

Wales Window

Website: www.tantasqua.org/wales

Next School Committee Meeting: March 18th @ 6:00pm
Public Hearing on Budget: March 18th @ 6:30pm
School Committee Voicemail: 245-7571 ext. 132

March 2015

COMING EVENTS

From the Cafeteria:

March 2-6 is *National School Breakfast Week*. Parents are welcome to attend. The cost of breakfast for adults is \$1.75. Hope to see you there!

All-Region Band Concert: March 13

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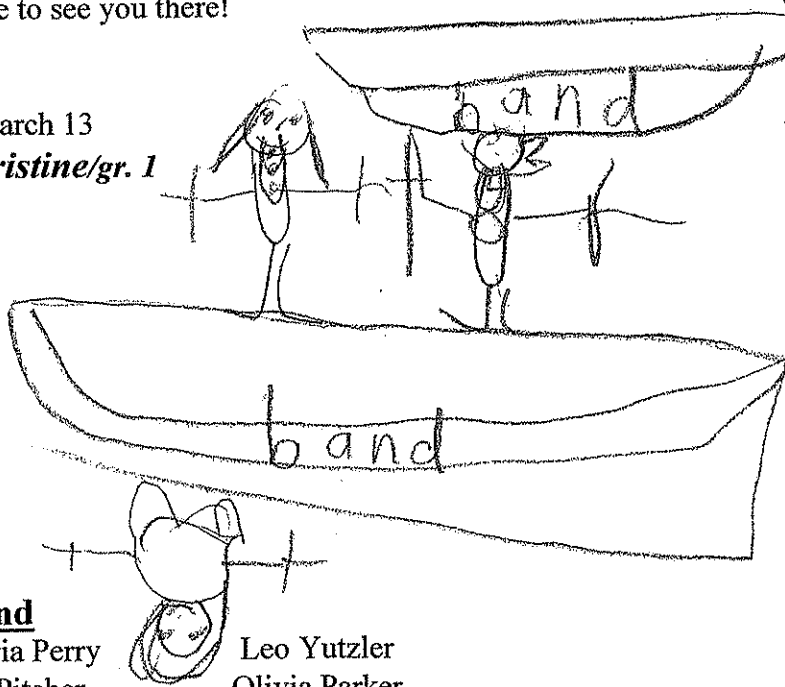
The annual Tantasqua and School Union 61 Regional Instrumental Concert will be held on March 3 at 7 p.m. at Tantasqua High School Auditorium. *Everyone is welcome to attend!*

Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the concert:

Madison Metcalf
Eric Biedrzycki

Band
Victoria Perry
Ella Pitcher
Jasmine Tetreault

Leo Yutzler
Olivia Parker



Public Hearing:

The School Committee Budget Public Hearing for the FY'16 budget will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

All students, regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or homelessness, have equal access to the general education program and the full range of any occupational/vocational education programs offered by the district.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION:

The deadline for Preschool Registration is May 1, 2015. Preschool will be held from 8:30am to 11:00am for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact the school for the necessary forms.

FROM the NURSE:

We have been hearing more about Measles in the news. According to the CDC, in 2000 it was reported that Measles was eliminated in this country. However, with an increase in travel around the world, there have been new cases. The symptoms of measles generally appear about seven to 14 days after a person is infected.

Measles typically begins with a high fever, cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes.

Two or three days after symptoms begin, tiny white spots (Koplik spots) may appear on the roof of the mouth and back of the throat.

Three to five days after symptoms begin, a rash breaks out. It usually begins as flat red spots that appear on the face at the hairline and spread downward to the neck, trunk, arms, legs, and feet. Small raised bumps may also appear on top of the flat red spots. The spots may become joined together as they spread from the head to the rest of the body. When the rash appears, a person's fever may spike to more than 104° Fahrenheit.

After a few days, the fever subsides and the rash fades.

Measles can be a serious in all age groups. However, children younger than 5 years of age and adults older than 20 years of age are more likely to suffer from measles complications.

Common Complications:

Ear infections (can result in permanent hearing loss) and *Diarrhea*

Severe Complications:

Pneumonia - the most common cause of death from measles in young children

Encephalitis (swelling of the brain) - which can lead to convulsions and can leave the child deaf or mentally retarded.

Measles may cause pregnant woman to give birth prematurely, or have a low-birth-weight baby

You are protected against measles if you have written documentation (records) showing at least **one** of the following:

- You received **two** doses of measles - containing vaccine, and you are a(n)—
- school-aged child (grades K-12)
- adult who was not vaccinated as a child and will be in a setting that poses a high risk for measles transmission, including students at post-high school education institutions, healthcare personnel, and international travelers.
- You received **one** dose of measles-containing vaccine, and you are a(n)—
- preschool-aged child
- adult who was not vaccinated as a child and will not be in a high-risk setting for measles transmission.
- A laboratory confirmed that you had measles at some point in your life.
- A laboratory confirmed that you are immune to measles.
- You were born before 1957.

Please call your doctor if you have any questions.

PTF NEWS:

The Wales PTF will once again be teaming up with Original Works to offer you many different items that will feature your child's artwork. Look for art work and order forms to come home in March. Items will again be ready for Mother's Day and it's a great way to purchase special gifts for the rest of the year too. We do have sample items from this company. Stop by school if you would like to check them out.

Keep sending in those **Boxtops**!! We're doing great this year. Remind your family and friends that Wales Elementary School collects Boxtops. Also, if you are doing any shopping online, remember to visit www.boxtops4education.com first. Our school will receive a percentage of your purchase. The Boxtops Website also has coupons you can print off to use while you shop and monthly sweepstakes you can enter to win more points for our school. Both of these are easy ways to help our school and children.

Remember that Stop & Shop is continuing their A+ Bonus Bucks program. Please tell your family and friends that we are taking part again. It's not too late to register your card if you shop at Stop and Shop!! Our school will earn cash from the Stop and Shop program.

If you have ideas or any questions or suggestions, please contact PTF

- send a note addressed to PTF to the office where we have a mailbox
- email us at WalesPTF@hotmail.com
- call Dawn at 413-237-4369

Look for the date of our next meeting in the weekly emails sent home by the school. We hope you can join us?



Dates to Remember

March

- 2 Read Across America Day
- 2 Spirit Day – Character Dress Up
- 2 School Council 4pm
- 2-6 National School Breakfast Week
- 3 After School Movie
- 6 Early Release 11:45am
(No Preschool)
- 10 Winter Concert 2pm
- 13 School Banking
- 13 End 2nd Trimester
- 16-Apr.10 PARCC Testing – Gr. 3/4/5/6
- 18 Report Cards
- 18 School Committee 6pm
- 18 Budget Public Hearing 6:30pm
- 27 School Banking

Flyers available in the school office:

- *Grandparents you are not alone*
- *Boy Scouts of America*
- *Water Safety Information*