



Watkins Glen Elementary News

October 2011



Principal's Talk

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to thank all parents who came for Open House to show support for your child's education. I hope you enjoyed the evening. If you need clarification on our AIS program, or have any school concerns, please give us a call or stop by.

Please remember to utilize our school website as a resource to help answer other questions you may have. A new school calendar was posted under the parent information section. Please note the current district calendar has incorrect days for April and May, as the state recently changed our testing calendar, and this affected our grading days. School is now in session on May 14 and 21. The new conference days, when students will not attend school, are April 27 and May 3. We will notify 4th grade parents later, when we reschedule the swim meet that was to be held on April 27. Our elementary web site is: www.wgcsd.org/elementary

Respectfully yours,
Rod Weeden, Principal



Bus Changes Before 2:00 PM

Making bus changes as early as possible will reduce the stress level for everyone, as we all want to make sure a child is on the correct bus and will arrive safely at their intended destination. Calling after 2 PM, reduces the chances that communication will get to the necessary parties in time. Please let the office know about bus changes as early as possible.



PTO News

PTO will be meeting at 5:30 PM at the Elementary School. **The next meeting is scheduled for October 12 in the library.** Please consider being a member in order to support the students at Watkins Glen Central School. There are no dues with PTO, but donations are accepted and appreciated. Checks can be made out to **Watkins Glen PTO**, and sent to any school office.



Reading Corner

Mrs Gillette and Mrs. Croft would like to thank all of the parents who supported the Book Fair during Open House week. A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who helped during the week. The library sold over \$5,700 in books and will receive over \$2,800 worth of new library books from Scholastic.

Thank you to all who supported the book sale!

Box Tops Program



Please remember to continue collecting Box Tops, as this is an easy way to help our schools acquire needed supplies. Students can bring them in anytime to be given to their classroom teacher. Proceeds are given to our local PTO, who helps decide where the funds are directed. We have purchased playground equipment, toys, picnic tables and supported school activities with proceeds from the Box Tops Program.

Student Picture Packages



Please notice that the student picture packages do not include the year book. Yearbooks can be purchased separately in the spring.

Picture Day is Wednesday, October 12

Important Dates:

- Oct 3- School Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ HS
- Oct 10 – No School (Columbus Day)
- Oct 12 – PTO Mtg 5:30PM, ES Library
- Oct 12 - Picture Day
- Oct 21 – Early Dismissal Drill – Students released 15 minutes early
- Oct 24 – 28 - Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 27 – ES Talent Show at HS auditorium @ 2 PM
- Oct. 25 – Fall Fun Run at the track starting at 9:20 (rain date 10/26)
- Oct 28 – K-12 Early Dismissal – ES students released at 12:05 PM



Watkins Glen Central School District Guidelines and Procedures for the Handling of Meal Charges

- 1) If a student has an outstanding balance in his/her account, the purchasing of snacks will not be permitted.
- 2) Students who have exceeded the \$10 charge limit will be provided a choice of a **peanut butter and jelly sandwich or a cheese sandwich and white milk for lunch or cold cereal, fruit and white milk for breakfast**. A note will then be sent from the cafeteria to parents notifying them of charges due and that an alternate meal has been served.
- 3) If necessary, the alternate meal will be provided until the account is paid in full; should charges remain unpaid, phone calls will be placed to the home:
 - Notifying the parent of current charges due.
 - Informing parents that a free and reduced meal application is available for completion.
 - Informing parents of prepayment of meal option through Pay Schools.
 - Alerting parents that the principal will be notified if the problem continues.
- 4) Weekly letters will be mailed to parents of students having charges of \$5 or more.
- 5) If the above measures do not gain a response, the principal will intervene:
 - Through phoning parents, requesting that payment be made.
 - Via letter notifying parents that should the account remain unpaid, meals will no longer be offered to the student. A free and reduced meal application will be included in the mailing.

