

THE Waverly Whisper

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



“Will eat vegetables for money!”

As you know, Waverly is in the midst of a campaign to raise money for the *Pennies for Patients* organization which will use the proceeds to help children who have been diagnosed with cancer. Our PTA, staff members, and students are really excited about the opportunity to be involved with such a worthy cause.



But through the lens of an educator, there is an even more significant goal

than the money that is raised, or the banners that are won, or even the pizza party that is earned by the top performing class. In my opinion, what is more important is that children learn how to make choices based on priorities, behave empathetically, and solve real world problems. Maxim, a first grader in Mrs. Dachik's class, is clearly learning these lessons.

When I heard about the generous contribution that Maxim had made to his classes' first place total of \$330.55, I invited him into my office to tell me more about his thinking. During our interview, Maxim told me that he “really wanted to help other kids.” He then went on to share how he and his 9 year old brother had been saving money to purchase an expensive Skylanders video game, but now wanted to apply his half of the savings to this effort instead.

“I was going to save my money to buy Skylanders, but helping kids with cancer is more important.” - Maxim

For most children, that would have been enough of a sacrifice, but Maxim did not stop there. He went on to tell me about his plans to set up a hot coco stand in his neighborhood, and his ongoing effort to perform various chores to earn additional money that he can then contribute. His parents are on board and have agreed to pay Maxim a modest fee for doing things around the house like making his bed, cleaning up his toys, and yes – eating his vegetables at dinner! I wish I had his creativity when I was a kid!

Hopefully, Maxim's story will inspire you to talk with your children about priorities, empathy and problem solving in the context of our fundraising.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeff Melendez'.

Dr. Jeff Melendez is the Principal of Waverly School. He can be reached at 914-793-6130 ext. 5502 or via email at jmelendez@eastchester.k12.ny.us. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, 2/20/12 –
Friday, 2/24/12
Winter Recess
Schools Closed

Monday, 3/5/12
Principal's Coffee
10:00 AM

Wednesday, 3/7/12 and
Thursday, 3/8/12
Book Fair

Friday, 3/9/12
First Grade "Campout"
Event, 7:00 PM

Saturday, 3/10/12
Waverly Boys Event

Friday, 3/16/12
Kindergarten Pajama
Story Time
7:00 PM

Friday, 3/23/12
Professional
Development Day
No Students

Announcements

Amazon.com Rewards for Waverly

Calling all Amazon.com shoppers! You can now earn money for Waverly simply by clicking through Waverly's Amazon.com link and making your purchases. There's no need to sign up. Simply go to WaverlyPTA.org and click on the Amazon tab located at the bottom of the red menu on the left-hand side of the page. Click on the link to Amazon each time you do your shopping. Waverly will receive a portion of the proceeds every time you shop at Amazon. It's that easy! Anyone and everyone can use it, so please tell your family and friends!

Earn Money for Waverly at Stop & Shop

Register your Stop and Shop card and earn one point for each dollar you spend. Go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and sign up today. After you sign up all you have to do is use your Stop & Shop card each time you shop. Next June Waverly will receive a check from Stop & Shop for all your shopping points. It's that easy!

Sign Up For PTA Email Blasts

It's not too late to sign up for the PTA email blasts! The PTA uses email throughout the year to reach out to our Waverly parent base. Please take a moment and sign up for our E-blasts by sending an email to eblast@waverlypta.org. If you have not signed up you may miss important emails and up-to-date information.

Scholastic Book Fair – March 7-8

We are in need of some volunteers for the book fair. We need someone to co-chair this event with Christy McCloskey and some volunteers to work the event and help setup. Please contact Christy at cmccloskey67@gmail.com. Any help you can offer is appreciated at these events.

Kindergarten Pajama Story time - March 16 and First Grade Camp Out - March 9 - UPDATE

We are still looking for individuals who are interested in volunteering for either of these two wonderful events. If you are interested, please contact the chairs for each event.

The chairs for the kindergarten event are: Debby McGee (debbymeyers@yahoo.com) Tracey Yorizzo (tyorizzo@optonline.net) and Tina Fernandez (tinmfer@verizon.net).

The chairs for the first grade event are: Beth Johnson (ebjohnson@optonline.net) and Kimberly Cinguina (kimberlytormeycinguina@hotmail.com).

Remember these events are great opportunities to get involved while having fun.

Kindergarten Registration Underway For 2012-2013 School Year

Registration for kindergarten is ongoing. Children who turn five years of age on or before December 1, 2012 are eligible.

Call for a registration appointment: 793-6130, ext. 4777. (Appointments are ongoing through March 2012)

For detailed information and to download an application: <http://district.eastchesterschools.org/m/mod/data/view.php?d=25&rid=755>

If you still have questions, call the Registrar at 793-6130, ext. 4777.

Announcements

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Dear Waverly Families,
If you have one or more hours a week in the morning that you can spare to volunteer in the Waverly School Library we would be very grateful! Your help is truly needed and would be heartily welcomed.

Kindly email our library clerk, Martine Rizzo: mrizzo@eastchester.k12.ny.us. Thanks for your consideration. We look forward to meeting you.

Thanks to Volunteers for Successful Girls Event

Many thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the Enchanted Fairy event this past Saturday! Special thanks goes to Elise Kops, decor creation, centerpiece creation and overall event creativity; Theo Sakalis, Patty Li-Massa and Roseanne Cosgrove, Friday night set up; Catherine Bodan, Saturday morning set up and clean up; Toni Recine, Arlene Mackin, Melissa Faustini and Donna Seminara, Bracelet table; Donna Love, raffles. Thank you again for supporting the Waverly PTA!

Cultural Arts Corner

Book Orders for Author's Visit

Alyssa Satin Capucilli, the award-winning author of the *Biscuit* books series, will be visiting Waverly on Friday, March 16 to speak with kindergarten and first grade students.

Your child received an order form in class for a selection of books by Alyssa Satin Capucilli. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form and **return it to your child's teacher via backpack mail.**

Please note that the author will autograph any of the books that you order. If you would like any particular books autographed to your child, please be sure to indicate that on the order form as well. Please make all **checks payable to The Waverly PTA. We are not able to accept cash for this book order.** Please be sure to place your check and your order form in an envelope and to **label the outside of the envelope "PTA Book Order."** All book orders will be placed into the PTA box by the main entrance to Waverly. **The deadline for all orders to be placed is Thursday, March 8.**

If you have any questions about the book order or the author's visit, please do not hesitate to contact either Kim Cinguina at kimberlytormeycinguina@hotmail.com or Theo Sakalis at theosakalis@gmail.com.