

Center School Digital Backpack

April 15, 2016

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Heifer Project Fundraiser Success

Ms. Mack's third grade class sold over 160 bracelets as part of their Heifer project fundraiser. They also had a significant number of monetary donations from staff and Center School friends. In total, they collected over \$600 for the Heifer Project. Great job Ms. Mack's class and thanks to all those that supported their efforts!

1st Grade Celebration of Learning

Congratulations to the first grade students and staff for an amazing Celebration of Learning last night. The first grade students created presentations on Chromebooks and shared them with families that attended. Our first grade students are super savvy with the Chromebooks and did an outstanding job presenting their projects!

April Vacation Week

This is just a reminder that we do not have school next week! See you on April 25th!

Calendar Change!

The Board of Education voted on Tuesday night to change the last day of school for students to Friday, June 10th.

Mark Your Calendar

April

- 15 Math & Poetry Day
- 18-22 Spring Break, no school
- 26 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 27 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 Grade 3 Celebration of Learning/Pasta Dinner 5:00-7:30

May

- 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- 2-6 CES Book Fair
- 2-6 Screen Free Week
- 4 Nurse's day
- 13 Earth Day
- 16 K Orientation; no school for kindergarten and preschool students
- 16-27 STAR Testing Window (gr. 2, 3 & 4)
- 17 PTA meeting, 6:30
- 18 SEPTO Meeting, 6:30

- 20 Earth Day rain date
- 26 K Celebration of Learning, 6-7:30
- 27 Center Stage: Beach Day, Super Soaker Day!
- 27 PS Gradebook closes for parents
- 28 PTA road race, Willington Day
- 30 Memorial Day, no school

June

- 3 Center Stage w/Math Field Day
- 7 Flag Day Celebration
- 9 Promotion Ceremony
- 10 Last day of school for students (minimum day)

Flyers Attached

Willington PTA 5k and Fun Runs
Willington Public Library: Lego Club, Financial Seminars
25th Annual Willington Day
Willington Little League Opening Day
WAM Soccer Registration
Camp Connri Summer Camp

Previous Digital Backpack Items

Bracelets for Heifer Project at School Store

Ms. Mack's third grade class recently read the true story, *Beatrice's Goat*. In the story, Beatrice's family received the gift of a goat from a foundation called "Heifer International". The goat provided the family with nutrition and income and drastically changed their lives for the better. Ms. Mack's class wants to change someone's life for the better by purchasing a goat through the same foundation so they made bracelets that will be sold at the school store next week (April 11-15)! Each bracelet will cost \$1.00 and when students purchase a bracelet they will receive the bracelet, a small thank you card explaining where the money is going, and will also sign their name on a heart shaped paper which will be displayed in the cafeteria. Ms. Mack's class is excited to be a part of this fundraiser and hopes to see many students at the school store purchasing bracelets!

No TV Week/Screen Free Week

The PTA and CES will be hosting various activities May 2-6 as part of No TV Week/Screen Free Week. Keep an eye out for a full list of activities in an upcoming Digital Backpack.

Morning Drop-off Parking

Please do your best to get your child to school on time so you can drop them off in the upper parking lot. The drop-off door is managed by staff from 8:15 to 8:40 so please use that door when dropping off your child in the morning. We have had a significant number of parents dropping students off late to school in front of the building which can create an unsafe situation. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Reading Challenge: GOAL MET!

Great news! The students were notified at Center Stage today that they officially met their goal of reading 500,000 minutes this school year. We have set the date (May 27th) for our super soaker reward and the students are extremely excited. Each class will be invited onto the playground for a chance to soak me with a super soaker. I took the opportunity to extend the challenge and told the students we would also invite our retirees onto the playground with me if the students read an additional 150,000 minutes. Please keep encouraging your child to read at home.

The Center School Digital Backpack is intended to provide parents with up-to-date school information. The Digital Backpack will be emailed to help us reduce the amount of paper we send home each week. Field trip permission forms, parent sign-off forms, and class specific items will still go home through backpacks, but school-wide announcements including handouts and informational items will be distributed through our *Digital Backpack*. Help us conserve paper by signing up for the *Digital Backpack*. Parents and community members can sign up for the Digital Backpack by emailing jcordier@wilmingtonct.org and writing subscribe (or unsubscribe) to Center School Digital Backpack.