

# THE Waverly Whisper



## Principal's Message

### Thank You!



The first week in May is known, colloquially, as "Teacher Appreciation Week." It is a time when those of us with school age children pause to reflect upon the individuals whom we know to have a daily, positive impact on the lives of our families. I know that I personally maintain very fond memories of many of my teachers, and over time have grown to

appreciate the indelible impression they have had on my life.

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Waverly PTA for providing such a delicious luncheon on April 23 in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. I am sure I speak on behalf of the entire faculty and staff in saying, "Thank You" for a wonderful treat!

Since I arrived at Waverly in the summer of 2008, I have been consistently impressed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Waverly PTA. It is my belief that the PTAs serve a vital role; not only as purveyors of fine luncheons, but as partners in education. My sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire Waverly faculty, which includes not only the classroom teachers, but those who make it possible for the teachers to do their jobs so well: our custodians, office personnel, nurses, support staff, special area teachers, teaching assistants and monitors. It is a pleasure and honor to work with you all!



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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, 5/20/14 - Principal's Coffee - 7:00 PM

Friday, 5/23/14 - ALL SCHOOLS OPEN

Monday, 5/26/14 - Memorial Day - SCHOOLS CLOSED

Tuesday, 6/3/14 - GV School 2nd Grade Parent Orientation - 6:30 PM in Greenvale Gymnasium

Wednesday, 6/4/14 - AH School 2nd Grade Parent Orientation - 6:30 PM in Anne Hutch Cafeteria

Thursday, 6/12/14 - Principal's Coffee - 2:00 PM

Monday, 6/23/14 - Moving Up Concerts 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Tuesday, 6/24/14 - Moving Up Picnic - 1:00 PM

Tuesday, 6/24/14 - Thursday, 6/26/14 - 11:15 AM dismissal

Thursday, 6/26/14 - Report Cards distributed

Friday, 6/27/14 - Last Day of School - 10:00 AM dismissal

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# Announcements

## Sign Up for our Email Blasts

Email is an efficient and green method of communication. It saves time and paper. The PTA will be using email throughout the year to reach out to our Waverly parent population. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to sign up for our e-blasts. Please go to the [waverlypta.org](http://waverlypta.org) link located at the right side of Waverly's homepage in order to sign up for e-blasts. You can also send an email to: [webmaster@waverlypta.org](mailto:webmaster@waverlypta.org). Please be sure to indicate your child's grade (kindergarten or first) in the email to the webmaster.

## Waverly PTA Membership

Thanks to everyone who has joined the PTA. We now have 392 members and we thank you for your continued support. If you would still like to join the Waverly PTA, please print out a membership form from the Waverly PTA website and send it with your payment via back pack mail to "Patricia Connaire PTA Membership." If you have any questions, you can send an e-mail to [PatriciaConnaire@gmail.com](mailto:PatriciaConnaire@gmail.com).

## Directory Update

Thank you to all Waverly families who made us aware of any errors, omissions or deletions that occurred in the directory. Thanks to the hard work and effort of Patricia Connaire, we were able to produce an addendum to the directory. The addendum contains all of the corrected information that we received from the Waverly community. Thank you for your patience, support and flexibility while the directory and the addendum were in production.

## Newcomer's PTA Meeting

The Newcomer's PTA Meeting for incoming kindergarten parents originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 has been rescheduled. The new date is Friday, May 23 at 10AM. The meeting will take place in Waverly's cafeteria. Please encourage any friends or family members who will be new to Waverly in September to attend this informative Newcomer's PTA meeting.

## First Grade Field Trip to the Yonkers Science Barge

During the weeks of April 28 and May 5, all first grade classes visited the Yonkers Science Barge. The Science Barge is a prototype sustainable urban farm developed by NY Sun Works and acquired by Groundwork Hudson Valley in October 2008 to be operated as an environmental education center. The Science Barge greenhouse, floating on the Hudson River, grows an abundance of fresh produce including tomatoes, melons, greens, and lettuce with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides, and zero runoff. All of the energy needed to power the barge is generated

by solar panels, wind turbines, and bio-fuels while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by collected rainwater and purified river water, thus operating completely "off the grid." It is the only fully functioning demonstration of renewable energy supporting sustainable food production in New York. It is docked in downtown Yonkers just north of the Yonkers Pier. While visiting the barge, students learned about the produce that is grown there and had an opportunity to pot a plant to take home with them. Please be sure to ask your first grade student about his or her trip on the Yonkers Science Barge.

## Stop Means Stop



Please be aware that NYS Traffic law prohibits drivers from passing a school bus when its flashing Stop Signs are out. We have noticed several drivers doing so to drop off their children in the circle

at Waverly and urge all parents who are dropping off children to obey this important law. Any driver who is observed passing a school bus will be reported to the police. As another reminder, students may be dropped off between the hours of 8:35AM and 9:00AM in the circle off Hall Avenue. If students arrive after 9:00AM, parents will need to legally park their car and escort their child into the school via the front entrance so that they can obtain a late pass.

## Are You Moving?

If you are currently in kindergarten and have firm plans to move out of the district this summer, could you please let the office know? Even if you are not sure which school your child will attend in the fall, it would be helpful to us in our placement process to account for children who will not be returning to Waverly. A written note to the office would be appreciated as soon as possible.

## Toy Donations for Indoor Recess

Waverly is in need of the following toys for indoor recess:

- Legos
- Lincoln Logs
- Other building toys
- HotWheels
- Sidewalk chalk

Parents, please send any toy donations via your child's backpack labeled as donations for indoor recess. You may also drop them off at Waverly's front desk between the hours of 9:00AM and 3:05PM. Thank You!



**Eastchester School District**  
Voter Information  
Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election  
Tuesday, May 20, 2014  
6:00AM-9:00PM

**Polling Locations**

- Eastchester High School Gym (enter from Lincoln Avenue and park in the rear) or
- 235 Garth Road Community Center (for Garth Rd. residents only)

**Voter Registration**

If you are not registered with the county, you can register with the school district (for school votes only).

- The deadline to register in order to vote in the May 20, 2014 Budget and Trustee Election is May 14, 2014.
- Forms should be returned to the District Clerk at Eastchester School District, 580 White Plains Rd. Eastchester. Click here for the registration form:

<http://district.eastchesterschools.org/m/file.php/14360/DistrictVoterRegistrationform.pdf>

**Absentee Ballot**

If you are a registered voter and will be out of Westchester County on the vote day, you may vote using an absentee ballot.

- Getting an absentee ballot is a two-step process. An Application for an Absentee Ballot must be filed first with the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the District Clerk's office at 580 White Plains Road, Phone: 793-6130, ext. 4258 or by clicking here:  
<http://district.eastchesterschools.org/m/file.php/14360/ApplicationforAbsenteeBallot.pdf>
- Upon receipt by the District Clerk of a completed application, the voter will be given the actual ballot. If the actual ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the completed application for a ballot must be returned to the District Clerk no later than seven days before the vote date. If the actual ballot is to be given personally to the voter, it may be obtained up until 4:00 PM on the day before the vote.
- Completed ballots must be returned to the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 PM on the vote day for them to be counted.

# **Waverly 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Moving-Up Events 2014**

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## **Moving-Up Concerts**

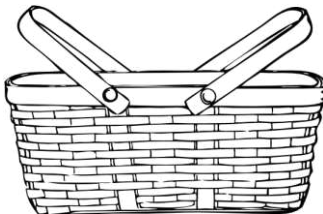
**Monday, June 23  
Waverly Gymnasium**

**9:30AM:**

**Borowsky  
Zuzolo  
Cerniglia  
Frascone  
Schwartz  
Cavalli (1<sup>st</sup> gr students)  
Orecchio (1<sup>st</sup> gr students)  
Walsh (1<sup>st</sup> gr students)**

**11:30AM:**

**Garrett  
Saraco  
Rubenstein  
Demos  
Vaughan**



**Moving-Up Picnic  
Tuesday, June 24 1:00PM  
Outside at Waverly**

# **STUDENT & PARENT ORIENTATION FOR INCOMING SECOND GRADE STUDENTS TO ANNE HUTCHINSON SCHOOL**

Orientation for first grade students coming to Anne Hutchinson will take place on Wednesday, June 4 at 9:15 AM. The schedule will be as follows:

- ✚ Students board buses at Waverly to come to Anne Hutchinson accompanied by First Grade Teachers
- ✚ Mrs. Cherry and Grade 2 Teachers Welcome
- ✚ Classroom Visits with the Grade 2 Teachers and a Tour of the building
- ✚ Back to the Cafeteria for a Farewell

You are cordially invited to attend a Parent Orientation for incoming second grade students at Anne Hutchinson on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. Mrs. Theresa Cherry, Principal, and the second grade teachers will provide an overview of the programs offered and daily routines for the students. All parents are invited to stay afterwards for the general PTA meeting held at 7:30 PM in the Cafeteria. At this time, you will have the opportunity to sign up for scheduled events for the upcoming school year.

Welcome to the Anne Hutchinson School community. We look forward to meeting you and your child.

# **GREENVALE SCHOOL 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE** **ORIENTATION**

## **“ATTENTION INCOMING GRADE 2 PARENTS”**

There will be a Parent Orientation at Greenvale on June 3 at 6:30 PM in the Greenvale Gymnasium. Mrs. Sullivan, the Principal of the Greenvale School, will host this event and provide an overview of the programs offered and daily routines for the students. All parents are invited to stay afterwards for the general PTA meeting held at 7:30 PM in the cafeteria. It is a nice way to network and sign up to help at events scheduled for the next school year.

We have arranged for the first grade students to come to Greenvale for their orientation program on June 3 from 9:30-10:45 AM (approximate). The schedule will run as follows:

- 9:15 AM - Students board buses at Waverly for Greenvale
- 9:30-9:45 AM - Greetings and Welcome by Mrs. Sullivan and staff in the cafeteria
- 9:45-10:40 AM - Classroom visits with the classroom teachers
- 10:40-10:45 AM - Board buses to return to Waverly

Welcome to Greenvale!!! We look forward to meeting you and your children on June 3.



# Celebrate the 2014 Arts Festival!



## OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, May 15th 5:00 PM-7:30 PM

Choral and String Music selections

Refreshments

**National Art Honor Society Induction** 6:30 PM

## K-12 Arts Exhibition HS Gym May 15<sup>th</sup>- May 17<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

## Children's Workshops

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

## Family Day Workshop

Saturday, May 17 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

"Ghostcatching" through Lincoln Center Education

## Senior Art Show MS-HS Library

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Reception 5:30 PM

## Spring Concerts & Performances HS Auditorium

Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> EHS 7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> EMS 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM

Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Greenvale 6:45 PM

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Player's Club Cabaret 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> District Jazz Co. 2:00 PM

Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Anne Hutch 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> MS Jazz Co 7:00 PM

Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> Jazz Band 7:00 PM

Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival 7:00 PM

## **BE A PART OF THE WAVERLY PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD!**

### **IT DOESN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU**

The nominating committee for the **Waverly PTA** is looking for volunteers to fill many of the following Executive Board positions for the 2014-2015 school year. *The success of our PTA depends on your input – please share your time and talents!* Time commitments for each post vary and no prior experience is necessary.

**Please submit your forms to Brenda Siciliano, Nominating Committee chairperson no later than Friday, May 23, 2014. Please place all forms in an envelope clearly marked *Nomination Form- PTA* and place in the Waverly PTA mailbox. Please contact Brenda at [firebrand1972@hotmail.com](mailto:firebrand1972@hotmail.com) with any questions.**

**\*All Executive Board Members will be sworn in at the final PTA meeting on June 19, 2014.**

Below you will find descriptions of all the Waverly PTA Executive Board positions. All positions are open to all incoming Kindergarten and First Grade parents. Officers shall serve a term of one year, with the option to serve a second year. Officers cannot serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Current Officers may serve for a total of two years in the same office. Exceptions to the by-laws are the office President and President-Elect. The President-Elect assumes the office of President and nominations are not taken for this position.

**Co-Presidents** (*These positions will be filled by Maria Liosatos and Anita Sabelja as they are stepping up from President-Elect*)

- Have general charge and supervision of the business and affairs of the PTA
- Sign and execute all contracts, agreements, or other obligations in the name of the PTA
- Preside over all meetings of the PTA, the executive board, and the executive committee
- Attend BoE work sessions, BoE meetings and PTA council meetings
- Are members ex-officio of all committees except for nominating and audit committees
- In cooperation with the executive committee, appoint committee chairpersons, except for those which other provisions are made, appoint council delegates, and fill all vacancies in chairpersons of all committees, except for those which other provisions are made
- Coordinate the work of the officers and committees of the PTA
- Keep a current copy of the PTA's state approved by-laws

#### **President - Elect**

- The President-Elect position will be filled by a parent who will be at Waverly for the next two consecutive years. After serving as President Elect, this individual will assume the role of President the following year.
- Works with the President of the PTA and have general charge and supervision of the business and affairs of the PTA
- Assumes the role of President, if the President is unable to complete the term
- Attends School Board work sessions, school board meetings and PTA council meetings
- Attends Executive Board and General Membership meetings



### **Vice President – Special Committees:**

- Acts as an aide to the President
- Supervises and oversees chairpersons of standing committees and afterschool clubs
- Acts as a Liaison between the President and Chairpersons of various committees
- Reviews prior year's programs to determine which programs will be presented again
- Presents an outline of programs and budgetary costs to the Executive Board in early fall and early spring
- Works with teacher representatives to bring appropriate programs to the students
- Attends Executive Board and General Membership meetings

### **Vice President - Ways & Means (3):**

- Act as an aides to the president
- Supervise and oversee all fundraising programs (i.e. Display My Art, Tees & Sweats, Photos, Sweetheart Dance, Yearbook, Book Fair, Movie Night, annual fundraiser etc.) within the direction set by the Executive Board
- Work with the President to select committee heads
- Work with the Treasurer and Executive Board to fulfill the financial goals set for the year
- Provide support to the various fund-raising committees
- Research other fund-raising suggestions
- Attend Executive Board and General Membership meetings

### **Vice President - Cultural Arts (3):**

- Set up Cultural Arts budget with President
- Work together to oversee the Waverly Cultural Arts program
- Organize and contract all Cultural Arts programs
- Review prior year's programs to determine which programs will be presented again
- Work with teacher representatives to bring appropriate programs to the students
- Be present during the Cultural Arts Events to run the programs smoothly
- Present an outline of programs and budgetary costs to the Executive Board in early fall
- Organize and schedule assemblies, field trips and other school programs
- Research possibilities for alternative Cultural Arts programs
- Attend Executive Board and General Membership meetings

### **Treasurer:**

- Has custody of all funds of the PTA
- Keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures
- Makes disbursements as authorized by the President, executive board, or the association in accordance with the budget adopted by the association
- Issues written receipts for donations of seventy-five dollars (\$75) or more
- Serves as chairman of the Budget Committee to prepare a budget to the Executive Board for review and for adoption by the membership
- Presents a financial statement at every meeting or upon the request of the executive board
- Presents a complete annual report at the annual meeting held in June
- Presents financial records to an audit committee or professional auditor and have ready a final statement to be adopted by membership at the first meeting of the succeeding school year
- Is responsible for the maintenance of books and accounts

- Files all forms as required by law with the IRS and NY State agencies
- Is responsible for all checks being written- all checks require two signatures
- Attends Executive Board and General Membership meetings

**Secretary:**

- Records and maintains a permanent file of the minutes of all meetings.
- Sends names and addresses of the elected officers to the region director, following their election
- Maintains a permanent file of the committee reports, membership lists, and records of the PTA
- Keeps a current copy of the PTA's state approved by-laws
- Attends Executive Board and General Membership meetings

**Data Communications:**

- Compiles, organizes and prints the Waverly School Directory
- Develops the emergency information lists for class parents
- Maintains the overall database with updated information
- Sends out information for the Waverly Blast
- Knowledge of Microsoft Access (database software) and Publisher highly recommended

There will also be sign-up sheets for individual committees for next year at the last PTA Meeting on June 19, 2014!

# Waverly Executive Board Self-Nomination Form

## Personal Profile

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/children attending Waverly: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) in 2014-2015 school year: \_\_\_\_\_

**History of volunteer work, other PTA positions held (officer positions or committee chair), other interests. Please note, prior PTA experience is not a prerequisite for holding a position on the Executive Board.**

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**Why would you like to serve on the executive board?**

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**Board position of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special talents or skills:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your vision for the 2014-2015 board:**

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**Please return this form in a sealed envelope by May 23, 2014, attn: Waverly PTA-Nominating Committee.**

The committee is not obligated to nominate any current officer eligible to serve a second term. Each nominee must be evaluated independently and by the same criteria as all other nominees. The committee is obligated to seek out those eligible members who would best serve in a particular office. A self - nomination does not a guarantee a place on the slate. The slate is determined by the nominating committee, all deliberations are confidential.