



WGES NEWS JUNE 2011



Dear Parents:

Our 7th Annual Read for Speed Program officially ended May 13th. Congratulations goes out to all those involved, as we surpassed our reading goal for the building. Between the Accelerated Reading (AR) program data, and the lower grade reading logs turned in by parents during the year, our students have currently read over 30,000 book titles this year. All of our students will be redeeming their rewards this month. Our PTO is offering a free viewing of “Kung Fu Panda” at our local movie theater to all students as a reward. We are also sending 2nd grade up to the track as their reward, as they did most of the reading this year for the program, and 4th grade, as this is their last year in the building. WGI is also sending down free tickets for all students to use for the Sahlens’s 6 Hours of The Glen event held during the first weekend in June. During our awards ceremony at 9:30 AM on June 24th, I will also include the distribution of reading medals to the top two readers in each classroom, based on AR data and reading logs turned in over the year. I would like to thank WGI, all the teachers, parents and business partners for their continued support of the program.

The end of the school year is fast approaching and I would like to remind parents that summer school enrollment will be occurring through the month of June. The first day will be July 6th and we will once again be hosting an after summer school daycare at a very reasonable rate. Please call the school at 535-3250 for more information.

Respectfully,
Mr. Rod Weeden



UPK Program

If you know of any children who are 4 years of age by December 1, 2011, they are eligible for our Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program here at Watkins Glen Elementary School. Please help pass the word along to those who may not be on our mailing list and have them call Laurel McIntyre @ 535-3250, Ext. 4041.

Notes from the Library

Our year is soon coming to a close. This means it is also time for all library books and materials to be sent back to the library as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

- June 1 4th Gr NYS Science Performance Test
MS/ ES Spring Band Concert, MS Aud, 7 PM
- June 2 2nd & 4th Gr Trip to the Race Track 11:30-1:30 PM
- June 3 4th Gr Buddy Visit – McFarland’s Class to MS
- June 5 Live Like Liz 5K Walk/ Run
- June 6 4th Grade NYS Science Test (Written Part)
2nd Gr Gorge/Tour of Seneca Lodge 9:30-1:30PM
BOE Meeting, 6:30 PM, HS Library
ES SDM Meeting – 4 PM
- June 7 1st Grade Birds of Prey (Conf. Room 1 @ 9:15)
4th Gr Artist Paul Stillman – Erie Canal Worker
2nd Grade – Carocci Farm, Meet Burdett Mayor
- June 8 Kindergarten Finale with Mrs. McPuppet 10 AM
½ 4th Grade to Schuyler Museum/ Lee School
Holland, LaFace and ½ McFarland
PTO Meeting, ES Library 5:30 PM
- June 9 ½ 4th grade to Schuyler Museum/ Lee School
VanSkiver, Dean and ½ of McFarland
3rd Grade Cardboard Boat Regatta 1:30-3 PM
- June 10 School Spirit Day: “Hippy Day”
3rd Grade Trip, Syracuse Zoo, **Bus Leaves @ 9:15 AM**
Paint the School Purple-American Cancer Society
Support and Relay for Life Kick Off at 7 PM
- June 11 Relay for Life, HS Track ends at 8 AM
- June 13 Kindergarten Field Day, 9:30-11:30
2nd Grade – Clute Park “Keeping it Green” Trip
- June 14 ½ 3rd Grade to Cayuga Nature Center
Westervelt, Gibson, & Wickham, **Depart 9:15 AM**
UPK, K & Gr to Glen Theater, **Leave at 9:30 AM**
4th Gr to Glen Theater, **Depart 1:20 PM**
- June 15 4th grade Trip to Mumford, Genesee Country
Village and Museum (**students can ride the early bus in & MUST BE HERE BY 7:30 AM**)
2nd and 3rd Grade to Glen Theater, 1:20
- June 16 1st Grade Trip to Tanglewood–**9 AM** -2 PM
½ 3rd Gr to Cayuga Nature Center:
R. LaFace and Hazlitt, **Leave @ 9:15 AM**
- June 17 Field Days – 2nd Gr: 9:30 AM; 4th Gr 1:00 PM
3rd Gr Wax Museum, 9:45, & Picnic 11:30
Field Days – 1st Gr 9:30 AM; 3rd Gr: 1:00 PM
End of ES Marking Period
- June 19 Happy Father’s Day!
- June 20 1st Grade Wings Over Watkins AM
Science & Discovery Assembly 1:30PM
BOE Workshop 5:45 HS Library
- June 21 PTO FUN Day- Volunteers Welcome!
- June 22 Early Dismissal, 12:05PM
UPK Graduation Café 2 @ 10 AM
- June 23 Early Dismissal, 12:05 PM
4th Grade Graduation, 9:30 AM, HS Auditorium
- June 24 Early Dismissal, 12:05 PM
ES Awards Ceremony; Move-Up Day; Report
Cards Issued~“School’s Out for the Summer!”



Make Summertime Reading time!

News from the WGES School Library

All too often, students who take a break from books during the summer months lose crucial ground - the infamous "summer slide." Summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills. By the end of 6th grade children who lose reading skills over the summer can be up to two years behind their classmates.

Parents can help prevent this learning loss by making sure there's plenty of high-interest reading material on hand during the break. Research shows that children who read four or more books over the summer fare better on reading comprehension tests in the fall than their peers who read one or no books over the summer.

Free, voluntary reading is essential to helping students become better readers, writers, and spellers. 8 out of 10 studies indicate students who read recreationally out-performed in all curriculum areas than those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests. Children will choose to read!

Remember keep all family members involved in the library summer reading experience!

Online resources for summer reading include:

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/index.asp>

Barnes and Noble- Kids earn a free book when they read and enter a journal entry on the Barnes and Noble website.

Visit Our Public Libraries Often!

It is important to keep school age children in the mindset of learning during the summer. For this reason, the New York State Senate has partnered with the [New York State Library](#) to offer you the 2011 Summer Reading Program, a fun and exciting way to keep students in the **fourth through sixth grades** reading while on break through the summer months.

<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>

Theme: One World, Many Stories-- Summertime is fun time for readers of all ages! Browse through this site for reading-related games, puzzles, quizzes, reading lists, book reviews, find out about events, and so much more. Make a splash this summer at your local library. To join in the fun of Summer Reading today, just find your local library Web Site using our link, and register!

If your children use the computer look for kid safe websites such as Kids Click, PBS Kids, and look at our teacher classroom websites on Toolbox Pro for safe, educational websites!

P.S. Please return all library books or pay for lost books. Our library will have a third of its funding next year! Every book is important to us! By taking care of fines and lost book charges, you are teaching your child (children) responsibility.

Have a great summer reading!

Mrs. Gillette, Librarian

**Have a Great Summer Everyone and Remember:
Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe!**