



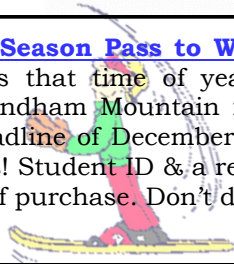
W.A.J. News and Notes

Windham Ashland Jewett CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Students get your Season Pass to Windham Mountain - Attention all W.A.J. Students: It is that time of year when you can purchase your season's pass to Windham Mountain for only **\$99**. Purchases must be made before the deadline of December 1, 2013. Unrestricted pass with **NO** blackout dates! Student ID & a report card or letter from the school are required at the time of purchase. Don't delay, purchase your pass today!

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Student Council Food Drive

The W.A.J. Student Council will be collecting nonperishable items for Thanksgiving. These can be dropped off in the Main Office by November 21, 2013. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



CAFETERIA NEWS

Chartwells welcomed grades 9-12 to the school cafeteria with a fun promotion to encourage students to eat in the cafeteria! This past Monday, students had the chance to sample and vote on new menu items. Menu items that got the most votes will be added to the lunch menu. School breakfast and lunch is more convenient, nutritious and tastier than ever. Eat breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria and sample our new items.

BMI notice from the Nurses office - As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or "BMI". The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a health range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report. The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please notify our school nurse, Bridget (Bunny) Tompkins by calling the school at 518-734-3400 ext. 1131.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- October 31—K-3 Halloween Parade 1:30 PM—**NO CROP or Homework Club**
- November 1—All County Concert at Coxsackie Athens
- November 4—W.A.J. Booster Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Elementary Art Room
- November 6—Morning Program, 8:15 AM in the Cafetorium
- November 7—First Quarter Ends
- November 7—Picture Re-take day, 8 AM—10AM
- November 8—Second Quarter Begins
- November 8—Veterans Day Assembly, 2:00 PM, Gymnasium
- November 11—**Veterans Day- NO SCHOOL**
- November 14—Board of Education Meeting, 7:00 PM, in the Library
- November 14—Report Cards Mailed Home

Picture Re-take Days

On Wednesday, November 6th Lifetouch will return to Windham-Ashland-Jewett for Senior Portrait make-up day. If you are a senior that was absent or did not get your senior portrait done on October 11th when Lifetouch was here, please call Lifetouch as soon as possible to schedule your appointment at 1-800-333-2560.

Also, on Thursday, November 7, 2013, from 8 AM - 10 AM, Lifetouch will be back at the school for picture re-takes. Any student(s) that did not get their pictures taken in September and wish to do so, may have their photograph taken on this day. Also, if you were not satisfied with the pictures that you had taken, you may also participate and have your picture redone. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school at 734-3400. Say cheese!





Looking for Employment??

Employment opportunity for students in grades ten through twelve. C.R.O.P. the new afterschool program is looking for students to participate as peer tutors. The job is from 2:45-4:45. You will earn minimum wage and you can choose the days you work. Ask at the main office for an application.



Creating Rural Opportunities Partnership (CROP) Afterschool Program.

Join the WAJ Booster Club! - Come to the next Booster Club meeting on **Monday, November 4 at 6:00 PM** in the Elementary Art Room. The Booster Club is a non-profit organization that consists of a group of parents, staff, alumni, and friends that support our athletes. Volunteers work to provide funding for camp scholarships, senior scholarships and athletic banquets. We need your help to continue this service for our students. Please join us by volunteering. Contact Jim Adair to be part of the action at 734-3400 or jadair@wajcs.org. Go Warriors!

SCIENCE CLUB



The Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School Science club is currently hosting a Yankee candle fundraiser through November 13, 2013. If you are interested in purchasing Yankee candles and a student has not had the opportunity to approach you, please feel free to call the school. Thank you for supporting our students. The proceeds will help current club members participate in upcoming activities.

YANKEE CANDLE



Safe Sitter Course - There will be a Safe Sitter Course offered by Columbia Memorial Hospital for anyone between the ages of 11-14. It will be held at 848 Education Center in Hudson from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on November 23rd. The fee is \$55 and preregistration is required.



Fitness Club - Looking to train for sports or just get into shape? The Fitness Club will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:15 and has begun. Students in grades 7-12 are welcome.



The fitness center is also open to the public on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00—8:30 PM. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Let's get fit!

Early Release Scheduled for upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences - Please note there will be an early dismissal for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, November 21, 2013 for all students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grades. Students will be dismissed from school that day at 10:30 AM with Parent Teacher conferences beginning at 12:00 and ending at 7:00 PM. Parents wishing to meet with teachers must call the school to make an appointment for a conference. To schedule an appointment for **K-6 students**, please call the Main Office at 734-3400, extension 1130 and speak to Mrs. Thorington or you may email her at chthorington@wajcs.org. To schedule an appointment for **7-12 students**, please call the Guidance Office at 734-3400 extension 1122 and speak to Mrs. Aplin or you may email her at caplin@wajcs.org. Conference appointments will be set on a first called-first served basis. We will try to schedule appointments for those parents with more than one student as close together as possible. Students that attend BOCES programs will still attend on this day and transportation will be provided.



Please note that there will also be an early release at **11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 26, 2013** for students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grades. This is our emergency go home drill and ALL students must exit the building at this time.

P Attention all Juniors and Seniors - No student is allowed to park on campus without a student parking permit. The application for these permits can be obtained from Mrs. Thorington in the main office. The applications must be completed by the student and signed by the parent. Copies of drivers license, registration and proof of insurance must also be attached to the application.

The 100 Book Challenge - The 100 Book Challenge is back in full swing. The official ceremony kicked off during Morning Program on October 9th and will conclude in the month of May. The 100 Book Challenge is designed to encourage children to read for FUN. Research shows that the more students read, the more successful they will be in school. Each day your child will bring home one or more books with a reading log. Select a good time and place for you and your child to share a book. For each 15 minutes that the child reads or listens, the time is registered in the log book. When the child reaches 100 steps they are presented with an "Olympic" medal. It does not stop there. The medal extends to 200, 300, 400 and 500 steps and beyond. Help your child reach these goals! **Let's get going and READ~READ~READ!**



Student Banking - The Bank of Greene County Student banking will return Wednesday, November 6, 2013 for student banking. Don't forget to bring your \$\$\$\$!

