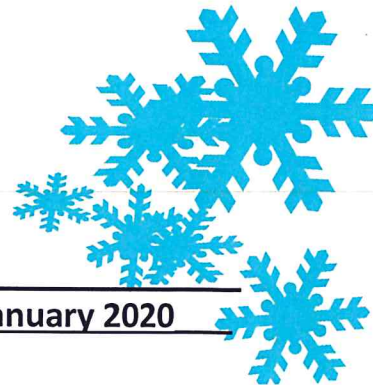




# "Hills Happenings"



Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center

December 2019/January 2020

Dear Wyomissing Hills Families and Friends,

During this month of Thanksgiving, I would like to take a moment and thank you for your contributions to Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center. Your work as part of our PTA, volunteering in the classrooms, chaperoning field trips or family events has been outstanding. Working with your child on homework, reading with your child and encouraging your child to do their best and many other countless things that you contribute to this wonderful community is heart-warming. Wyomissing Hills is a special place and I feel so honored to be part of this wonderful community of friends and families.

Wyomissing Hills Elementary staff has a core belief that each child can and will learn, and they take personal responsibility for the success of each student. The faculty and staff believe in building strong relationships with students and work together to form a network of supports for the students and families with consistent quality instruction and assessment, as well as innovation to do what is best no matter what.

Parent-teacher conferences have occurred in November. We were happy to share your child's progress so far this school year. As we continue to partner in the academic, as well as the social growth of your child over the school year, please continue to have conversations with your child's teacher as we approach the winter months.

As winter approaches, we will be doing some wonderful things at WHEC to keep our spirits bright! Here are some important dates to remember and participate in:

- **December 16<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Color Day - Red/Green
- **December 17<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Hat Day
- **December 18<sup>th</sup>** - Grinch Day
- **December 19<sup>th</sup>** - PJ Day
- **December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Ugly Holiday Sweater Day

Sincerely,

Kate Bobst  
Principal, Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center



# IMPORTANT DATES



Saturday, December 7

PTA Holiday Shoppe – 9:00 – 1:00

Thursday, December 12

Grade 3 Winter Concert – 6:30 – HS

Wednesday, December 18

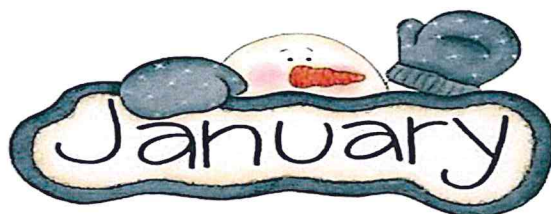
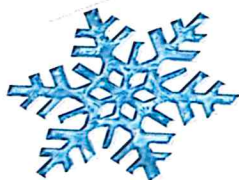
Grade 4 Winter Concert – 6:30 – HS

Monday, December 23 –

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 1

Winter Break



Wednesday, January 1

NO SCHOOL – Happy New Year's Day!

Thursday, January 9

Watch D.O.G.S. Orientation Session – 7:00 PM

Friday, January 10

Watch D.O.G.S. Orientation Session – 7:00 AM

Friday, January 17

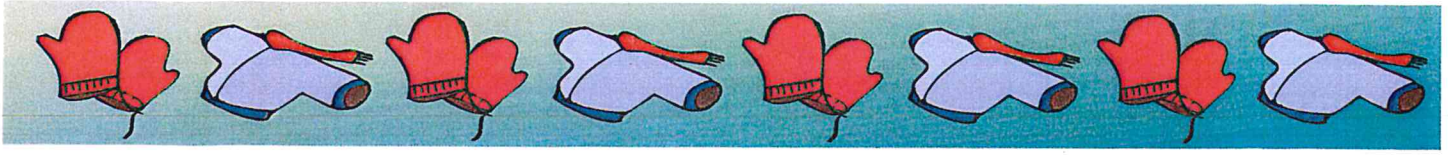
EARLY DISMISSAL – 12:30

Monday, January 20

NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day







## **Winter Weather and E-ALERT**

The winter season is fast approaching. Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather. Additionally, in the event, that school is dismissed early, delayed, or canceled please tune into WFMZ channel 69, Y-102, WRAW, or you can sign up for the Wyomissing Area School District E-Alert System to receive a phone call, text message, or E-mail. You can sign up at <http://www.wyoarea.org> by clicking on **E-ALERT SUBSCRIBE NOW**.

## **Attendance**

Please call us at 610-374-0739, ext. 4101 to report your child's absence. You can call at any hour of the day or night to leave a message. Absences are excused **ONLY** when the office receives a note from the parent within 3 days of their student's absence.

## **Dress appropriately**



Winter is coming – wear your hats, mittens and boots when needed. Please notify us if you do not have these items for your children.

## **Student Drop off**

Please do not drop students off prior to 8:30 a.m. We do not open the doors until 8:30 a.m., and we don't want children to be standing in the cold!

## **Car Drop Off Safety**

Please have your student(s) ready to exit your car when you pull up for student drop off. Students must have shoes on and tied, coats on and their books in their back packs. Parents are not to get out of their cars. If your student is not ready to exit the car, please park in the lot and walk with your student to the school door. We also ask that you do NOT pass other cars in the drop off lane. Students should always use the walkway instead of walking between cars or buses. The safety of our students is our top priority and we thank you for your cooperation. Please have your child exit closest to the walkway on the right hand side of the car.

## **WHEC Rules:**

Walk silently with eyes forward in the hallway

Hands, feet and objects to yourself

Everyone follow staff directions the first time

Communicate using kind words and actions

## **Character Traits**

September – Responsibility / Making good choices

October – Respect

November – Appreciation / Thankfulness

December – Kindness

January – Perseverance

February – Honesty

March – Courage

April – Fairness

May/June – Citizenship





## Mrs. Main's Music Room News:



Mrs. Rahausen's 4th grade class led the school in the singing of "America" during the morning announcements in honor of Veteran's Day.

### **Take Note:**

*3rd Grade Winter Concert:* Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school

*4th Grade PTA Holiday Shoppe Caroling (optional):* Saturday, December 7 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at WHEC

*4th Grade Winter Concert:* Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school

*WAMA's Sweet Sunday solo performances for grade 4 (optional):* Sunday, February 9 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria

*Progressive Choral Concert Rehearsal for Grades 4-12:* Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school

*Progressive Choral Concert for Grades 4-12:* Tuesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the high school

*Music In Our Schools Week:* March 22-27



# *Giving Tree*

*This year our Student Council has decided our Giving Tree will benefit  
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).*

*We will be collecting "Dollars for CHOP".*



*When you donate your dollar(s), you will fill out your name and a  
message on a special CHOP note pad to hang on the  
Giving Tree! All donations due by December 18<sup>th</sup>.*





# Important meeting dates for all WATCH D.O.G.S.

**ALL** WATCH D.O.G.S. must attend a brief orientation session in order to participate in our program. This is a requirement for any dad who wants to participate in the program this year. There are two sessions in January.

Please plan on attending one of the following sessions if you have not attended one this year.

Date        **Thursday, January 9, 2020**  
Location   Cafeteria  
Time        7:00 p.m.

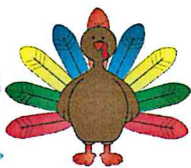
Date        **Friday, January 10, 2020**  
Location   Cafeteria  
Time        7:00 a.m.

Please bring your calendar...if you have your clearances, you may reserve your day at the end of the session. If you do not have your clearances, you need to apply on the Wyomissing website.



# Kindergarten News!

In October, Kindergarten had its first field trip to Brecknock Orchard! We took a hayride around the orchard, learned about how apples grow and even got to pick our own apple to take home!



In November, Kindergarten got into the spirit of Thanksgiving by dressing homemade turkeys! Students worked with their families and thought creatively to design their own unique turkey. The turkeys were tuuurific!

The Thanksgiving spirit continued through our character trait of the month: Thankfulness. Kindergarten students have been learning about being thankful and considering what they are truly thankful for! We are all thankful for our new friends and everything we have learned so far in Kindergarten!





## Grade 1 News.....



Many first grade students participated in the Trick or Treat for UNICEF campaign by bringing along collection boxes as they visited neighborhood houses on Halloween. Some students shared that they were donating funds they had collected for doing chores or were donating monetary gifts they had received from family and friends. Our grade level contribution to UNICEF for 2019 was \$106.73. The students have watched videos that explain the work of UNICEF. They have learned that any monetary amount can make a difference in the lives of children around the world. Our donation will enable aid workers to supply a water pump for a village in the developing world and may also fund immunizations. (FYI: 87 cents of every dollar children collected will go directly to children in need. UNICEF keeps administrative costs as low as possible.)

THANK YOU, PARENTS!

First graders have nightly math homework, spelling, and sight word practice. The support of each family in spending time with your child reviewing and checking math homework is greatly appreciated. This extra time spent can make a huge difference for your child!



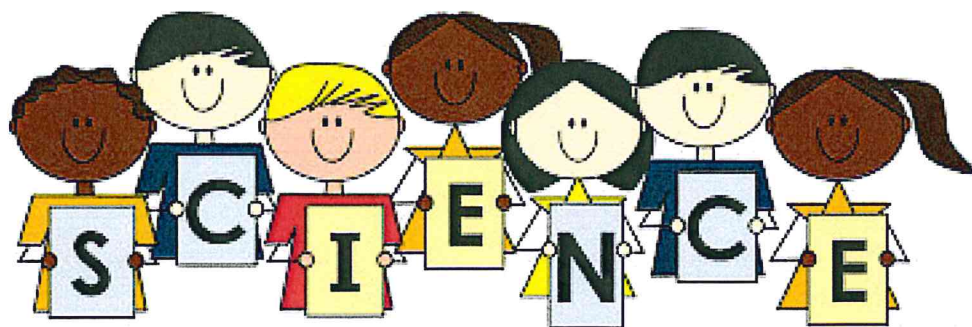
## Grade 2 News...

In November second grade traveled to Allentown to visit the Da Vinci Science Center. We had a great day focusing on a wide variety of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities! Each activity taught us something new, but in a fun way. We learned about liquid nitrogen, fluid dynamics, properties of matter, and so much more!

The students spent time exploring many hands-on stations. They crawled through a dark maze to practice using senses other than sight. They also enjoyed a challenging activity called KEVA construction. The students were able to use KEVA planks to create structures. The structures were made by only stacking the KEVA planks. No glue, or connectors were allowed. It was a Challenge, but it was fun!

Students also witnessed the Frozen Magic Show, which features magic brought to life by liquid nitrogen. This amazing magic show displays tricks caused liquid nitrogen which exists at negative 321 degrees Fahrenheit! It was super cold, and super cool!

The students had a great day of learning and exploring. At the end of the visit, everyone agreed that science is super!








## Grade 3 News

The third grade classes kicked off the ecology unit by heading to the Pioneer Crossing Landfill. At the landfill, we learned what happens to our trash once it leaves our homes. We were shocked to learn that 9 TONS of trash is dumped in the landfill every day. Students learned the difference between landfills and dumps and were excited to find out that our trash provides energy to homes in neighboring communities.

The third graders are working hard on becoming multiplication masters. We know how much they are practicing at home and are excited for the upcoming Fact Frenzy.

The third grade teachers are so proud of the hard work that the students put in each day. We look forward to spreading kindness and cheer together throughout the month of December.

Mrs. Cirba, Mrs. Fiorentino, Mrs. Metzger, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kozlowski, and Mrs. Wojo





## Grade 4 News...

### Fourth Grade “Egg”citing News

Science has been “egg”citing in grade four! Chicken embryology began with the arrival of sixteen fertile eggs for each classroom. Students learned about the growth and development of a chicken embryo and were responsible for turning the eggs, recording the temperature, and checking the humidity of the incubator. After 21 days, our feathered friends hatched. The baby chicks were well cared for by the proud and pleased fourth graders.



In social studies, grade four has been studying early explorers such as Marco Polo, Prince Henry the Navigator, and Amerigo Vespucci. They’ve learned how these brave men ventured forth, discovering new lands and adding to humans’ knowledge of our planet. From there, students will begin to study early New World colonies such as the “Lost Colony” of Roanoke, Jamestown, and Plymouth. In the spring, students will learn about the thirteen colonies and life in colonial America.