



WGES NEWS

May 2011



Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Our school district is participating in a BOCES run summer school again this year. Summer school at the Watkins Glen site will run from July 6th to August 16th Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 12 PM. This is offered at no additional cost to the families in our district. But please note that transportation is the responsibility of the parent. Watkins students are also eligible to attend summer school at other sites in the BOCES region. We may also offer an on site child care program that will run in conjunction with summer school if there is a community need. The program will be open from 12 PM to 4 PM on the days summer school is in session for elementary age students. There would be a cost for the child care program however. The cost will be \$160.00 for the summer if paid in advance or \$40.00 per week. Applications for both programs can be picked up in the elementary schools main office or by calling our school at 535-3250.

If you know of a child turning four in the district by December 1st that child is eligible for our Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program. We will continue to accept applications until all spots are filled. Call Laurel McIntyre at the elementary school if you are in need of an application.

Our Read for Speed Program will officially end on May 14th. To date students have done a great job of reading over 21,000 books for the program. Our school will be heading up to the WGI race track in early June to redeem their reward for making the school goal. I want to thank everyone for their continued support of our community sponsored reading program.

Our PTO is asking for volunteer help for the Elementary Fun Day scheduled for June 21st. Please contact Kathy Estes at the Middle school (535-3230) if you are able to help on this day.

Rod Weeden, Principal

School Library News

WGES Library In Need!

The WGES is in real need! We will have less than half our money for new books next year. Having all books returned this school year is really important to us. We really need parents to:

1. Read to children or hear them read to you.
2. Remind your child (children) to bring back their books when finished with them. Tips: Writing the book title (s) on a calendar helps. Putting books to be returned in backpacks, when the student is finished with them, also helps.
3. Books are due back every week. Books may be renewed, but should be brought to school for renewal.
4. Pay attention to our library notices for overdue library books.
5. Please write to tell the library staff, when you cannot find a book.
6. Please pay for lost books or send a note, when we send overdue notices, mail letters home, or phone home about overdue books.
7. The last day for books to be taken out of the WGES library for the school year is May 27.
8. All books should be returned by June 3, if possible, and by June 17 at the latest.

If we follow these guidelines, then the library will have fewer lost books and our children will learn responsibility!

Thank you from the library staff!

Kathy Gillette and Vanessa Overbeck

Important Dates:

- May 2-20 Kindergarten Swimming Unit
- May 3: Board of Education Meeting 6:30 in the HS Library
- May 4-6: Grade 3 and 4 State ELA Testing
- May 11-12 Grade 3 and 4 State Math Testing
- May 11: PTO Meeting, Library, 5:30 PM
- May 16: School in session for ES school only - Early Release Day 12:05 PM
- May 16: BOE Workshop 5:45 PM in the HS Library
- May 17: Budget Vote & BOE Member Election, 9 AM-8 PM
- May 23: No School - Superintendents Conference Day
- May 23-27: Kindergarten Screening
- May 24: Learn Not to Burn Graduation
- May 30: Memorial Day Observed - No School



PTO News

Next PTO Meeting - May 11th, 5:30 PM in the ES Library.

Educator of the Year Award - Please send in any nominations by June 8th.

New Officers- The slate of new officers will be voted on during this meeting.

School Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17th 2011

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Watkins Glen High School

District Lobby

