



# PAW PRINTS



Worrall Elementary School PTO Newsletter • November - December 2014

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### November 4

Election Day  
No School/In Service



### November 6

School Store  
8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### November 12

PTO Meeting  
7:00 p.m. in the library



### November 17-21

American Education Week

### November 17-21

Scholastic Book Fair

### November 17 & 18

Parent Visitation  
9:30-11:15 & 1:30-2:30

### November 19

Book Fair Night  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



### November 20

School Store  
8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### November 21

End of Marking Period  
8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### November 24-26

K-12 Conferences  
1/2 days • No lunches

### November 27 - 28

Thanksgiving Break



### December 1

Report Cards

### December 2 - 4

Holiday Shop  
9:00am - 3:00pm

### December 10

PTO Meeting  
7:00 p.m. in the library



### December 11

School Store  
8:20 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

### December 23

Holiday Classroom Parties  
2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



### December 22 - January 2

Holiday Recess

### January 5

First Day Back - Happy New Year!

## From the Principal

Worrall Families,

We are proud to say that we have had a great start to the school year at Worrall Elementary. The students of Worrall came out to show their school pride at the MN Youth Night and took home the trophy for the 3rd year in a row. The tremendous turnout reflects the closeness and pride of our wonderful school community. Worrall is a happy but hard-working place.

Every year Worrall has an overarching building theme. The theme for this year is, "Be the Star That You Are". This theme plays an important role with our Bully Prevention/Character Education programs where our children are asked to make good choices and exhibit positive behaviors. In conjunction with this theme, we also have a reading incentive for the students; "Read for the Stars". We kicked off the reading incentive with a traditional Worrall event – the Big Buddy Book Bash. School Board Members will be invited to participate as guest readers at the February BBBB. (Look for the "save the date" coming soon!) The overarching theme also ties in with the Service Projects that Dr. Renee Cahill and Worrall Student Leaders implement during the year to promote awareness of needs in our community. We are wrapping up Mad Hatter Mondays where hats and donations were collected for cancer patients. The Worrall community is kind and generous and will be participating in many future service projects including Can Collections, Toy Collections, PJ/Book Collections, Cradle for Crayons, Un-Birthday Day for children in the hospital, etc.

Frank Long and Team Inspiration have done a great job with their Motivational Mondays. This year the message is "Dig in! Trudge! and One more time!" The students have learned to take on adversity, work hard, and never say, "I can't."

The faculty has done a wonderful job getting to know and work with the new Reading Wonders Series. They have worked hard over the summer and each week to prepare their lessons in order to fully implement this new series.

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## Continued: From the Principal

In preparation for PSSA testing, we have fully implemented the Classroom Diagnostic Tools for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Every student from 3rd to 5th grade has completed the math and reading CDT test. They will also do a writing test and the 4th grade will do a science test. These tests will be given three times prior to the PSSA tests. The teachers have been shown the data tools and how to access this data for their students empowering them to even better meet the academic needs of the students.

Worrall Elementary will be working with Linwood Elementary of Chichester School District as part of the Governor's Award Grant. A team of teachers are currently working on a reciprocation tool that will be shared with Linwood Elementary. The \$25,000 grant requires Worrall to create a reciprocation tool to teach a school in another district (assigned Chichester) who scored in the mid 60% in math on how to increase their scores for the PSSA tests. The team will present their work at the SAS Conference in Hershey in December.

We are looking forward to a great year!

John Beltrante

Principal

## First Annual Worrall 5K

The First Annual Worrall 5K was a huge success! Many thanks go to Nicole Nelson and Jen Newby who coordinated the event. Running conditions could not have been better. Our sponsors, volunteers and the Worrall faculty made the day fun, healthy and profitable! Thanks to our runners and sponsors, we raised approximately \$3,000! Making sure our Wildcats started off the year fit and healthy was a goal of the PTO and we succeeded! All the funds raised will go to help support the school in all their efforts to make Worrall the best place for our children. Thank you again to all who supported the event and we are all ready looking forward to next year. Thank you to our sponsors, Active Image Media, LogoWear House, MedScope, Frank C. Videon Funeral Home, Maxima Hair Salon, Pacifico Marple Ford, John Serock Catering, and McLenaghan Wholesale Tires, Inc.

## Questions? Comments? Fill Out Our Survey!

Soon you will be receiving an email survey. Please take a few moments to fill it out. Of the responses, one lucky person will receive a \$25 gift card of their choosing for their participation. Thank you!



# HOLIDAY SHOP

Mark your calendars for Worrall's annual holiday shop December 2-4. This is one of the kids' favorite holiday traditions where they get to choose their own small gifts for loved ones. Parents are welcome to come visit the holiday shop to help them make their selections, but it's also fun to keep the kids' presents a surprise. The holiday shop is always fun and helps get everyone in the holiday spirit. For more information, please contact Jen Gorman at [worrallweekly@yahoo.com](mailto:worrallweekly@yahoo.com).

## HOLIDAY SCRIP

For the Holiday season, we are happy to offer an expanded selection of SCRIP. Many people purchase gift cards for family and friends at the holidays, so why not buy them from Worrall and support our school at the same time? Buy them as gifts or buy them to purchase your gifts. Don't forget about the bus drivers, teachers, babysitters, mailmen, and all the special people on your holiday gift list. This is your one-stop shopping place for gift cards.



## THE YEARBOOK NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

Parents and Teachers, when attending events at Worrall, please take photos and email them to us at [worrallyearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:worrallyearbook@yahoo.com). It only takes a few moments to email all those GREAT SHOTS you captured on the first day of school and at the Halloween Parade. We'll have a GREAT yearbook with your help.

## THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

Have you been looking for ways to be more involved with your child's school? The PTO is looking for new members for next year. If you would like to serve in any capacity or have any questions, please contact Jessica Reitano at [jess@jandjcreations.net](mailto:jess@jandjcreations.net) or at 610-308-6506.



## Box Top Winners

The winners of the 2014 Summer Box Tops Contest. Congratulations to MacKenzie, Cecilia, Gina and Bryan! The prize is a Silly String Duel. The duel is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th at 2:30pm on the playground against Mr. Beltrante and Mr. Penney. You are all welcome to watch the fun.

Worrall families collected 15,000 box tops this year and we receive 10 cents for each box top submitted to General Mills.

Thank you for all your effort and support with this fundraiser.

— Linda Bogan

**Keep collecting those Box Tops! Every box top collected is money for Worrall.**





**LOOKING  
AHEAD**  
(Subject to Change)

**January 16**  
Pizza Bingo



**February 20**  
Jump Rope  
for Heart



**March 14**  
Harlem  
Wizards  
MNHS  
at 7:00pm



**March 30-April 3**  
Spring Break



**April 13-30**  
PSSA Testing



**May 7**  
Evening of  
the Arts



**May 29**  
Field Day



**May 29**  
Family Cookout  
at 5:30pm



# BIG Buddy Breakfast



## Worrall Night at McDonald's

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Thursday, Nov. 13th,**  
**Newtown Square from**  
**5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Give yourself the night off from cooking and bring the gang to McDonald's! Proceeds from this event go toward the PTO.

Thanks go to Cathy Collins for her organizational skills. Hope to see you there!

## PTO Website

Have you checked out the new PTO website?

It is updated regularly and can be found at [worrallpto.org](http://worrallpto.org). Many thanks go to Jen Newby, who created and maintains the site. Need a form? Need some information about a new policy? Wondering what is going on at Worrall? We are constantly striving to keep you informed, but we want to know what we can do better. Help us help you! Go to [worrallpto.org](http://worrallpto.org) and tell us what you think!





## Company Match Donations

Contributions made to Worrall Elementary School PTO can often be matched by businesses that participate in the company matching gift program. Following is a list of some local companies that offer matching gift programs. This list is not complete, so please check with your Human Resource Department to see if your company will double your gift to our school!

**AT&T**

**Boeing Company**

**Bristol-Myers Squibb**

**GlaxoSmithKline**

**IBM**

**Merck**

**Pfizer**

**Siemens**

**State Farm**

**SYSCO**

**Wells Fargo**

## VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### Many thanks to:

- Beth Marro for organizing the KidStuff Coupon Books. She did a fabulous job!
- Holly Hammond for another fun Big Buddy Breakfast.
- Sue D'Angelo for her many, many hours compiling the Connect-A-Cat.
- Sue Price & Laura Coupe for making sure the communication envelopes go home every Wednesday.
- Linda Bogan for her countless hours of collecting Box Tops.
- Leigh Ann Coary, Rita Horn, and Sallyann Wolk for collecting SCRIP money every week.
- Jen Gorman for her fantastic newsletter, the Worrall Weekly.
- Anna Diresio, Michelle Walsh and Jen Gorman for compiling the wonderful Yearbook.
- Leigh Ann Coary and Merrie Staurowsky for organizing the homeroom parents.
- Annemarie Sudall for her efforts in offering Worrall Wear to our families.

*There are countless others who have given their time this school year.  
We are so grateful for what you do!!*

## Questions? Suggestions? Please Contact Us!

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