

Wolf Bites - October 2011

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Wyman Families,

Welcome back to another great year at Wyman. For those of you new to our school, the staff and I extend a warm welcome to you and your family!

I am constantly amazed by the degree of PTA involvement at our school. A prime example of our community at its best was our recent PTA Science Night. Despite the heat, over 350 students and family members enjoyed the hands on aspects of science and had a blast doing so. My own family was in attendance and my five year old did not stop talking about the evening's activities for days. From what I understand this year's Harvest Fest is going to again be over the top.

Our teachers and students have faced a lot of changes in curriculum this fall. While these changes are considered positive and in line with the current trends in 21st century global education, the time and effort needed to implement these programs effectively is daunting. It is astonishing how much our talented teachers and their students have been able to accomplish in just a few short weeks. They deserve a round of applause.

Although I have said it before I want all of you to know how honored I am to be serving as principal until Ms. Daniel returns. Ms. Daniel sends her best and thanks all of you who have expressed genuine concern. I can tell you she is improving and cannot wait to get back to work at Wyman.

My personal thanks to all of you who have taken the time to introduce yourselves and discuss many topics related to our school's academic and social programming. Your opinions and input are valuable tools in our decision-making processes. We need constant input and new perspectives to keep vision moving forward with purpose. Please remember my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Neil D. Marcaccio

Acting Principal

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President's Letter, October 2011

Well, it's been an exciting beginning to the school year! We've dealt with a hurricane, a few interim principals, a wonderful Science Night and a pending Harvest Fest! My most sincere thanks to everyone who has pitched in, volunteered and persevered so far!

So, where are going from here? We have been presented with some great ideas for additional programming for the students and community. However, we need people to help execute these programs. The members of the Executive Committee cannot be responsible to make sure these things happen. It's a cliché, but many hands make for a light load. Please attend the PTA meetings to add your voice, your time and your spirit to the program in any way possible.

Please be advised that there are continued concerns about the parking situation at drop off and pick up on Parkside drive. There is no parking/standing on the crosswalks. There are cones and painted lines on Parkside and the side streets to protect the children and allow for ample vision of the crosswalks and traffic. Please be mindful of these designated areas and rules. Again, this makes for a safer school area for everyone.

Finally, I'm glad to see the Face Book page is being used. I loved the feedback from Science night and the back and forth between parents who are posting questions. It appears to be serving its purpose as a means of better communication in our Wyman community. Thank you, everyone, for your continued support, feedback and dedication to the program.

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October

Important Dates:

Oct. 4th – 6th NECAP Testing Grades 3-6, Reading

October 8th -Yom Kippur

Oct. 10th -No School, Columbus Day

Oct. 11th – School Store

Oct. 12th -14th - NECAP Testing Grades 3-6, Math

Oct. 13th – 7PM PTA Meeting /Safety Patrol Installation 1:00

Oct. 14th – Harvest Fest 6pm -9pm

Oct. 19th -20th – 5th Grade NECAP Testing, Writing

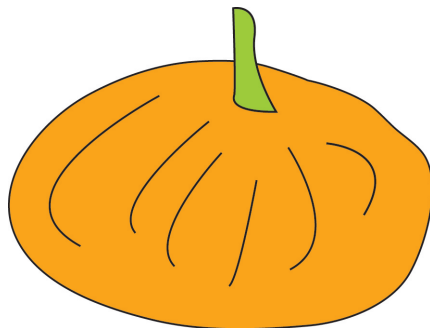
Oct. 20th – 2nd Grade Field Trip

Oct. 21st – Sidewalk Chalk Extravaganza, 3PM – 5PM

Oct. 25th – School Store

Oct. 28th – Box Tops Collection

Oct. 31st – School Pictures



What's Going On:

Science Night/Peanut Butter Drive

We received 369 lbs. of peanut butter! 1st place goes to Mrs. Miller with a 76 total.

Mrs. Miller's class received a pizza party and Mrs. Benevides will have an ice cream party. Thank you for all your donations!

Harvest Fest is Friday Oct. 14th

If you are interested in working the event or can let us borrow items for decoration, lighting, or help with set-up/breakdown, please contact Joan McMullen at:

Tnjirish@cox.net

CVS Downtown Races – Thank you to all who participated this year. It always comes up quickly at the beginning of each year... if you missed it this time, keep it in mind for next September. This helps us to earn money for Gym equipment and is good fun and exercise!

Wyman's Version of the Toy Story

*Auditions were held for our Holiday Play which will be December 2nd. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 2:45-4pm. Depending on your child's role, the exact days will vary. If you have not returned the permission/release slip, please sign and send in with your child. Any questions, please contact: tnjirish@cox.net. The form can be found on Listserv, the website and Facebook Group under Documents.

Sidewalk Chalk Extravaganza

Mrs. Fortier will be holding a fundraiser Sidewalk Chalk Extravaganza on Friday October 21st from 3-5pm. The money raised will go toward a school wide clay mural project. Paper forms were sent home and an updated registration form can be found on Facebook.

After School Enrichment Programs

Parents if you are interested in an After School Enrichment Program at Wyman please fill out the survey that was sent home last week and return it to school. We would like to get some programs up and running this month. If you have questions please contact Toni Andersen at : Otoni1968@yahoo.com

Thank You Mr. Feinstein

After a long absence we have been gifted a new school sign in front of the school! Thank you so much Mr. Feinstein for this generous gift! Important dates and events will be displayed throughout the year!

REMINDERS

Box Tops Collection

Mrs. Please keep collecting those Box Tops. We want to try to raise as much money as possible this year. October 28th will be our first collection. There is a new way to get credit for products you purchase online. By visiting <https://www.boxtops4education.com> you can register and shop through their marketplace to earn points for Wyman.

Stop and Shop A+ Bonus Bucks

October 6th begins the season to earn A+ Bonus Bucks for our school through Stop and Shop. Please register your card to support our school. Our id # is 07300 and is registered under "Elwood T. Wyman". Tell friends and family!

Parents' Picks

We didn't receive any submissions this month, but please if you see something interesting and educational, hear of an event that you think other parents at the school would like to know about, please email it to Lyndsay Drew, the Newsletter Editor/Secretary at: LMDrew@verizon.net

Coming Soon: Raffle Calendar

News From VOWS

My name is Toni Andersen & I will be serving as our school's VOWS Coordinator this year. VOWS employs the services of parents who are interested in making an investment in their children and our school by sharing their time and talent. The volunteers assist teachers in various tasks throughout the school year.

If you have already completed and returned your volunteer form, thank you. If you haven't filled in your form yet, it's not too late, just complete and send it in as soon as possible! Extra forms are available at the school office. We are always in need of parent volunteers. If you can help out in your spare time we could use your help for the program. If you need more information, please call me at 228-7001.

Our top recruitment priority this month: we are seeking volunteers interested in attending training for the ESI-P and ESI-K Developmental Screening. Training sessions are offered October 24th and 27th and require advance registration. If you are interested in volunteering as a pre-school and kindergarten developmental screener, please check off "ESI preschool Screening" and return your form ASAP. This is the only training that will be offered this school year, so don't miss out on this opportunity!

SAVE THE DATE: VOWS' 9TH ANNUAL CHOPSTICK AUCTION IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011 AT NOON AT THE BUTTONWOODS COMMUNITY CENTER!!! PRIZE DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED!!!

A Note from Principal Daniel

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my sincere appreciation for your cards, prayers and phone calls during my recent illness. Your support has been overwhelming.

I am working hard to regain my strength and return to Wyman.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely

Judith Daniel

Principal

Wyman PTA and Going Green

We have been making every effort to “go-green” by cutting down on paper usage by the PTA, this includes trying to get our monthly newsletter to be available in e-form for our community. We send it out in 2 formats on Listserv and post it to our website: WymanPTA.com

If you still feel that you need the paper format, please email Lyndsay Drew at LMDrew@verizon.net and give your child’s name/teacher so we can know how many copies we need to make.

It’s good for the trees and good for putting our finances toward other resources for our children. Thank you!