

# Wales Window

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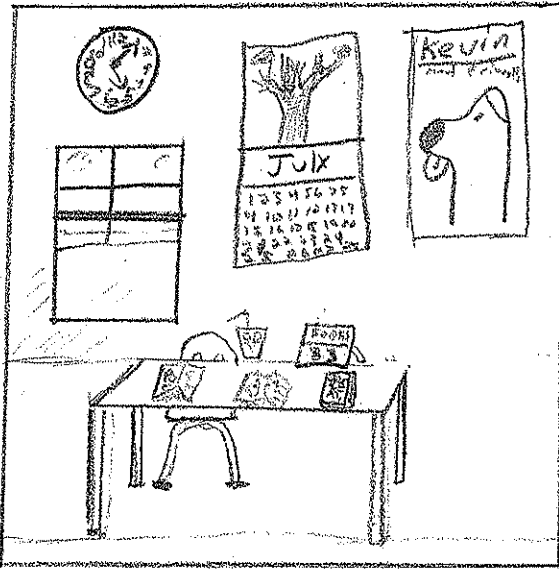
Next School Committee Meeting: June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
School Committee Voicemail: 245-7571 ext. 132

June 2014

## Coming Events!

### World Record Summer Reading:

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Let's all make Wales Elementary School a World Record holder by participating in the Scholastic Summer Challenge! Celebrate summer reading by helping our students to help set a **new world record!**

This is a free reading computer program dedicated to help students maintain reading skills and inspire kids to read. The Scholastic Summer Challenge invites kids to log the minutes they spend reading while reaching a new world record. Wouldn't it be fantastic to see Wales Elementary School receive recognition in the 2014 Scholastic Book of World Records?

In order to achieve this, the students log their minutes by going to [www.scholastic.com/summer](http://www.scholastic.com/summer) and enter their user name and password. The rest is easy! Just type in the number of minutes your child read. There are weekly challenges, digital rewards, great books to read, and lots more.

**Coming soon** is a folder with your child's user name/password and a suggested reading list. Just look for your child's age and you will find some enjoyable titles.

Thank you for participating in this summer reading adventure!

*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.*

**Reminder to Third and Sixth Grade Parents:**

Massachusetts State Law requires that your child get a physical exam prior to entering grade 4 and grade 7.

**From the Cafeteria:**

All school lunches should be paid on a daily basis for June. Breakfast is "cash only". No family charges in June. Lunches may be pre-paid for the rest of the month. Please try to remain current. There are 13 lunches and 14 breakfasts in June for grades K-6. If your grade is going on a field trip, please deduct appropriate amount. Any other arrangements must be made through the cafeteria. Have a safe, healthy summer.

All outstanding lunch balances must be paid in full by Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

See you in the fall! *Nancy & Edie*

**Box Tops for Education:**

PK	49	2.58 Boxtop/Student
K	33	1.65 Boxtop/Student
1	147	7.35 Boxtop/Student
2	191	9.55 Boxtop/Student
<b>3</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>12.21 Boxtop/Student</b>
4	45	2.37 Boxtop/Student
5	0	0 Boxtop/Student
6	109	5.45 Boxtop/Student

May is 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, with a total of 232 or an average of 12.21 per student. WOW! Keep up the good work! Remember every boxtop is worth 10¢.

Just a friendly reminder we do not collect soup labels. Thank you.

**PTF NEWS:**

The new swing set has been ordered and will be installed soon!! Thank you for your support of all the swing set fundraisers. Thank you also to Country Bank and the Town of Wales for their donations.

The PTF will be having a brand new fundraiser at Brush It Off in Sturbridge MA on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$35.00/person. Ten dollars of this will be donated to the Wales PTF for our children. You can register online at [www.brush-it-off.com](http://www.brush-it-off.com). This event is for adults only, no children. You can also purchase gift certificates to use at Brush It Off on another date and we will still earn the \$10.00 donation. Please let us know if you have any questions.

The PTF voted to allot funds for the sixth grade "Send Off Ceremony", Field Day for all grades and a live animal presentation for kindergarten and pre-school students in June.

Thank you for your support of our year long fundraising programs. We did very well with Boxtops this year. Please continue to save Boxtops over the summer and we will begin collecting them in the fall once again. Please contact us if you would like to help with counting and packaging the Boxtops.

Another easy way to raise money for our school this summer is the **Target Take Charge of Education Program**. If you have a Target RED card, visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe) or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate Wales Elementary as your school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard Target will donate up to 1% of your purchases to an eligible K-12 school of your choice.

We do not collect printer cartridges any longer. Thank you to those who supported that fundraiser but we were no longer getting enough cartridges to continue.

If you have ideas, 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](mailto:WalesPTF@hotmail.com)
- call Dawn at 245-3674

We will send home information once school starts with the date for our first PTF meeting of the 2014-2015 school year.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped with our functions this year. We appreciate your help. *Have a safe, relaxing and fun summer!!*

## **FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE:**

### **First Aid: Tick Bites**

While most tick bites are harmless and don't require medical treatment, some ticks (like the deer tick, wood tick, and others) can carry harmful germs and cause diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease. The deer tick is tiny, no larger than a pencil point. Other ticks are larger and easier to find on the skin.

### **Signs and Symptoms**

#### **Of Tick-Related Diseases:**

- a red bump ringed by an expanding red rash, which looks like a bull's-eye (Lyme disease)
- red dots on the ankles and wrists (Rocky Mountain spotted fever)
- flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, fatigue, vomiting, and muscle and joint aches

## **What to Do**

If the tick is still attached to the skin, follow these steps:

1. Use tweezers to grasp the tick firmly at its head or mouth, next to the skin.
2. Pull firmly and steadily until the tick lets go of the skin. Do not twist the tick or rock it from side to side. If part of the tick stays in the skin, don't worry. It will eventually come out on its own.
3. Release the tick into a jar or zip-locked bag in case you want to have it identified later on.
4. Wash your hands and the site of the bite with soap and water.
5. Swab the bite site with alcohol.

Never use petroleum jelly or a hot match to kill and remove a tick. These methods don't get the tick off the skin, and can cause the insect to burrow deeper and release more saliva (which increases the chances of disease transmission).

### **Seek Medical Care**

#### **If:**

- The tick might have been on the skin for more than 24 hours.
- Part of the tick remains in the skin after attempted removal.
- A rash of any kind develops (especially a red-ringed bull's-eye rash or red dots on wrists and ankles).
- The bite area looks infected (increasing warmth, swelling, pain, or oozing pus).
- Symptoms like fever, headache, fatigue, stiff neck or back, or muscle or joint aches develop.

### **Think Prevention!**

After kids play outside, check their skin and hair — especially the scalp, behind

the ears, around the neck, and under the arms.

When playing in wooded areas, kids should wear long-sleeved shirts and pants and tuck pant legs into their socks. Use an insect repellent with at least 10% to 30% DEET for protection against bites and stings in kids older than 2 years, always carefully following the directions for application.

Avoid tick-infested areas.

Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD

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### **Wales Food Bank:**

The local Wales Food Bank is available for those families in need on Wednesdays from 10am-12noon at the Wales Senior Center.

### **Requested Information**

The Department of Secondary and Elementary Education is collecting information regarding military families. Please send a note to school if your child fits into any of the following categories:

- Parent is an active duty member of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty hours
- Parent is a member of the military or a veteran who is medically discharged or has retired within the last year
- Parent died while on active duty during the last year

### **Dates to Remember**

#### ***JUNE***

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| 2  | All Library Books returned                 |
| 2  | All lunch money due                        |
| 4  | Greene Room Productions<br>10:15am         |
| 5  | Step-Up Day – Grade 6                      |
| 9  | All Arts Day – Gr. 4                       |
| 9  | Johnny The K 1:15pm                        |
| 11 | Gr. 6 Field Trip – Geocaching              |
| 12 | Field Day                                  |
| 12 | PTF Meeting 3pm                            |
| 16 | Field Day (rain date)                      |
| 17 | Step-Up Day – Grades K-5                   |
| 17 | Last Day for Preschool                     |
| 18 | Preschool Step-Up 10:00am                  |
| 18 | Grade 6 Send-Off 5pm                       |
| 18 | School Committee 6pm                       |
| 19 | Last Day of School<br>Dismissal at 11:45am |

**The 2014-2015 school year begins on August 27, 2014.**

**OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2013 from 6-7pm.**

***Have a safe and wonderful summer!***