

# Washington Heights News and Notes

*December 2022*

## **Winter is upon us**

As we have already seen, winter is here! We had our first Weather-related Remote Learning Day on Thursday, December 15. Just a reminder that it is the expectation that all students will log-in for live virtual instruction from their teacher from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm (Kindergarten is 9:30 - 11:00 and 11:05 - 12:30) when we have Weather-related Remote Learning Days unless they are too ill to participate. Notices are sent out via email, phone, district website, and on most local news outlets. The log-in information will be found in your child's SeeSaw account.

Keep in mind also that classes will go out to recess most days as long as the weather permits for approximately 30 minutes. Having a warm coat, hat, and gloves/mittens will help keep them comfortable. If anyone needs assistance getting winter coats, please let us know. We have numerous donations here at school from Operation Warm and can give your child a coat of their own.

If, during the winter, your family has any other needs, please reach out to our counselor, Mr. Connell. He can either suggest supports or get you in touch with our district social worker who can also help.

Wishing your entire family the happiest of the season!

- Dr. Michele Trevino and Mr. Doug Knepp

## **Title 1 information**

Washington Heights Elementary is a school-wide Title 1 school and we receive federal funding to help provide reading and math interventions to students K-5.

In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was signed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA), parent and guardians within schools operating with Federal Title I funds are annually notified the right to request professional qualifications of teachers and paraprofessionals as well as information on assessments provided within the school entity.

As stipulated in the federal law, parents/guardians may request information regarding the

professional qualifications of their child's classroom teacher(s). Specifically, individuals have the right to ask for the following information:

- Whether the student's teacher met state qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade level or subject he/she is teaching;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status;
- The teacher's college major, the baccalaureate degree, and/or any advanced degrees earned by the teacher;
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

To obtain this information, please submit your request in writing to the address listed below. Each request should include the student's name, his/her teachers' names and the school he/she attends. Please be certain to include your name, address and a telephone number at which you can be contacted during the day. Thank you.

West Shore School District

**Human Resources Department**

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## Upcoming Dates

### **Winter Concert - Tuesday, December 20 at 2:00 pm**

Our students in grade 5 chorus and grades 4-5 band and orchestra will be giving a concert here in school. All the students will be attending. Parents, guardians. and other family are also invited to attend if you wish to do so.

### **PTO Community Fundraiser**

Our annual community event at Five Below is being held from Dec 13- Dec 19th. Your student(s) received a flyer. You **MUST** have this form in order for the donation to the PTO count. It is also available on the PTO Facebook page.

### **Winter Recess - December 23 through January 2**

There will be NO SCHOOL from December 23 through January 2, 2023. We look forward to seeing everyone back on January 3, 2023.

### **PTO Skating Party - January 28**

Our PTO is hosting a roller skating party at the Olympic Skating Center in Enola on January 28, 2023 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. There will be more information coming about tickets and other details, but mark your calendars now!

## **MINI-THON is COMING to Washington Heights!**

We will be holding our Mini-THON this year on Friday, March 31, 2023 here at WHES! This is a fundraising and awareness effort that benefits the four diamonds, an organization that supports families and children battling cancer. More info will be forthcoming soon!

<https://www.fourdiamonds.org/mini-thon/>

## SOAR Office Referrals

The students pictured below were recognized this month for SOAR-ing above the expectations and being very responsible while in school. They have received a positive phone call home, a positive write up and an extra 30 minute recess with a friend! Congrats to all students and their parents for a job well done!



## Student Council information




Our WH Student Council is holding a Spirit Week for any who wish to participate December 19 through December 22. Please see the list below for what to do each day.

The 12 Days of Kindness is happening at school from December 6 through 21. Students caught being kind receive an ornament to decorate and put on our giving tree. Whatever classroom has the most kindness ornaments from grades K-2 and 3-5 will win a treat on December 22.

And under our Giving Tree the student council is collecting items for the Bethesda Mission including toiletries, socks, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves. They will be delivered over the winter break.

We are so proud of this group of fourth and fifth graders for their positive leadership and school spirit!

## Holiday Spirit Days

Monday December 19th	Tuesday December 20th	Wednesday December 21st	Thursday December 22nd
<b>Merry Monday</b>  Wear holiday colors: red, green, white, blue, or gold	<b>Tinsel Tuesday</b>  Wear holiday hats, socks, shirts/ sweaters	<b>Where's Washington Heights Wednesday</b>  K-2 will wear white and 3-5 will wear red.	<b>Long Winter's Frosty Nap Friday</b>  Wear your favorite pajamas