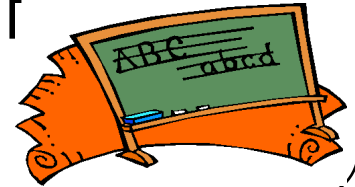




Widener News October 2011



HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

PARENTS' CORNER

A note from our Home & School President...

I am the Home and School President and will be reaching out via email and the newsletter in reference to all of the upcoming meetings, events and programs. If you would like to have your name removed from the list to receive email, please email me and I will remove your name. You are more than welcome to respond to the email with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Parents, please be sure to pay close attention to the email that are sent and information that may be provided in your child's book bag. Try to attend the Home and School meetings!!!

information. It will also list each meeting, each event, school functions, Etc.

Look forward to an awesome year with you! Our goal will always be to work together. This is the reason why we still need your voice. BE ACTIVE, GET INVOLVED!!!

Sincerely,

Roslyn Downing,

Widener Home & School President

FUTURE MEETINGS:

November 15th (5-7), December 12th (day)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/3 - 11/4: PICTURE DAY

11/4 : SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCE FAIR @ Central Bucks Family YMCA - 2500 Lower State Road, Doylestown, PA 18901
www.cbfymca.org 5 to 8 pm

TRAINING'S:

In January March and May we will be holding mini fairs in areas of therapies, finances, recreation and much much more. More details will follow! Additional various training's may be posted - stay tuned!!!



Thank you for your attention!!!
Roz Downing

"character is who you are when no one else is watching"



Welcome and Congratulations to this Years

Home & School Officials

Roslyn Downing - President
Sandy Emmert -Vice President
Emma Rodgers - Secretary
Larry Mensch - Treasurer

Home and School Events

UPCOMING HOME AND SCHOOL MEETINGS

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

- Oct. 10 - Columbus Day
School Closed
- Oct. 19 - Early Dismissal/
Prof. Devel.
- Oct. 17 to 20 Book Fair
- Oct. 22 - Tools for Meeting Life's
Challenges
- Oct. 25 - LADDER Meeting
- Oct. 26 Fire Prevention Assembly
- Oct. 28 - Halloween/ Fall Festival
Festivities
- Nov. 8 - NO SCHOOL - Please Vote
Staff only
- Nov. 11 -NO SCHOOL -
Veterans Day
- Nov. 16 Nutrition Assembly
Parents Invited
- Nov. 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving
Holiday

● Look for future information on the upcoming **Home & School's Holiday Bazaar**. The dates will be scheduled in December . Volunteers are needed. Call the Home & School if interested.



Warm Greetings to all! I am attaching the October Workshop Agenda for our LADDER Series. Please, if time permits, join us in St. Benilde Tower



in room 2241 at 11 am on **October 25, 2011**. I would ask the members of the Widener Team who are listed on the agenda to please email me to confirm their participation. We all know that Linda Gallagher will provide an excellent presentation. Please remember to encourage families to attend!!

Thank you for your ongoing support in all of the LADDER programs. Together, we are making a difference to families and to children!

-submitted by Robert T. Mack
Variety-The Children's Charity will host The Count's Halloween Spooktacular at Sesame Place on Saturday, **November 5, 2011** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Check out there website for additional activities.

-submitted by Mrs. Leslie

Strothers



FUND RAISERS

• We need YOUR support for this years Home & School membership Drive. The Membership drive starts September 20th (Back to School Night) and will continue until December 25th. The cost is \$5.00. This year each person who joins the Home & School will have their name submitted for a \$25.00 gift card to a market. Please support your student and ALL the Home & School activities.

•The Home & School is also looking for future ideas for fundraising to help support our Widener students. We are currently having a monthly hoagie sale in addition to the current future possible fundraisers include: Uncle Jerry's school tee-shirts, Yankee Candle fundraiser and plant sale. Any ideas???? Please share them with the Home & School or better yet come to

the next Home & School Meeting. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Once again all proceeds goes toward our

Widener students. Thanks for your support!

From the Counselor's

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can get at the Amramp website. Here at Amramp, we're amazed and inspired by individual efforts. So many health professionals make a big difference in so many lives. Here are a few we'd like to share with you, and we invite you to share yours.

In an issue, we bring you things like :

- Tips for peace of mind from a patient advocate
- How two sisters founded a business to fund hospice care in their state
- Ways patients can bring 'Slow Medicine' into their lives
- An inexpensive alternative to sponge-bathing for your clients **Check Out Our Next Issue!**

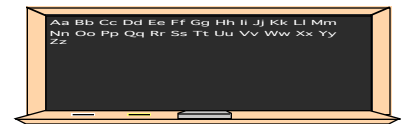
-submitted by _Toby Grubman

*******PARENTS*******

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



ALSO



If there is a change of address or phone numbers , please contact your child's teacher along with the office with the current information

SCHOOL NEWS

WIDENER MATH NEWS:

First In Math - teams will begin as soon as we have received our enrollment kits. All students will be assigned to a

Any family members or Widener staff wishing



to be enrolled, please send your name and contact information to Ms. G. Summers.

Thank you for your continued partnership in support of all of our students...
Be guided by your dreams,
Mrs. Gloria Summers, Instructional Support Teacher Leader & Community Programs Coordinator

WIDENER HERO'S

Penn Charter's Upper School Day of Service was **last Friday, 10/7**. Forty four students arrived to work for Widener in various ways: assisting Widener students in



instruction & pool instruction, and "beautifying" the campus outside by weeding, trimming, and planting under

Terry McGirk's expert supervision.

-submitted by Mr. George Eastburn

•Students Council will host a "Hats On Day" to support Pediatric Cancer. Student & Staff



encouraged to wear your favorite hat on this day for a \$1 donation. All money can be sent to Mrs. Strothers.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Krystal Walden
Marrisa Fontaine
Christopher Miller
Kwame Mills-Wilson



Demetrius Conving
Terrence Waites
Royal Hall
Jesse Cylc
Calil Crawford-Closson
Matthew Balent
William Roundtree
Kymir Glenn
Melinda Arjun



SPORTS & RECREATION:

SWIMMING PROGRAM



If any parents are interested in having their child participate in this years swimming program at Widener, please sign the permission slip and have your your family doctor sign it as soon as possible. All swimming permission slips must be received by November 30th. For questions or concerns, please call Jim Scanlon at 215-456-3126.

• Come and join in at the **Carousel House** for a variety of recreational programs throughout the year. (215) 685-



CAROUSEL HOUSE RECREATION CENTER
1000 N. 15TH STREET
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215-685-1100



•If you wish to have a copy of each months n newsletter sent to your computer at



home or work, just e-mail **Jim Scanlon** at: **jscanlon@philasd.org**. Once I receive your e-mail address, you'll be on the 'list' to receiving next months edition by e-mail.

LATE BREAKING NEWS.....

The School Advisory Councils has invited Parents and Staff from all Philadelphia Public Schools for a Summit meeting on saturday October 29th. See advertisement below for more information.

The School District of Philadelphia

School Advisory Councils (SACs) Summit

Shared School Leadership: SACs in Philadelphia Public Schools

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Registration/Breakfast Starts at: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Location: Benjamin Franklin High School
550 North Broad Street, Philadelphia Pa. 19130

All SAC Teams are: as Parents, Principals and Staff from All Philadelphia Public Schools are Welcome to Attend.

Advance registration is required. Register online at www.philasd.org/sac or call (215) 404-1152 to RSVP before October 26, 2011.

Philadelphia Public Schools, Community Organizations, Public School Partnership

Closing Thoughts:

One who understands much displays a greater simplicity of character than one who understands little.

Alexander Chase

Have a Great FALL!!!!
Remember daily to READ



LaSalle University/LADDER Family Center Workshop--

“IEP Meetings---Your Rights and Responsibilities”

WHAT: An interactive workshop to assist you and your youngster’s growth by understanding the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process.

WHO: Ms. Linda Gallagher, Educational Specialist; Widener Memorial School

WHEN: Tuesday, October 25, 2011; 11 am – 12 pm

WHERE: LaSalle University West Campus; St. Benilde Tower

Wister & Olney Avenue (Across from FreshGrocer Supermarket)

St. Benilde Tower; Room # 2241

FREE Parking—Arrive between 10:30 – 11:30 am in **Parking Lot “J”** at Wister Ave & Olney Ave

FREE Refreshments & Lunch!

FREE Door Prizes!

Meet Other Families!

1:1 Meetings!

Family Support/Focus Group follows Presentation

with Clinical Intern Therapist Ms. Harris from 12:30 – 1pm

___ YES! I look forward to attending (Return to Teacher)

___ NO! I am not able to attend this event (Return to teacher)

Name: _____