

# WESCOTT WORD

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## Calendar of Events

**December 25 - January 7**  
NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

**Monday, January 8**  
School Resumes

**Tuesday, January 9**  
PTO Meeting - 9:00 am

**Wednesday, January 10**  
Ice Cream Day

**Thursday, January 11**  
Board of Education Meeting -  
7:30 pm at Willowbrook

**Friday, January 12**  
Half Day School - School  
Improvement Day - 11:45 am  
dismissal

**Monday, January 15**  
NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther  
King Jr. Holiday



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE WESCOTT STAFF!



Happy Holidays to our Wescott Family! Enjoy your winter break and take the time to relax and spend quality time, creating wonderful memories with your family.

Please note: Wescott School will be closed over the winter break.

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## Storify

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

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## PE Newsletter

[Click here for December Newsletter](#)

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## Events in the Community

Click on the link below for Events in the Community

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

## Save the Date: Dinner at Elly's Pancake House! January 29th



Beat the Winter blues and bring the family out on Monday, January 29th from 5pm-7pm for an evening of fun, food and entertainment as we dine at Elly's Pancake House in Glenview to support Wescott.

Watch for more details in early January. DADS we need your help waiting tables. Please signup in January!

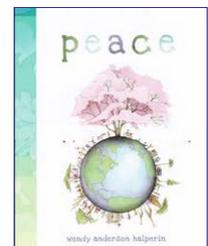
## Attention All Band and Orchestra Students



The Winter Band and Orchestra Progress Concert will be held at Maple School on Monday, January 22nd at 7 pm. Mr. Vecchio and Ms. Losch will have more details soon!

## Big News: All-School Author Visit and Parent/Student Night on January 25th!

The Wescott Library is excited to announce that author/illustrator Wendy Anderson Halperin will be visiting Wescott on Thursday, January 25th! She will be meeting with students in small groups all day to discuss her book, *Peace*, which inspired our school theme this year. Students will learn about different peace quotes as a way to inspire them to be Partners in Peace at Wescott.



That evening, a parent-child workshop will be held with the author. More details to come. Mark your calendars now!

## Check the Lost and Found!

We will be donating any items left behind to charity during Winter Break. Stop by the school today to check for any lost items.



## From the Environmental Awareness Committee



Northbrook | Glenview  
School District 30  
Environmental Awareness Committee

### Illinois EPA Announces Annual Environmental Education Competition for Fifth & Sixth Grade Students

#### The 2018 Program Encourages Youth Creativity to Protect the Environment and Honoring the State's Bicentennial

Fifth and sixth grade writers and artists from around Illinois are invited to compete in this year's Poster, Poetry and Prose Contest sponsored by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA). This year's contest theme is "Illinois is Celebrating 200 Years! How Can You Be an Environmental Pioneer?" focusing on helping to preserve and protect our air, land and water for the next 200 years in honor of Illinois's bicentennial. Educators are asked to introduce historic environmental problems and how Illinois laws and citizen actions have helped make a healthier environment. Students are challenged to answer the question, "What would a modern environmental pioneer do to ensure Illinois has a sustainable future?"

Each school can enter up to eight works: four posters and four written. Entries must be postmarked and sent in to the Illinois EPA by February 1, 2018. An in-house panel from the Illinois EPA will judge all entries to select the finalists, whose entries are then judged by an outside panel of authorities to determine the top twelve winners. The top winning entries will be on exhibit in the atrium of the Illinois EPA's headquarters building in Springfield from April 23 through May 21, and the top winners will be featured on the Illinois EPA's homepage at [www.epa.illinois.gov](http://www.epa.illinois.gov).

All finalists, together with their families and teachers, are invited to an awards ceremony and reception that will be held on April 21, 2018 at the Old State Capitol Historic Site in Springfield. After the awards ceremony, participants are invited to attend the City of Springfield's Earth Awareness Fair on the Old State Capitol's lawn.

Information about the annual event can be obtained on Illinois EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/education/contest/index>, or by contacting Kristi Morris, Environmental Education Coordinator for the Illinois EPA, at 217-558-7198, or by mail at 1021 North Grand Avenue E., P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794 9276. Information on the Bicentennial Celebration can be found on the following website: <https://illinois200.com/>.

[https://www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/15154-IEPA\\_Annual\\_Environmental\\_Education\\_Competition.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/ISNews/15154-IEPA_Annual_Environmental_Education_Competition.pdf)

### Gifting the Environmental Way During the Holiday Season

Waste less this holiday season by incorporating recycling into the gift giving process. Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers waste reduction tips for the holiday <http://www.swancc.org/resources/supportive-documentation/resources/385-holiday-waste-reduction-tips/file> and ideas for simplifying the holidays <https://newdream.org/resources/reader-submissions-how-i-simplify-the-holidays> from the Center for the New American Dream. Styrofoam or polystyrene is not acceptable for recycling in curbside collection programs. Packaging material, including Styrofoam, can be recycled at special drop off locations. Find a list here: <http://www.swancc.org/packaging-products>.

### Save the Date! District 30's EAC is 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.**