-light-recycling> <http://www.glenview.il.us/Pages/Carousel-lights.aspx>

Holiday Light Recycling in Northbrook

Northbrook residents can participate in Holiday Light Recycling at the Village Hall from December 2017 through January 2018. The Village Hall is closed on December 31. Whether residents plan to switch to LED lighting or will no longer be using old holiday lights (or extension cords) because they are broken or unsafe, they can be recycled at the Village Hall. Simply drop them in the recycling canister in the lobby, 1225 Cedar Lane, during business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Otherwise, they will be accepted at the Fleet Garage behind Village Hall, 1227 Cedar Lane, on the first Tuesday and Saturday of each month. Tuesday hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. to noon. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2AQkm6C>

Remember To Be Idle Free - Just Turn the Key!
PLEASE turn off your engine while waiting in the pick up lane.