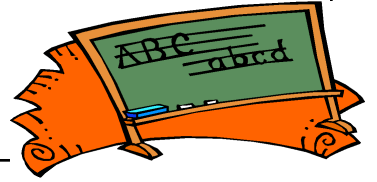




# Widener News

## March 2011



### OPENING LETTER

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians:

Sorry winter, you had a good run but your time is up. Spring will be starting soon which means no more snow days. (I hope). The good news about March is that the members of Student Council and I will be starting fund raisers like Hats On Day where students and staff pay \$1.00 to buy a hat or they can wear their own hats but still pay. All profits will go to an organization which helps children with cancer. We are also holding our traditional Dress for Success Day. As for seniors please do not forget that all seniors dues are due this month As always, I will keep you posted on this years upcoming events. See you next month!!!

Sincerely,  
Lestanya Martin  
Student Editor

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### HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

#### PARENTS' CORNER

Please remember to check your child's book bag each day for homework assignments and important school information.



#### HOME & SCHOOL Events

#### UPCOMING HOME AND SCHOOL MEETINGS

The Home & School will be having their monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. Below are the following dates.

- Mar. 29 10:00 AM
- April 14 10:00 AM
- May 23 10:00 AM



### FUND RAISERS

The Home & School is also looking for future ideas for fundraising to help support our Widener students. Please share them with the Home & School or better yet come to the next Home & School Meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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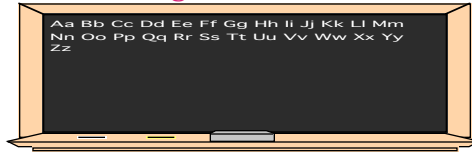
HOME & SCHOOL President

Dear Parents,

Now that winter is nearing its end, we need your involvement with many upcoming school activities. If you have topics that you would like to discussed, or information that you can provide for other parents please feel free send me an email: rozdowning5@yahoo.com.

Please plan to attend the next Home and School meeting on Tuesday March 29th at 10:00 AM. Thank you.

Roz Downing



• Uncle Jerry's T's will be our spring fundraiser for our Widener students. This is a great opportunity to purchase a tee shirt or a selection of beach towels and other items. Please obtain a brochure and help support the Home & School. This fundraiser will go begin in May. We are also planning a fundraising sale of Widener mugs and sunglasses. Stay tuned!!!

• Have you ever had to do a google search in your computer work??? Well now you can help our Widener students by doing your google by way of a "Good Search". Just type in "Good Search" and pick 'Widener Memorial School' where you are asked "who do you goodsearch for?"



Each time someone request through "Good Search" Widener gets proceeds. Check it out and help our Widener students also. Below is the logo for Good Search. Help our school as you continue to Search.

• The Home & School has continued to collect and soup labels from Campbell's & Progresso cans. Come and visit the School store and bring your labels to help in this fundraising activity.



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### WIDENER & THE COMMUNITY

• The 3rd Annual Health Conference sponsored by the Delta Theta Sorority, Inc is being held on Saturday March 26th 2011. The time is 9 am -12 pm at the Sanctuary Church of the Open Door - 5923 Walnut



'A. Free Health Heart

Disease, Colon Health Habits, Diabetes, Cholesterol, Breast Cancer & Blood pressure screening. There will also be a free breakfast. For more information you can email the Committee Co-Chair M. Tabuteau at [mctabu@gmail.com](mailto:mctabu@gmail.com)

-Submitted by Ms Jones  
School Counselor

● Prom season is right around the corner and it may be of interest for some families to check out the “**Fairy Godmothers Prom Fair**” . The Fairy Godmothers Inc. will be having a sale on. The most important Fairy Godmother, Inc. event is the Prom Fair. It is here where the young ladies and Fairy Godmothers can make magic.

Throughout the year the Fairy Godmothers have been collecting gowns, shoes, jewelry, make up and other items for The Prom Fair. When you are there a personal shopper, one of our many volunteers, will escort you as you pick out a gown and the accessories you need for the prom. Most of the gowns have never been worn before while others have only been worn once. Gowns cost \$10 and accessories will start from \$2-\$4 depending on the item. Prices for gowns cost only \$5 and accessories are \$1 to \$3 depending on item.



Form more information check out their website at: <http://www.fairygodmothersinc.com/>

## ● Transition Talk

There is an incredible amount of valuable information that families can receive and use on a monthly basis from a publication called the “The Family Forum”. There are local articles based on things to do and services to get for families with special needs included in each month’s publication. For example there is a ‘Please touch Disability Awareness Exhibit on March 21st through April 24th. There are a variety of lectures as well as support groups to check out. For more information contact Jeffrey Orlin at 215-685-5911 to get on the mailing list.

-Submitted by Ms. Grubman  
School Counselor

## ● **FROM THE Health Corner**

### From The Health Corner

Dental Hygiene is critical to the health and welfare of everyone. Tooth decay, gingivitis, and oral can lead to serious, possibly lifelong, medical conditions and can result in long-term absence from school. Everyone, especially children, should have a dental examination twice each year, to avoid preventable disease and tooth loss. On Tuesday, **April 26th**, a dental care team will be coming to Widener School to provide preventative services such as dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride applications, and sealants.



All children who are able to keep their head in position, their mouth open, and able to follow directions are eligible for service. Permission slips were sent home on Wednesday, March 2nd, for parents to sign and return. If you believe that your child is appropriate for these services, please call the School Nurses' Office at 215-456-3134 and we'll send home a form will be sent home in your child's book bag. **Forms must be returned to school no later than Tuesday, March 22nd, and all information requested must be provided in order for your child to receive services.** If you would like to learn more information about Mobile Dentists' Smiles Program, visit their website at [www.mobiledentists.com](http://www.mobiledentists.com). If you would like assistance in finding a dentist, please contact the School Nurses' Office.

-Submitted by Ms. Mary Ellen Weber  
School Nurse Practitioner

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS:

From Mrs. G. Summers, IRF

#### WIDENER MATH NEWS:

**FIM:** Widener First In Math teams have now earned over **180,000 stickers!** We are quickly approaching our goal of exceeding last year's total sticker count. We still have a few IDs left, so contact Mrs. Summers if you want to join a team!

The winners for our March FIM 1st Friday were: Trinity Harris, Valerie Figueroa and



Jim Scanlon. Congratulations to all players! Remember, you can't win if you don't play!

Our next FIM 1st Friday for the year is April 1st. The members of the team to earn the most stickers each win FIM incentives. In addition, the top 2 players receive special prizes.

**Host the Trophy:** The next cycle begins on March 21. The trophy for each group (K-8 & 9-12+), will be on display outside each winning team's classroom. So keep playing for the chance to **'Host the Trophy'** for Cycle 3!



### WIDENER SCIENCE NEWS:

#### SCIENCE SLEUTH:

Cycle 2 is underway and will continue through March 28th. So, put those thinking caps back on, start hypothesizing!



#### SCIENCE FAIR:



Teachers and their students are continuing to plan for our Annual Widener Memorial Science Fair, which will be held in the Spring. Students should now be continuing to work on research papers, logs and gathering their data. In addition, it is time to start gathering ideas for your displays and start putting your board together. This will be another entertaining and educational event, so let's get busy!



#### WEATHERBUG @ Widener:

Due to improvements underway in the WeatherBug wing, our site is temporarily down. Our **SCAVENGER HUNT** will resume as soon as construction is completed.

Thank you for your questions and we will notify you as soon as the site is up and running again!



#### February's School-Wide Theme:

##### “MultiCultural Explorations”

Passports, Flags, Newly formed lands and busy travelers. What an exciting afternoon! Staff and students, with passports in hand, traveled around the school as our culminating activity got into full-swing. Lands like OccuPandaLand, Telilelo, BeiberLand, Haiti, Puerto Rico, BrodskoLand, LOPESISTAN and so many more, were the destinations of



choice. Food, facts and fun where enjoyed all around the building. Many family members attending the morning's AAHO competition made a day of it and stayed until the end! Students, staff and family members really cooked up an exciting and engaging afternoon. We learned about each other's real and created cultures during an unforgettable event. Can anyone say- 'Lets do it again?' Widener truly showed that we are a diverse and exciting community!

**Oratorical Competition Results:**

**Our 7th Annual African American History Oratorical Competition**



was held on Friday, February 25th. If you missed this one, you missed one of our most competitive programs ever! Here are the top 3 winners for each level: **Level 1** \* 1st Place Johnny Holloman/ 2nd place Rasheed Johnson/ 3rd place Akeem Gilbert; **Level 2** \* 1st Place Toni Blakely/ 2nd place Canoehsa Nelson/ 3rd place Maria Figueroa; **Level 3** \* 1st Place Breeana Harvey/ 2nd place LeStanya Martin/ 3rd place Rakwan Jewett.



Congratulations to all participants, you did a wonderful job. Trophies will be presented to all participants during the End of Year Awards Assembly program. KUDOS!!

**PSSA Breakfast With the Principal**

: Our Students enjoyed a great breakfast and kickoff rally on March 8th. Students, their teachers and their test buddies were treated to a full service breakfast and were featured in a rally slideshow and PowerPoint presentation with a background tune of 'Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now'. Personalized derbies, Pom Poms and cheers were the order of the day as we get ready to 'Do our Best on the PSSA test!



Thank you for your continued partnership in support of all of our students ...

Be guided by your dreams,  
Mrs. Gloria Summers, Instructional Reform Facilitator & Community Programs Coordinator

**FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL COMMUNITY:**

The lower school is full of celebrations. This month we celebrated Valentines day with a dance for our beloved students. Our 100th day of school fest in February. We made 100 cherrio necklaces, word 100 of our favorite words, painted 100 dots, made 100 day crowns, put together 100 piece puzzles and colored 100 feet to walk a path of success to the 100th day of school. HOORAY for the 100th day.

**WIDENER HERO'S**



The picture above is a group shot of a recent recent 'friendly basketball game' between Penn Carter basketball team and the Widener basketball team. It was a great time of friendship and competition.

**• MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- Cesar Bocachica
- Elizabeth Brown
- Mario Gomez-Macias
- Henry Jacobs
- Rasheed Johnson
- Darius Lopes
- Richard Madge
- Shenika Oliver
- Kadijah Shackelford
- Dejua Tiller
- Jermaine Winchester



Above, Mr. Jordan Prussack is shown with some of the Widener Wheelchair basketball stars. The students include: Kwalme Wilson, Darius Lopes, Vernon Richardson and James Shelton. The team had been participating in a wheelchair basketball tournament in Baltimore Md. Below Ceasar Bocachica and Destiny Hatten are getting ready for a game at the tournament. Rasheed Johnson (not shown) also attended the weekend.



Hello Everyone!

Welcome back to closing thoughts! This month is March Madness!!! A lot of activities are coming up including "Hats On Day" where you pay a dollar and the money goes to kids with cancer I encourage everyone to be a part of that. Also, the African American History Oratorical contest is in March. I wish the best of luck to my fellow orators! PSSA/PASA testing is here. As always DO YOUR BEST!



**HAVE A GREAT SPRING !**





## PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MRS. GLODEK

Dear Widener Family,

March is finally here! Please check the many activities and events listed on our Monthly Calendar and Newsletter. We extend an open invitation to you to attend Report Card Conferences for Kindergarten to grade 12 scheduled for May 3 to 5, 2011.

It's not too early to make plans to send your youngster to our anticipated 10 day Summer School Program in July. We are working with families to add more excitement and fun to our event. EVERY student can benefit from extra time devoted to academics.

We continue diligently to ensure success on the upcoming PASA and PSSA state tests. We ask that you continue to work at home with your child so that he or she will do their best on the test.

**Please make sure that your child attends daily during testing!**

**PASA testing-February 21 to March 25, 2011**

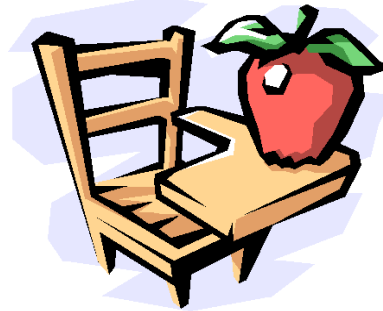
**PSSA testing-March 14 to March 25, 2011**

**PSSA writing exam- March 28 to April 1, 2011**

**PSSA Science exam- April 4 to April 8, 2011**

We thank you for your continued support to provide the BEST for our students!

Best,  
Sharon Z. Glodek



## **Workshop Reminder!!**

PLEASE ATTEND OUR NEXT HOME & SCHOOL/LADDER FAMILY CENTER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2011 AT 11 AM

### **Widener Home & School Association Presents:**

**Widener Memorial School/LADDER Family Center Workshop #4:**

**“Music & Art Therapy for Your Child—KARDON INSTITUTE FOR ARTS”**

**Presenter: Mark Bottos, Director**

**MEET OTHER PARENTS**

**LEARN VALUABLE INFORMATION**

**PRIZES!**

**PARENT TOOL KITS!**

**GIFT CERTIFICATES!**

**REFRESHMENTS**

**MATERIALS**

**PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED AT LA SALLE UNIVERSITY IN ST. BENILDE TOWER—ROOM 1124—19<sup>TH</sup> & OLNEY AVE.**

**\*\* PARK IN LOT “J”\*\***