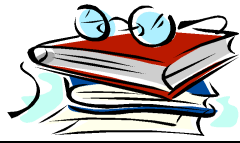




# Widener News

## May 2011



### OPENING LETTER

Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians:

It's finally MAY!! For those who don't know what this means (especially high school students) let me explain! May is special not just because the second to last month of the school year, but because this is the time that the special events happen such as the high school prom, senior luncheon, class trips ring ceremony and last but not least Widener Day! So enjoy while you can because it will be over before you know it. We look forward to seeing you at Widener Day!

Sincerely,

Lestanya Martin  
Student Editors

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### HOME & SCHOOL NEWS

#### PARENTS' CORNER

Please remember to check your child's book bag day for homework assignments and important school information from your classroom as well as from the Home & School Association.



#### Home and School Events

#### **UPCOMING HOME AND SCHOOL MEETINGS**

The Home & School will be having their final monthly meetings in May and June. Contact the H & S school store for specific info. Please make every effort to attend.



### WIDENER

● From our HOME & SCHOOL President  
**Dear Parents,**

Widener Heroes turned out to be a huge success. I am not sure who was more excited, the children or the Officers. Each child in middle school who enrolled, was connected with their own personal mentor, a Philadelphia Police Officer. Each child & Police officer were linked according to their likes & interests, it seemed to be the best matches because every officer was extremely thrilled with their child and the child with their Mentor.

Be advised, this is a piloted program, so after we get through this year, we will add more students in April 2012. SO be prepared, for those of you that may feel left out, please don't, our Widener Heroes program may be coming your way next year!!!!

I would like to thank Mrs. Glodek, Captain McCloskey (35th Police District), Terri Harrington, Lisa Adkins, Sam McCollough, Lisa Moore, P/O Jermaine Davis, Gloria Summers, and all of the Police Volunteers. Special thanks to our Widener Children!!! It was because of you that this event became a dream come true.

Home & School, you always come through, thank you for

your support and for helping us achieve this wonderful goal - you are truly awesome.

This is only the beginning for Widener Heroes, and we will work hard to keep Widener Heroes and to continue to make our children happy!

Sincerely,

**Roz Downing**

Police Officer/Widener Heroes Founder  
Home and School President.

#### ● **WIDENER DAY** *is Here*

Widener Day will be happening Wednesday May 18th. You are invited to participate in a this special day with your Widener student take a stroll outside with over 25 very important presenters that will provide you with some great information and resources ranging from agencies to medical, education and job information. This is a MUST ATTEND day. Please make every effort to be here.



#### *Other HOME & SCHOOL Events*

● A Mother's Day plant sale will take place in May. Please support our Home & School in all their fundraising activities. All proceeds goes directly back to your Widener students.

● Our 50-50 biweekly fundraiser will also continue being held every other week. Continue to check your child's book bag for the information on the next 50-50.

● 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.

● 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 L.A.D.D.E.R..

The next L.A.D.D.E.R.. workshop will be on **May 19th.** at LaSalle



University campus. Topic is Social Security rights lead by attorney Mr. Berk. 11 am. Please see attached flyer.

- submitted by Robert T. Mack

## WIDENER SCHOOL NEWS

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES!!!

- May 6- Nutrition Magic Show Assembly
- May 8 - Mother's Day :-)
- May 11 - Ring Ceremony
- May 17 - Inservice Day - Staff only

**May 18 - WIDENER DAY**

**May 19 - L.A.D.D.E.R..**

**workshop**

**May 20 - Senior Trip**

**May 24 - Senior Luncheon**

**May 25- Alumni Day**

**May 30 - Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL**

**June 2- Widener Prom**

**June 13 - H.S. Graduation**

## WIDENER & THE COMMUNITY

### Did You Know?

The FREE LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED offers FREE books on CD with a CD player. All materials are free sent to your home with a free return mailer. For more information call 1-800-222-1754 or email them at: [FLPBlind@library.phila.gov](mailto:FLPBlind@library.phila.gov)

They also offer ,

Braille books, recorded books, LARGE print books, videos' and recorded magazines.



- Submitted by Claire R. Lozowicki  
MED., OTR/L Occupational Therapist



## EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

● Don't forget our Fabulous WIDENER DAY CELEBRATION on Wednesday May 18th It will be a fun day for all:-) See attached flyer!



## Health Corner -



### Allergies

An allergy is a heightened sensitivity to a foreign substance (called an allergen) that causes the body's defense system (the immune system) to overreact when defending itself.

Common allergic reactions include hay fever, eczema, hives, asthma, food allergies, pet dander allergies and reactions to the venom of stinging insects, such as bees and wasps.

When you have an allergic reaction you may feel a combination of any of the following symptoms: itchy watery eyes, runny nose, itchy throat, sneezing, coughing, wheezing, nasal congestion, itchy skin, fatigue and irritability.

This can be especially difficult to cope with when you have a movement limitation that hinders wiping your eyes or nose, or scratching itchy skin. Treatment for allergies include avoidance, use of antihistamines, steroids or other medications to desensitize the allergic reaction, or other immunotherapy that an allergist can prescribe.

The best way to manage allergies is to find out what you are allergic to and then avoid the allergen. To identify what someone is allergic to, doctors can perform simple skin scratch tests. The skin test cannot classify all allergies, but does cover

major categories, such as common respiratory allergies as well as allergic reactions to penicillin, food and insect stings. If your child has any problems with allergies, please talk to the pediatrician.

Also, during late spring, summer and early fall, staying indoors with closed windows and air conditioning on high pollen days can help with seasonal allergies. Always check the weather forecast on the local news or go to [www.pollen.com/allergy-weather-forecast.asp](http://www.pollen.com/allergy-weather-forecast.asp) which will give you a four-day forecast of the pollen count for any zip code in the United States

- Submitted by Janice Paige  
School Nurse

## SCHOOL-WIDE NEWS:

From Mrs. G. Summers, IRF  
Instructional Reform Facilitator

## WIDENER MATH NEWS:

**First In Math** teams have now earned over **202,000** stickers! We are only a step away from our goal of exceeding last year's total sticker count.

The winners for our April FIM 1st Friday were: Top Player from K-8 was



Derrick McCowan (1st grade) & Top player from 9-12+ teams was: Dejua Tiller (9th grade). The top staff player was Roz Saunders (rm. 104) and the top school team overall was team haiti25pa (12+ team) Congratulations to all players! Remember, you can't win if you don't play! Our next FIM 1st Friday for the year is May 6th.

The First In Math Winner's Circle competition continues. Round 2 began on April 25 and will continue until May 18th. Each round's winning names will be posted on the FIM wall at the main entrance. Each player to have their name drawn in any round will be entered in the final drawing for a chance at winning an Apple iPod! So, keep on playing!

## WIDENER SCIENCE NEWS:

### **SCIENCE SLEUTH :**

Cycle 2 ends on May 5th and Cycle 3 will begin on



May 6th. Winners from Cycle 2 & 3 will be announced in the next newsletter. So, put those thinking caps back on, start hypothesizing!

### **SCIENCE FAIR:**

Our Annual Widener Memorial Science Fair was held on Friday, April 29th. Results are still being tabulated and will be



posted in the marble hallway and published in our next Newsletter. Over 35 projects from grades K - 12 were on display. Our students were in top form again this year! Above 8th grader Reggie Davis shows off his science project.

## **WEATHERBUG @ Widener**

Due to improvements still 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!



## **April's School-Wide Theme:**

### "Widener Goes Green"

Students and teachers all around the school investigated and shared ways to help us all 'Go Green' to benefit our community and planet. If we all do our share, we can make a difference in conserving our resources. How **GREEN** can you be?



Thank you for your continued partnership in support of all of our students Be guided by your dreams,

- Submitted by Mrs. Gloria Summers, Instructional Reform Facilitator & Community Programs Coordinator

Remember...Be guided by your dreams,

Mrs. Gloria Summers, High School Grades Chair & SBTL Math/Science

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

### **WMS Student Council Events.**

In April, our **Student Council**, along with members of the 11th grade United States History class provided a **Voter's Registration Assembly**. With our own, Alex Trebek, a.k.a.



**Mr. Hartman,**

the students

participated in a Jeopardy game that was developed to help our students at Widener, understand the history of the struggles for many Americans to secure this powerful "right to vote." The Jeopardy questions included information about our government in such categories as:

**The Capital Gang** - amendments and laws passed by Congress, to protect the right to vote for all American citizens; **Whose Your Daddy** - recognizing the presidents involved in the planning for our government and the role citizens play through the power of voting. Three students eligible to vote in the May Election, completed their registration form and joined WMS Wall of Fame. Congratulations to Nafis Burns, LeStanya Martin, and Vernon Richardson. Remember: Get out and VOTE on **May 17th**.

### **Congratulations WMS!!**

On **April 29th**, the Student Council sponsored WMS' second Hats On Day for Kids with Cancer. The Student Council treasurer, Jeremy Vazquez, an 11th grader, chaired this committee. It was a great event and the hats were the best we have seen at



Widener. WMS raised **\$156.00** for this cause. We thank everyone at Widener for your support. Above Kwame Wilson & Malcolm Fowlkes show their support of "Hat Day"

- Submitted by Mrs. Meehan

# WOW!!!

That is all you can say about this years fabulous Widener Memorial/Kardon program which was held on April 27th. The show under the direction of Mrs. Lydia Lovin was a tremendous success. The students



were **OUTSTANDING** and the show was a masterpiece. The students shared a great deal of talent and inspiration along with

providing the crowd with great entertainment. High School students above giving a phenomenal performance.

## EXCELLENT JOB EVERYONE!

Below a letter from Mrs. Lovin with thanks and video information from the performance of the day!

### Dear Parents /Guardians,

I would like to congratulate you for your son/daughter great performance at our annual spring concert "A Glimpse of the Beauty of Our World".

Our video recording did not come out so good because of a technical problem that was found after the show. We ask you if by any



chance did take a video recording of the show to contact me at school. We will be able to edit it and make copies for our school and for our pupils. Thank you.

- Submitted by Mrs. Lovin  
Music Teacher

A nutritional assembly program is planned for May 7th which is called the "Magic of Nutrition".



The topics include the importance of eating breakfast and healthy meals throughout the day. This program will be for all Widener students

## • 2011 PROM

The 2010 prom is just around the corner. Our High School students are gearing up for their special night on June 2nd. Encourage your Widener high school student to participate in this fun filled evening!



## WIDENER HERO'S

**CONGRATULATIONS TO a special Widener artist, Roc (Abdur Abdul Malik) for his participation and completion of an art class at the Creative Arts program in Phila.**



**Roc is seen above with his grandmother and his art work in the background. Great Job!!**

## MAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Shifir Brady  
Nafis Burns  
Cheilin Conner  
Khmaia Downing  
Malcolm Fowlkes  
Dante Gilliam-Burton  
Leah Godbolt  
Andre Harris  
Steven Hennigan  
Jamirah Luckey-Walls  
Domonique Mahoney  
Wayne McNeill  
Victoria Rios  
Noralis Degross-Rodriguez  
**Happy Birthday!!!**



## SPORTS & RECREATION

### An ADAPTED RECREATION DAY at TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Magee Rehab Hospital is hosting the second annual Adapted Recreation This **Adapted Recreation Day at Temple University**, located at 15th and Norris Streets, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Come and join the fun on the indoor basketball courts, outdoor tennis courts, the outdoor track, and the indoor swimming pool. Free Lunch and Free parking. Check out Magee Teams in Basketball, Rugby, Tennis Wheelchair racing and Power Chair Soccer.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

I would like to welcome you to closing thoughts! May is a wonderful month, flowers are in bloom, and spring fever is stirred up in everyone. :) This month will be filled with wonderful activities such as Widener Day!!! Yay! May 18th. So everyone get your red and white ready!!

Our attitude toward life determines life's attitude towards us.  
**Earl Nightingale**



## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to ALL OUR WONDERFUL MOTHERS, & GRANDMOTHERS





## PRINCIPAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM MRS. GLODEK

Dear Widener Family,

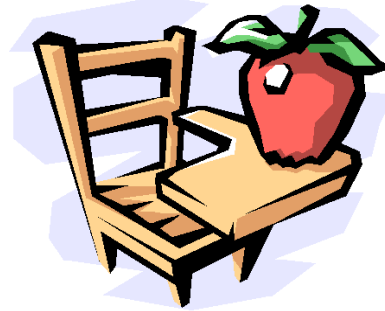
Happy May and Happy Mothers' Day to all of our Widener Moms! Please check our newsletter for the many exciting events happening during this month.

Remember to plan to send your youngster to our anticipated 10 day Summer School Program in July. EVERY student can benefit from extra time devoted to academics. Please call school, or your child's teacher for information.

Reading is the key to academic success! We ask that you read every day to and with your child to bolster their literacy skills and enhance their learning.

We thank you for your continued support to provide the BEST for our students in our great school and home partnership!

Regards,  
Sharon Z. Glodek



## **Workshop Reminder!!**

PLEASE ATTEND OUR NEXT HOME & SCHOOL/LADDER FAMILY CENTER WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 FROM 11 AM TO 1 PM

Widener Memorial School/LADDER Family Center Workshop #5:

**“Social Security Services and Rights for Your Child!”**

**Presenter: Todd Berk, Esquire**

MEET OTHER PARENTS

LEARN VALUABLE INFORMATION

PRIZES

REFRESHMENTS

MATERIALS

1:1 MEETINGS

SUPPORT YOUR HOME & SCHOOL

**\*\*TOUR THE LADDER FAMILY CENTER WITH MR. MACK FOLLOWING LUNCH!!!!\*\***

**PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED ON LA SALLE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS—St. Benilde Building  
Room # 1144**

**PARKING ARRANGED IN LOT “J” OFF OF 19<sup>TH</sup> & OLNEY AVES..**

**(ACROSS FROM THE OLD GERMANTOWN HOSPITAL ON OLNEY AVENUE)**

# WIDENER DAY 2011

Widener Day 25th Anniversary Celebration



## 1986-2011

Please Join Us For Our Twenty-Fifth(25th!) Annual  
Widener Day

Wednesday, May 18th, 2011

11:00am-2:00pm

Widener School Grounds Broad Street & Olney Avenue

**CONTACT: 215.456.3015**

The Widener Day committee invites you to join us for this community event.