

SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

February 24, 2006

Dear Parents and Students:

February has flown by, especially with that five day break for the students in the middle of the month. It's almost time for the crocuses to start popping out of the ground!

Thank you to the room parents who provided the nice Valentine parties. We had other entertaining highlights from the PTA this month in a visit from Ben Franklin on February 6 and a Robot show this afternoon. At the PTA meeting Tuesday night, I will be presenting some information about the upcoming referendum before the regular program. See PTA flyer for details.

On Monday, the Education Foundation and Mr. Earl will introduce this year's School Mall program to the students.

Wednesday, March 1, there is a 1:30 student dismissal because of a teacher inservice meeting. The Booster Club will sponsor an open gym for grades 1-4 from 1:30- 3:00. Kindergartners and Pre-schoolers may also participate if accompanied by an adult.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Some students appear to be staying after school for activities or help without informing their parents. If your child is good about informing you and you would like to give blanket permission for your child to stay after school as needed, some of the upper grade teachers will be sending home a form for you to sign. Otherwise please call or send a note when your child has permission to stay. Generally there will be a day's notice of any after school activities. If something comes up and the teacher would like a student to stay on the same day, the student will make a call in the presence of the teacher or staff for parent permission. When a student is required to stay for detentions and other official business, parents will receive a written notice at least a day ahead of time so that arrangements can be made. The above does not apply to regularly scheduled activities such as sports and meetings.

Please also remember that it is stated in the school handbook, "Only students participating in the activity may stay. Sponsors cannot be responsible for supervising other children." (p. 37)

REFERENDUM

There will be a public meeting to present Referendum Information at the Thornton Rec Center on Thursday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. Remember that Election Day is March 21. The future strength or weaknesses of the educational programs at Wolcott School will depend on the resources we have available. Wolcott has provided excellent education for the children of this community for most of the 20th century. It is important that you tell us on the 21st what you want Wolcott to look like in the 21st century.

A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes." Hugh Downs, Veteran Journalist

Yours for Wolcott School,

Stephen Harman