

WESCOTT WORD

Wescott Office 847-272-4660

Health/Attendance Office 847-400-8760

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, February 27

5th Grade Parent Overview
Linda/Michael Program - 7 pm at
Wescott

Friday, March 2

School Spirit Day - Wear Red &
White

Monday, March 5

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute
Day

Tuesday, March 6

Parent Speaker Event - 7:00 pm -
Wescott Gym



"See Something. Say Something."

Please take the time to read Superintendent Dr. Brian Wegley's important letter on school safety!

<http://blog.d30.me/bwegley/>

School Safety Reflections

Dear D30 Families,

This morning Maple School enjoyed listening to the talents of our orchestra, choir, and band students. They handled challenging pieces incredibly well! During the program, Mr. Vecchio reflected on a particularly positive number and shared, "Now is as good a time as any to send some beauty into the world."

Indeed it is. I know that our hearts break for those affected by senseless violence like the recent shooting in Florida. I am incredibly touched by the caring response by our students and staff whose actions include writing letters to students at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

I am also saddened by the fact that these threats consume our time and energies, but they must. The safety of our students and staff is always our primary concern and events like these highlight the importance of our security efforts. I believe that there are two ongoing actions that maximize our safety:

See something, say something: Our trusting and open communication with our students, families, and community are our first line of defense. Whether concerns surface about an individual considering harming themselves or others, it is typical for warning signs and signals to be known by someone. We must all continue to maintain our strong connections and provide appropriate support services to those in need, while remaining in close contact with the Northbrook and Glenview Police Departments.

Building our capacity: We know that unthinkable acts of violence can occur anywhere. To be prepared, we must continuously develop our ability to react as intelligently as possible.

Regarding the first point, we all need to reinforce, "See something, say something." Increased sensitivity to warning signs and concerns is a positive thing. In a recent conversation with a Northbrook Police Officer, he emphasized that they follow up on any information regarding a potential threat and take all of them seriously. We do the same.

Storify

Click here for this week's Storify! to see photos of happenings at Wescott School.

PE Newsletter

Click here for February Newsletter

Events in the Community

Click on the link below for Events in the Community

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

Concerning building our capacity across District 30, please know that District 30's administrative team has been engaged in updating our Emergency Preparedness Plans as part of our strategic plan. Our goal is to implement one set of protocols and language across Northfield Township (schools, parks, police, and fire). Northbrook District 27 has taken the lead on this vital work. Specifically, we are learning and intentionally developing an options-based response plan that aligns with the EEEE (Educate, Evade, Escape, and Engage) framework from Tier One Tactical Solutions out of St. Louis. Several members of our team, including me, have updated our protocols and engaged in active shooter training this year. We are using this knowledge to continuously update our plans, and will fully implement what we are learning in District 30 over the next few years.

A focus on safety motivated the new entrance configurations at Wescott and Willowbrook. Also, we have had the Northbrook Police Department and Fire Departments directly involved in the security and layout of the new Maple School.

Thank you all for continuing to send some beauty into the world. Together, we maximize the safety of our most precious resource, our kids.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian K. Wegley
Superintendent

CHECK OUT THE WESCOTT MADNESS PARTIES!

Be sure to check your children's take home folders TODAY for the list of Wescott Madness Sign-Up Parties. **(Please note that the time for the Family Ice Skating Party on March 18th has changed to 4:35-5:35 pm.)** We want to make this easier on YOU, so there will be only TWO days of 7AM E-blasts for Wescott Sign-Up parties. Please review the list with your children before the parties are released! A list will also be available on Wescott's PTO website.



https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yYfw3r6qjPjE013udhVidH9Zu4laEziy4s1jOJA_yT8/edit#heading=h.2tp7err0velk

E-blasts:
Tuesday, February 27th- Wescott School whole-school parties and Wescott parent parties sign-ups
Wednesday, February 28th- Grade-Level parties sign-ups

Please note:

*You are NOT allowed to sign other people's children up for parties, only your own children.

*If you are signing up more than one member of your family, please use the drop down to increase the number of children and/or adults per sign up.

*Only students currently enrolled AT Wescott are allowed to attend parties EXCEPT for the Northbrook Ice Skating Party.

*Only students within the corresponding grade can attend each party. Parties that are open to every grade include: Family Ice Skating, Helping Hands, Pajama Movie Night and Korean Culture party.

* We may be looking for parent volunteers for some of the parties.

Please contact Katherine Lee (kathkimlee@hotmail.com) or Liz Kim (lizyoo2009@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Wescott Madness Teacher Raffles

Thank you to our generous teachers and staff, along with all of our Wescott students who participated in the Wescott Madness RAFFLES! We generated over 10,000 raffle entries, and prizes were awarded this week.

Any questions about Wescott Madness, please contact wescottfundraising@gmail.com.

5th grade parents

The Maple World Language teachers recently visited the fifth grade classrooms at Wescott and Willowbrook Schools in order to share information about the French and Chinese programs at Maple. This information was shared to assist you and your child in making an informed decision regarding their World Language placement next school year.



Please indicate your student's World Language choice by clicking [Here](#) for the Google Form no later than **March 2, 2018**. Your student may choose between Chinese, French, or Spanish for their language selection. If you would like to review the presentations, please click on the links below. [Chinese](#) [French](#)

Join Us for Our Parent Speaker Event March 6, 2018 - 7-8 pm - Wescott Gym Add to Your Parenting Toolbox

In today's hectic world, it is often challenging to find the time to think about the lasting foundation we are building with our children. On March 6th, the Wescott PTO is welcoming former Navy SEAL Jon Sanchez to our school to deliver an inspirational and valuable message about the family dynamic. Your parenting toolbox will be filled with topics such as:

- Fostering Resilience-
- Shaping Our Legacy-
- Creating a Positive Attitude-
- Reframing Success and more-

This is a FREE event - sign up now to reserve your spot!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040845a5ae29a57-wescott6?scrlybrkr>

We hope to see you there. Dessert will be served, but don't let that stop you from going to dinner after!

Please contact Joanna Kaplan (joanna.kaplan@gmail.com) with any questions.

Future Chef

Thank you to Samantha Caporusso-Hartman, Shiri Esptein, Maya Fliegler, and Dylan Hartbarger for submitting recipes for the Future Chef contest. Although the contest was cancelled we would like to recognize and congratulate these students for participating. Please click [here](#) for their delicious recipes.



Wescott PTO Open Upper Board Positions

The nominating committee is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the PTO Upper Board for the 2018 - 2019 school year! Three positions are open and each position is a two year commitment.

1. Treasurer
2. Secretary
3. Vice President of Communications

Please click [this link](#) to print a nomination form. Please return nomination forms to the Wescott School office or email to wescottsecretary@gmail.com

Questions - Contact Nikol Sotos - wescottsecretary@gmail.com or Michelle King - wescottptomichelle@gmail.com

The Power of a Read-Aloud

Kindergarten parents, please join us for an enjoyable and worthwhile evening as we share the importance of continuously reading aloud to your children. We will model a read aloud and provide you with strategies to use at home with your children.

Who: Parents of current Kindergarten Students

**Please note:

This evening is for parents only!**

Where: Wescott School Library

When: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm



Facilitators:

Reading Specialists: Colleen Bessette, Jeannine Staunton, and Barbara Wierzchon

Gifted Coordinator and Differentiation Specialist: Robyn Kogan

Click [here](#) to sign up.

Maple PTO Playground Fundraiser

Reminder: The PTO Playground Fundraiser for the new Maple School will be held on Friday, April 27th at the North Shore Country Club in Glenview.

<https://mailchi.mp/b35d95c86eda/maple-pto-fundraiser-save-the-date?e=66c58da438>

Also...

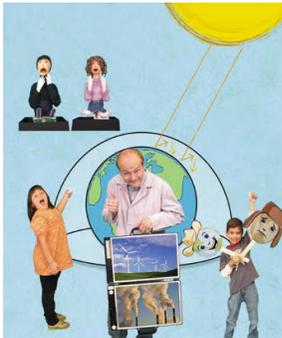
The Maple PTO is looking for parents who would like to donate their services and/or make donations towards the Maple PTO Playground Fundraiser in April. If you or your business are able to support our fundraising efforts, not only will you be helping our worthy cause, your generosity will be duly noted. All donors will be mentioned in our program literature as well.

Our donor letter and solicitation letter are linked below.

[Donor Form](#) | [Solicitation Letter](#)



From the Environmental Awareness Committee



EAC to Host Our Changing Climate at Wescott and Willowbrook on March 22

District 30's Environmental Awareness Committee is hosting Mobile Ed Productions' presentation titled, "Our Changing Climate" on Thursday, March 22 at Wescott and Willowbrook Schools. "Dr. Exhaustus" will present at Wescott School in the morning, and he will be at Willowbrook during the afternoon on March 22.

For the PreK-second graders, he will discuss ways in which individuals can take care of the planet, without getting too technical.

The older students will be left with a basic understanding of the content elements and how they are all connected to the subject of climate change. Competing scientific points of view about climate change will be presented, including the "sunspot theory," "natural causes," and the "greenhouse theory."

The goal is to encourage students and teachers to further discuss the various aspects of this topic in their classrooms, using critical thinking to arrive at their own personal conclusions. mobileedproductions.com

For more information, contact Dr. Melissa E. Hirsch at 847-498-4190.