



Washington Township Schools



“Making a Difference”

General Education Inclusive Preschool Program

The Washington Township School District offers a General Education Inclusive Preschool program at the Brass Castle School. The program is open to all four-year-old children who reside in Washington Township, Warren County. The child must be four (4) years old by October and not age eligible for kindergarten.

The class is taught by a certified teacher and supported with highly qualified paraprofessionals. This program provides an inclusive educational environment for preschool children that is aligned with the Preschool Teaching and Learning Expectations, and includes both general education children and special needs preschool children.

The preschool program will take place during the afternoon session. The afternoon session hours are from 12:40pm-3:20pm. The preschool program follows the Washington Township School District calendar. There is no tuition cost for this program, but transportation to and from the program is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. Applications for this program can be found on the Washington Township School District website, www.washtwpsd.org or by contacting the Washington Township School District Child Study Team at 908-689-1188 x 3610. Applications for the 2016-17 school year are now being accepted. Applications for the 2016-17 school year will be accepted until May 13, 2016. A limited number of openings are available for this program. In the event that the district receives more applications than students can be placed in the program a lottery system will be utilized to select students into the program. The lottery for selection into the General Education Inclusive Preschool will occur on Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 10:00am. The lottery will take place in the library of the Brass Castle School. In the event that the date for the lottery drawing needs to be changed, all applicants will be notified.



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Washington Township (Warren County) School District is holding Kindergarten Registration for children, who will be entering kindergarten in September, 2016. The district will be offering full day kindergarten for the 2016-2017 school year. Registration will be held in the Brass Castle School, 16 Castle Street, Washington, NJ, on Monday, March 14th and Tuesday, March 15th by appointment only. Children who will be five years of age on or before October 1, 2016, are eligible to enter kindergarten in September.

Contact Brass Castle School for any additional information or to schedule an appointment at 908-689-1188, extension 3600.



AAVEOE

Child Find Outreach

Every school district is charged with reaching out to children in the community who may need any kind of assistance academically, socially or emotionally. If there is someone who feels that they have, or know of a child or a family who may need assistance through the school, please contact Mrs. Kaluzny in our Special Services Office at 908-689-1188 x 3610.

PARCC Testing Dates

Grades 3 & 4 – April 25 – 29

Grades 5 & 6 – May 2 – 6

First Grade February News

Wednesday, February 10th marked the 100th day of school. The first graders had a very memorable day, as they celebrated by coming to school dressed like they were 100 years old! We had many creative outfits! To accompany their look, they were asked to write about what their life would be like at 100. Classes also took part in a day of fun learning centers focused around "100." Some activities challenged students to stack 100 cups, use 100 cubes to create something new, write 100 words, and count to 100 using different skip counting methods. It was a very eventful day and we are so proud of how much these first graders have already accomplished this year!



Miss McEvoy's Students are 100 Days Smarter!

Our class celebrated 100 Days of School this month. We started the day off with a bang and popped 100 balloons! We rolled and stomped on them. Then we painted 100 magical cards to find a number on it and created a very colorful 100 chart. We worked together on a scavenger hunt to find 100 Hershey Kisses in the classroom! Our 100 Day fun continued outside our classroom and found out how far we can get taking 100 steps from our door. Our little feet can take us pretty far. The fun didn't end there we had our 100 Day snack too! That's right we counted out 100 snacks to eat! It was an exciting day in Kindergarten!



Archery News



The Washington Township School District (Black) and Oxford Central School (Yellow) Archery teams participated in a scrimmage on Wednesday, February 24th. Both teams participated in the National Archery in the Schools Program and this year Brass Castle students went to OCS to scrimmage against the OCS team. The teams are coached by Rob Causton (Oxford) and John Hornyak (Brass Castle). Both teams will be scoring in competition soon for the opportunity to represent New Jersey schools at the NASP National Championships in May.

Warren County Consortium Spelling Bee 2016

Students took a trip to Phillipsburg to compete in the WCCSE's Spelling Bee. Among our students were winners from other county schools' fifth and sixth graders. These smart spellers came together to see who was tops among our neighboring county schools. Congrats to our participants in an amazing display of spelling intelligence!



Lucas Ribeiro, Isaac Lam, and Max Van Orman

News from 3P!

Mrs. Page's class has been busy writing wonderful realistic fiction stories. They have been working to compile their writing on a class wiki. While writing stories, they are learning to collaborate on-line to create a class writing website where all their stories are displayed. They have also learned about digital citizenship and how to participate in discussions as they comment on each other's writing.

Counselor's Corner — March 2016

We have been reminded recently that indeed 'it takes a village' to raise our children, to support each other and lift our communal 'spirit.' Whether one of our own staff members is faced with a life-changing diagnosis or if a local family is in need of permanent housing – our Washington Township community has come together with amazing grace and support!

As many of you may know, one of our families was selected as a recipient of a home built through *Habitat for Humanity*. As part of the home building process, the family is required to volunteer their time; putting in 'sweat equity' along with volunteer electricians, carpenters etc. Our school community will be doing our part to support this wonderful initiative.


Each grade in both Port Colden and Brass Castle Schools will be participating in "Penny Wars!" Save your pennies and loose change... perhaps your children can earn their allowance for the next few weeks, payable in change! Each grade will add pennies to their 'jar.' One penny equals one point. Now... here's the fun part! Students will put nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar bills into OTHER grades jars; these count as negative points for that team. A single dollar bill acts as negative 100 points... 100 pennies equal 100 positive points... You get the idea!

This will be a super fun way for our children to understand that they are each a very vital piece of our local community. They will see first hand that 'it takes a village' as I will updating them with photos from the *Habitat* house. They will literally get to see where their pennies are going!

The kick off for Penny Wars is the week of March 7th! Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions!... and as always, I thank you all for allowing me to be a piece of your village.

Deb Tierney
School Counselor

MARCH 2016- Our Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>“It takes a village to raise a child”</p>		<p>1 Your home is your 1st community – treat your family with respect and kindness</p>	<p>2 Give back to your community - Volunteer for something positive this month</p>	<p>3 It is always worth being reminded - Treat others how you would like to be treated</p>	<p>4 Get ready for PENNY WARS – save your change!</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7 Citizenship begins at home – do your chores with a smile</p>	<p>8 Appreciate what you have and be willing to share with others</p>	<p>9 Show pride in our school – you are lucky to have great opportunities and a bright future !</p>	<p>10 Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much! Fill our Penny Jars!</p>	<p>11 Do a kind deed for someone less fortunate than you</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14 Be a leader in your community – help those less fortunate than you</p>	<p>15 Be a role model in your school community</p>	<p>16 Reach out to someone in need today and share a smile</p>	<p>17 Do a good deed for someone today – without being asked</p>	<p>18 “Be the change you wish to see in the world”</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21 Take a moment to thank a school volunteer today – a classroom parent, PTA member or Big Brother/Big Sister – what they do matters!</p>	<p>22 Think about how you can be a positive member of your community, school and family</p>	<p>23 The best way to multiply happiness is to share it with others</p>	<p>24 <i>Did you stand for your community this month?</i></p>	<p>25 Enjoy Your Spring Break!</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		

**“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give.”**

Winston Churchill