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Worrall Elementary School PTO Newsletter • May - June 2014

Calendar of Events

May 5-9

Staff Appreciation Week

May 8

Evening of the Arts

6:30am-8:00pm

4th Grade Show

7:00-8:00pm in gym

May 14

Centenarian Luncheon

3rd Grade Trip

12:00-1:00pm

May 14

Worrall PTO Meeting

7:00pm in the library

May 15

5th Grade Visit to

Paxon Hollow Middle School

5th Grade Parent Night,

Paxon Hollow Middle School

7:00-8:00pm

May 16

Grandparent/VIP Breakfast

1:30pm-3:00pm

May 21

Elementary Spring Concert

Marple Newtown High School 7:30pm

May 22

Visiting Author

Jen Bryant, Young Author Awards

10:45am in the gym

May 23-26

Memorial Day Weekend

No School

May 30

Worrall Field Day

Rain Date June 9

May 30

Worrall Family Cookout

5:30-8:30pm

June 4

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

8:00-8:30am

June 6

Talent Show

1:30-3:00pm & 7:00-8:30pm

June 17

5th Grade Promotion Ceremony

Noon dismissal

June 18

5th Grade Memory Book Party

Noon dismissal

June 18

Last Day of School



Principal's Message

Worrall Families,

It has been my pleasure to serve as your principal this year at Worrall Elementary School. I appreciate all of your hospitality and making me feel so welcome. I have truly enjoyed getting to know and work with you and your children. My expectation as a parent and your principal is that every one of you feels the same way that I do every day. We will continue to work hard for you and make each day the best possible experience for your children. It has been a wonderful experience for me to watch the students continue to grow and develop into fine young men and women as they prepare for new experiences each and every day.

All of the students have done well for themselves here this year and we are all extremely proud of their accomplishments. The 5th grade students served as excellent examples and role models for the younger students and the best and most rewarding times of your educational experiences lay ahead of you. Make the most of every day and I wish you the best of luck in all that you attempt.

Always remember your teachers who have helped you build a solid educational foundation as you proceed through your educational experience and always remember your friends at Worrall Elementary.

Sincerely,

John Beltrante

Principal

*A Note from
Mr. Beltrante:*

Worrall's REC (Reading Enhancement Committee) was created in order to foster the love of reading while enhancing reading instruction across all grade levels. There is at least one grade level representative and unified arts representative on the committee. The increasing rigor of the Common Core Standards is the platform for our focus on improving Worrall's overall reading scores. REC has monthly meetings in order to collaborate and discuss initiatives, incentives as well as strategies to be implemented in the classroom to enhance reading instruction.

Our largest school wide event is the "Big Buddy Book Bash." This involves the pairing of students with a buddy to enjoy reading books of their choice throughout designated areas in the school. All staff members are involved and are able to interact with students in a positive way about literacy. This past February, administrators and employees from across the district came into each classroom to share their favorite stories with the students. The students relaxed as they listened to new and classic stories. Everyone involved walked away with a rewarding literacy experience.



Worrall's Reading Olympics Team Wins BLUE RIBBON!

Worrall's Book Shelf Elves were big winners at the Delaware County Reading Olympics! They were well prepared, performed as a strong team, and exhibited good sportsmanlike behavior. They represented all the fine boys and girls of Worrall School and made us very proud! Many thanks to Mrs. Sarkissian and Mrs. Martin for leading our 5th graders.

Worrall Night at the Phillies

Monday, May 5 was the 2nd Annual Worrall Night at the Phillies. The PTO raised approximately \$560 from the 112 tickets that were sold. This popular event promises to become a beloved Worrall tradition. Many thanks to Mike Donnelly for all his hard work in organizing the event.

Family Fun on May 16

An Action-Packed Day of Events

We are bringing back the popular VIP Breakfast starting at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 16. Children are encouraged to bring their grandparents or special friends to a free breakfast in our cafeteria. We also offer classroom visitation from 9:15-10 a.m.



Immediately following is "Going Buggy," a 1st and 2nd grade show in the gym at 10:15 a.m., directed by our own Mrs. Dragonetti.

In the afternoon, we have our annual Spring Fit and Fun. This year's event is being run by Boosterthon, a popular professional fundraising company that promises to rev up our annual event by bringing their own brand of enthusiasm to Worrall. Look for information packets to come home with your child on May 8. The program begins with a pep rally and ends with a fun run from 1:30-3:30 on May 16. If the weather cooperates and the event is held outdoors, all are welcome to attend to cheer on our runners.



FAMILY COOKOUT

Worrall students and their families are invited to attend this evening cookout on May 30 starting at 5:30 to celebrate the upcoming end of the school year. The evening is filled with music, games and lots of food!



GOOD NEWS!

SCRIP will be available for purchase throughout the summer! Feel free to call Leigh Ann Coary at home 610-355-2342 to place your order or email at Worrallscrip@yahoo.com. Also, 4th (soon to be 5th) grade trip credits will continue to be earned throughout the summer. All proceeds benefit Worrall, so why not support our school when you shop for items you would be purchasing anyway?



Worrall Night at McDonald's Big Success

On Thursday April 24, the Worrall Family gathered at the Newtown Square McDonald's for another fun-filled evening. Many thanks go to all the teachers and families who came out, and also to Cathy Collins for organizing such a fun and worthwhile fundraiser.

The PTO Welcomes Two NEW Board Members!

The PTO is happy to announce two new board members who begin their terms in the 2014-2015 school year. We welcome Jen Newby as Treasurer who replaces outgoing treasurer Sara Landrum. We also welcome Kristen Mancini as our new Secretary. She replaces Cathy Collins who finishes her term this year. Many thanks for all the hard work to Sara and Cathy. We look forward to a new year with new members. But we are always looking for fresh ideas and input. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jessica Reitano at jess@jandjcreations.net or attend our last PTO meeting of the year on Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 in the library.



**Worrall's
PTO Wishes
Everyone a
Safe, Happy
& Healthy
Summer!
See you in
September!**



We Say Goodbye

to three longtime teachers who retire this year Bev Blumberg, 2nd Grade Teacher has been a teacher at Worrall for 15 years and has been with Marple Newtown School District for 25 years. We also say goodbye to Anna Marchese, an instructional assistant and Janet Daly, ELL teacher. We appreciate all they have contributed to Worrall and for their many years of service.



Questions? Suggestions? Please Contact Us!

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