



# UPPER DARBY

## WESTBROOK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

199 Westbrook Drive - Clifton Heights, PA 19018



# NEWS & NOTES

October 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Report cards will be coming home November 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please bring them to your child's conference.

Conferences will be 11/22, and 11/23. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 on all of these days.

Afternoon conferences will be on 11/22 and 11/23 and night conferences will be on 11/22.

November 24<sup>th</sup> will be a 12:05 pm dismissal.

We are off for the Thanksgiving Holiday on 11/25 and 11/26. I hope that you all enjoy the time with your family.



## Important dates!

October 6  
12:30 Early Dismissal

October 11  
Holiday - NO school

October 13  
Bike Assembly (K-1)

October 14  
School Photo Day

October 18  
Drug Free Poster Contest starts

October 19  
7pm Home & School meeting

October 22  
Great Pumpkin drop off

October 25-29  
Red Ribbon Week

October 29  
Fall Festival  
7pm Trunk or Treat

How many bats can you count in this month's issue?  
(Answer on last page)

# SPECTACULAR SAFETIES

Fifth graders have the opportunity to be safeties for the school. As a safety, students have the opportunity to be a role model for all students. Safeties follow directions and continue to be safe, respectful, and responsible. It's great having these helpers in the classrooms.



Grade 3

## Awesome Alum Spotlight



We are proud of Westbrook Park Alum Chase Alizzi (second from left) and the UDHS Marching Royals who brought home 1st place with best music, best percussion & best overall effect at a competition in Quakertown, PA on September 25th!

Photo credit: Astrid Clarici

# GRADE LEVEL NEWS

## Grade 4 Science in Action

Mr. Butler's class completed experiments in science on how to make a complete circuit using a lightbulb, wire, and D-cell battery.



## LOOKING AHEAD

November 1-5

- Treats for Troops

November 2

- No School

November 3

- 12:30 Dismissal
- Cocco's Pizza Fundraiser starts

November 8-16

- Food Drive

November 15-19

- American Education Week

November 22, 23, 24

- Conferences
- 12:30 Dismissal

November 25-26

- Thanksgiving

Holiday



## Grade 3 in Bloom!

Mrs. Adams' class loves to show off their growing plants!



# MORE GRADE LEVEL NEWS

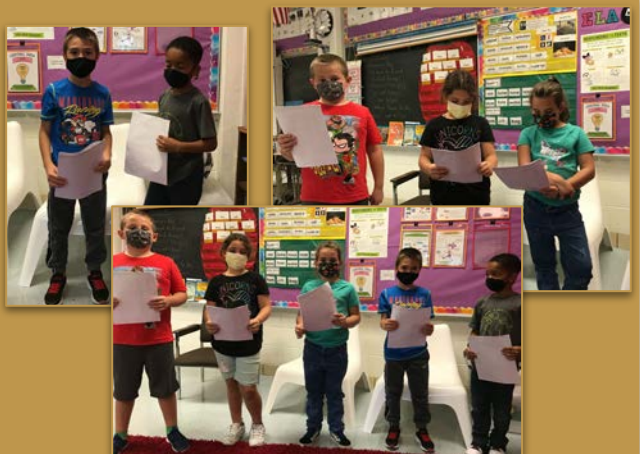
## Grade 3 Science in Action

Mrs. Davis' third graders are learning about Plant Growth Development. Students planted a Wisconsin Fast Growing Plant. Our plants have flowers so we used bees to pollinate our plants. Next we will have seed pods.



## Grade 2 ELA Play

After completing Module 1 in ELA, second graders in room 205 worked on their fluency by rehearsing and performing a play called The Kindness Club.



# OT News



Students working with Mrs. Heacock in Occupational Therapy had a sensory experience with pumpkins! They even got to feel the squishy guts of the pumpkins -- eew!!



## Grade 2 Math

Mrs. Farrell's Second Grade students are enhancing their math with IXL on the computer. This program purchased by the district links with our math curriculum. Students can reinforce the day's lesson and go back and review skills from Kindergarten and First Grade. They also collect rewards as they experience success.



# SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were recognized for being RESPECTFUL

Shane Faulk	Payton Arizzi	Joseph Dougherty	Liam Ganley	Braiden Brockington
Jaxon Lynch	Harley Jones	Sylis O'Neill	Ashley Brown	Amadou Kamara
Ezra Prince	Maelyn Barnes	Ayden Groover	Tislim Sillah	Devin Santiago
Abel Watson	Ava McWilliams	Zhyia Stevenson-Wade	Ethan Baah	Alabama Darrah
Skyler Groover	Julianna Espada	Madelyn Kent	Lily Austin	Yehyea Alarnab
Harper Perez	Diego Galindo	Jazmin Carvente-Merino	Zoey Perez	Ryanlynn O'Brien
David White	Pearl Nguyen	Olivia Weatherwax	Rocco Maggitti	Jace Bellano
Nicholas Agovino	Jovee Darrah	Shy-ianna Coleman	Lily Visnyiczke	Daniel McWilliams
Jabria Burnett	Elias Papis	Domenick Frizzle	Brianna Brown	A'myaha Hall

# Reminders for Early Dismissal Days

Students in grades 1-5 dismiss at 12:30pm. A bagged lunch will be provided.

Kindergarten AM Schedule

8:40 am-10:20 am

Kindergarten PM Schedule

11:00 am-12:30 pm.

## Red Ribbon Week Spirit Days

Red Ribbon Week is a National campaign to keep kids healthy and drug free. We will celebrate Red Ribbon week October 25th-29th. All students are invited to participate in the following school wide-activities.

### Monday – “Proud to be Drug Free”

Wear **Red** to help kick off red ribbon week. We will also **walk around the school** to take a stand against drugs.

### Tuesday- “Team up Against Drugs”

Wear favorite **Team Jersey** to support being drug free.

### Wednesday- “Hats off to being drug free”

Let's support being drug free by wearing a **Hat**.

### Thursday – “Sock it to Drugs”

Wear **Crazy Socks** and Say No to drugs.

### Friday – “Say BOO to drugs Fall Festival”

Students may wear their **Fall Costumes!** Fall festival begins at 2:15pm.

Join us in participating in a “Be drug free” poster contest. Winners will be announced on Friday.

See back for details.





## Drug Free Poster Contest

Create a poster that tells others why it's great to be "Drug Free"

Poster should be the work of a student with the following guidelines:

- Anti-drug/anti-tobacco message.
- Use any art media: collage, paint, crayons markers.
- Paper will be provided.

Poster Due date: Wednesday October 27

Winner will be chosen at each grade level.

# WE CAN'T DISGUISE OUR LOVE FOR BOOKS!!

Westbrook Park families are invited to decorate pumpkins as their favorite book character

## PUMPKIN DECORATING RULES

- Real *or* fake pumpkins may be used!  
(You may even decorate a **paper** pumpkin - ask Mrs. TM for one)
- Small to medium sized pumpkins only (basketball size or smaller)
- Pumpkins must be decorated to resemble a favorite **book** character!
  - **NO** TV or movie characters
- NO Carved pumpkins will be accepted!
  - Feel free to decorate your pumpkin using all the paint, markers, glue, glitter, yarn, and fabric you'd like!
- **Please bring your completed pumpkin to the library before or after school on Thursday October 21st -OR- Friday October 22nd.**
  - Please do not allow any pumpkins to ride the bus!
- Pumpkins will be on display in the library during Red Ribbon Week (Oct 25-29).
- Pumpkins may be picked up on OCT 29th -OR- NOV 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - *any pumpkin not picked up by November 1st will be thrown out!*



## FAMILY FUN

The Great Pumpkin is *not* a contest. Please enjoy this fun activity as a family to celebrate the joy of reading! Participation is completely voluntary.

Each child is welcome to submit his/her own pumpkin, or you may choose to submit one family pumpkin.

It's the...  
**GREAT PUMPKIN**  
Westbrook  
Park!

All pumpkins are due  
**FRIDAY October 22!**





# G.L.A.M. NOTES

Gym Library Art Music

## FROM MRS. TM IN THE LIBRARY...

Students in our Westbrook Park Library have been practicing their ABC order skills to better understand how the library is organized. Students in grades 3-5 have worked on a silent ABC order challenge and have improved their times greatly. Way to go students!



## FROM MR. FAZIO IN THE ART ROOM

During Art class, Third Grade has been working on pictures that use warm and cool colors. Students chose ideas such as space scenes and rainbows! (see photos on p. 2)

## MUSIC NOTES FROM MISS SCHNEIDER



In our Music Classroom we are traveling to different Spanish-speaking countries for Hispanic Heritage Month! Students are having fun reviewing old concepts and learning new skills. 4th and 5th Grade Choir rehearsals have begun, and we are already looking forward to our Winter Concert!

## INSTRUMENTAL NOTES FROM MR. KULP



Instrumental lessons are going well. Students are enjoying learning their new instruments. Drummers in 5th grade are getting ready to lead us in the Fall Festival Parade on the 29th!

## GYM NOTES FROM MR. ROSS

*3rd-5th:* We have started our unit on american football which will be followed by soccer. In both activities, students will be practicing individual aspects of the games which will ultimately lead to small group games where they can use these skills as a team.

*1st-2nd:* We have continued to work on and master our locomotor movements. In addition, we have done team building activities, activities to get more comfortable in front of others, and activities to navigate space under control.

As a school, we are participating in the "Y-ties" fundraiser. WE are doing an awesome job raising money for our school to put towards color day! The fundraiser runs until the first week of december. There is still plenty of time to buy. They love them, we love them. Keep it up!



# ATTENTION

WESTBROOK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL **NO LONGER ALLOW** OUTSIDE FOOD TO BE DELIVERED FOR BIRTHDAYS OR OTHER CELEBRATIONS. WE REALIZE THAT THIS HAS BEEN A COMMON PRACTICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT RECENTLY IT HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY CONCERN WITH STUDENTS REMOVING THEIR FACE COVERINGS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ALTERNATIVE TO FOOD TREATS FOR YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT SCHOOL, BELOW ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS.

YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING:

- Stickers
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Bookmarks
- Bouncing balls
- Party favors
- Matchbox cars
- Tops
- Magnifying glasses
- Notepads
- Whistles
- Bubbles



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH THIS SITUATION.



# OCTOBER IS



# FIRE SAFETY MONTH

## ACTION #1

### Make the first Saturday of each month "Smoke Alarm Saturday"!

A working smoke alarm will clue you in that there is a fire and you need to escape. Fire moves fast. You and your family could have only minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

- Smoke alarms should be installed in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test all of your smoke alarms by pushing the test button. If it makes a loud beep, beep, beep sound, you know it's working. If there is no sound or the sound is low, it's time to replace the battery. If the smoke alarm is older than 10 years old, you need to replace the whole unit.
- If your smoke alarm makes a "chirp," that means it needs a new battery. Change the battery right away.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of the alarm and what to do when it sounds. (See ACTION #2.)



## ACTION #2

### Develop a home fire escape plan and practice it at least twice a year!

Having a home fire escape plan will make sure everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds so they can get out safely.

- Draw a map of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors.
- Children, older adults, and people with disabilities may need assistance to wake up and get out. Make sure they are part of the plan.
- Make sure all escape routes are clear and that doors and windows open easily.
- Pick an outside meeting place (something permanent like a neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) that is a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet.
- Everyone in the home should know the fire department's emergency number and how to call once they are safely outside.
- Practice! Practice! Practice! Practice day and nighttime home fire drills. Share your home escape plans with overnight guests.



## REMEMBER:

### When You Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!

Get out and stay out. Call **9-1-1** from your outside meeting place.

### Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire alarm if it is older than 10 years old. If you don't remember how old it is, replace it.

**BEEP!  
BEEP!  
BEEP!**



# ATTENDANCE

## Learning happens every day here at Westbrook Park.

It's important for students to come to school on time, every day. Excused absences include being sick or hurt, observing a religious holiday, needing to quarantine, having a family emergency or going to a funeral. If you are taking an educational trip, please reach out to us ahead of time.

If your child is absent; a note, email or phone call is needed. Below is an attendance flyer in the with all of the contact information you'll need. If we don't hear from you within three days, the absence will be marked as truant. If your child is stressed about coming to school or is refusing to come to school, please let us know and we'll work together. *Awesome things are happening here every day and we need every student to make Westbrook Park a great place!*



## A note FROM MRS. BATES & MS. WARD

There are 13 bats  
hidden in this issue!  
Did you find them all?

## Westbrook Park Elementary School Attendance

### Excused Absences

Sick or injured  
Doctor's appointment  
Quarantine  
Funeral  
Family emergency  
Religious holiday  
Educational travel approved  
by Mr. Comfort

### 3 Ways to Report an Absence

Email  
[wpes-attendance@upperdarbysd.org](mailto:wpes-attendance@upperdarbysd.org)

Call  
610-626-9363 dial 1

Write a note



Please reach out to us if -  
your child is very stressed or worried about school  
your child is refusing to come to school  
your living situation has changed & is causing missed days

We are here to help!

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