

# ***Willink Middle School Newsletter***

***October, 2008***



## **A Message from the Principal**

I want to express my thanks to all of the members of the Willink school community, and also the Webster Central School District, for the warm welcome they have extended to me upon my return. I have been a part of the District for many years as a teacher and administrator. I was interim principal at Willink between John Carlevatti and Joe Morgan. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the children, teachers and staff. There is no other place that I would rather be than at Willink!

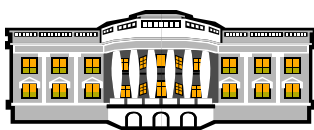
Sincerely,

Mike Gutter,  
Interim Principal.

## **Washington D.C. Trip**

Our 8th Grade Trip to Washington will be November 5-7 This year. Please remember that there is a **MANDATORY** parent/student meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. and a **MANDATORY** chaperone meeting on Thursday, October 23 at 5:30 p.m.

ALL medication and signed medication forms are due to the school nurse no later than **October 24, 2008**.



## **News from Counseling Center:**

The Counseling Center will once again be offering a variety of support groups. Support groups are geared towards issues that are important for young adolescents to talk about. The topics range from dealing with parents' separation/divorce, feeling stressed with the demands of middle school, or just girls/boys groups. Students will be given the opportunity to express an interest in participating.

If for any reason, you do NOT want your child to participate in a support group, please write a letter or e-mail Jen Wilson, Psychologist, [Jenni-fur\\_Wilson@websterschools.org](mailto:Jenni-fur_Wilson@websterschools.org) or Karen Kohler, Social Worker, [Karen\\_Kohler@websterschools.org](mailto:Karen_Kohler@websterschools.org) by October 31, 2008.

## **ELA Scoring Day - Change!**

**February 3, 2008** is the correct tentative scoring date for ELA exams. Students in grades K-8 will not have school that day. This date has been changed from the original date of February 2nd. Please mark your calendars and your PTSA calendar accordingly. A new Odd/Even day schedule reflecting the change is attached to this newsletter.

## **School Picture Make-Up Day**

If your child was absent on Picture Days, Upstate Portraits will be here again on **Tuesday, October 28**. Please have your child bring the order form and money at the time of the photos. Pictures will be taken during lunches and study halls (10:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.). Envelopes are available in the Main Office and House Offices.

Students who would like to have pictures retaken should bring their old pictures with them.

## Emergency Contact Forms

We are in the process of updating all emergency contacts for students. Parents/Guardians who did not complete the form that was mailed home over the summer will receive new forms with their child's progress report. Please check this form for errors and return to the Main Office as soon as possible so that the most accurate information is in our files. Also, when completing the forms, please remember to sign and date them. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dropping Off/Picking Up Students

If you are bringing your child to school, please drop him/her off in the front of the building. Your child will need to remain in the main foyer until the bell rings at 8:20 a.m.

If you are picking your child up at the end of the school day, please use the front parking lot. He/she will come out of the building at dismissal. **Students who are being picked up after 3:30 p.m. must be picked up in the back of the building where supervision is provided.**

## Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. Students do not have school on that day. All offices will be closed.

## Progress Reports and Report Cards



Thursday, October 4 was the end of the first five weeks of school. Progress reports were sent home on October 9th for students who received progress grades and/or comments.

The end of the first marking period is Friday, November 6, 2008. Report cards will go home by November 17th.

## Medication Reminder

- Only students with self-carry orders may carry medication.
- If the student does not have self-carry orders, a parent/guardian must deliver the medication to the health office.
- Controlled medication **MAY NEVER BE SELF-CARRY.**
- Self-carry medications **MUST** be in an original container with student's name.  
Pills in baggies **ARE NEVER ACCEPTABLE.**

**Food for thought:** Your student's pills in a baggie are lost or misplaced. Another student may think they're candy. Many pills look very similar to many of the candies available. The pills are ingested. Now, there's a poisoning. Do YOU want to be responsible?

## From the Yearbook Club

### **ATTENTION STUDENTS AND**

**PARENTS:** Even though the school year has just begun, it's not too early to start thinking about this year's Willink Middle School Yearbook! During the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>, you should be receiving an order form in the mail from *Jostens*, the company we work with to create our yearbooks. The cost of the 2008-2009 Yearbook will be \$26.00 if you order them prior to the deadline, or \$30.00 if you order them after the deadline has expired. These books are a great keepsake for future years and we hope to share snapshots of our students' lives here at Willink with you and your families with these books.

## From the Phys. Ed. Department

Many students are forgetting to lock their PE lockers during the school day. **PARENTS**, please remind your students to double check their locks....and make sure they are locked each time he/she changes clothes. Quite often items turn up missing because lockers are not properly locked. Thank you for your cooperation.

# MATHCOUNTS®

Welcome to this year's edition of the MathCounts monthly challenge. Congratulations to Abby Wezelis and Sarah Kennedy, last year's challenge award-winners!

## National Metric Week

**October 6 – 10 is National Metric Week. Since the metric system is based on tens, National Metric Week is always during the week containing the 10th day of the 10th month.**



**If 2.54 cm = 1 inch, how many centimeters are in 2.54 feet? Express your answer to the nearest hundredth.**

Students and families, please email your solutions to:

[andy\\_mitchell@websterschools.org](mailto:andy_mitchell@websterschools.org)

or drop your answers off in his mailbox. If you are correct, you may have your name listed in the next newsletter!

Willink's Math Club meets in Mr. Andy Mitchell's room, Red House A-204, Monday mornings from 7:50-8:20. You are welcome to come anytime.

We are preparing for the Monroe County MathCounts competition on February 7, 2009. Help us reach the NYS finals for the fourth straight year!

## News from Miss Palermo's Art Class



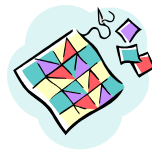
Greetings from art class! Art Club is starting on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> in art room E106 with Miss Palermo. We will meet every other Tuesday afternoon from 3:20 – 4:00 p.m. There is a late bus that day. 6<sup>th</sup> graders just finished an Ancient Greek pottery project that tied into their social studies curriculum. 8<sup>th</sup> graders finished their unit in value drawing. Come visit our galleries of art at Willink!

## Please save those BOX TOPS!

Willink is in the midst of a contest to see which homeroom can collect the most "BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION" labels. They are found on many common products that we eat and use in our homes. These box tops earn cash to purchase new sewing machines for the Family and Consumer Science classroom. Last year we collected enough boxtops to pay for 6 brand new sewing machines! Check out the website [btf.com](http://btf.com) to check out other ways that you can help our school earn money. The three top collecting homerooms will prizes for their efforts.



## From the FACS Department



Each spring Willink students and their families are invited to participate in our "Quilts for Kids" project. Over the past three years we have made 150 baby quilts that have been donated to The Family Birth Place at Park Ridge Hospital. We are in need of 100% cotton fabric (calico) and batting to complete the quilts. If you have extra fabric or batting that you would like to donate please feel free to drop it off in the main office. For more information about the project please contact Family and Consumer Science teacher Cheryl Concordia at 670-1030 or email [Cheryl\\_concordia@websterschools.org](mailto:Cheryl_concordia@websterschools.org).



## 7th Grade Students going to Washington D.C. November 2009

| Date/Time             | Event  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Oct 22-Nov 3, 2008    | <b>FIRST Fundraiser Event</b><br>(Students receive fundraising packet in their homerooms)  |
| March 10-23 2009      | <b>SECOND Fundraiser Event</b><br>(Students receive fundraising packet in their homerooms) |
| <b>March 10, 2009</b> | <b>PARENTS INFORMATIONAL MEETING</b><br><b>6:30 p.m.</b><br><b>in the Cafetorium</b>       |
| April 2, 2009         | <b>FIRST DEPOSIT DUE</b><br>(\$150.00)   |

Look on our website  
<http://www.websterschools.org/willink>  
View a Music Video of the  
8th Grade Washington D.C. trip - 2007



Any questions about the Washington D.C. Trip?  
**call: 670-1038**



Willink supports the  
Breast Cancer Walk on  
October 5th, 2008!

Willink Middle School faculty and staff participated in the "2008 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" event at Frontier Field. Together we raised almost \$600.00 in support of breast cancer research. Supportive family and friends walked to honor the many courageous women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

**Willink Middle School**  
**Counseling Center**

**News**

**October 2008**

**You're Invited!**

**Who:** All Willink Parents

**What:** An evening of laughter and learning...

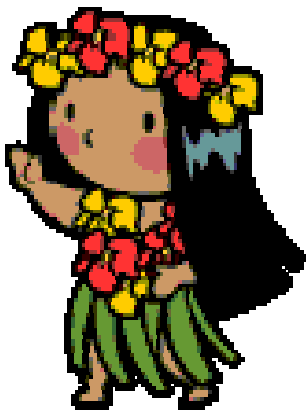
with Kevin Wantzer

**Where:** Willink's Cafetorium

**When:** Thursday evening,  
October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

Kevin Wantzer will present to Willink students on Friday, 10/31 focusing on the importance of a positive attitude; overcoming obstacles; staying drug-free and maintaining a sense of humor. Come hear what your kids will be hearing!

*Sponsored by WCSD, PTSA, WHEN and the FOR Club*



**The "FOR Club" is Back!...**  
**(Different kick-off; Same focus)**

**"What do you stand FOR?"**

The FOR Club's first meeting is October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. and will be meeting at Willink's Library.

Club members work on promoting a positive school atmosphere and doing school service projects.

We will be meeting 2 times each month, once before school and once after school.

Club advisors are Sandy Herman and Joe Montemaro

**Tips for Testing**

To help your middle schooler study for upcoming tests:

- Make flash cards for foreign language words. For example, put a French word on one side of an index card and the English word on the other side.
- Create time lines for historical facts.
- Have a parent or older brother or sister quiz you. Make sure they mix up the order of the questions each time.
- Ask the teacher for extra copies of classroom worksheets, and do them again for practice.
- Make up your own quiz, and then take it.
- Organize a study group with two or three of your classmates.

## Willink Middle School – Odd/Even Day Schedule 2008-2009

| DATE                          | DAY  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday, September 3, 2008  | odd  |
| Thursday, September 4, 2008   | even   |
| Friday, September 5, 2008     | odd  |
| Monday, September 8, 2008     | even   |
| Tuesday, September 9, 2008    | odd  |
| Wednesday, September 10, 2008 | even   |
| Thursday, September 11, 2008  | odd  |
| Friday, September 12, 2008    | even   |
| Monday, September 15, 2008    | odd  |
| Tuesday, September 16, 2008   | even   |
| Wednesday, September 17, 2008 | odd  |
| Thursday, September 18, 2008  | even   |
| Friday, September 19, 2008    | odd  |
| Monday, September 22, 2008    | even   |
| Tuesday, September 23, 2008   | odd  |
| Wednesday, September 24, 2008 | even   |
| Thursday, September 25, 2008  | odd  |
| Friday, September 26, 2008    | even   |
| Monday, September 29, 2008    | odd  |
| Tuesday, September 30, 2008   | even   |
| Wednesday, October 1, 2008    | odd  |
| Thursday, October 2, 2008     | even   |
| Friday, October 3, 2008       | odd  |
| Monday, October 6, 2008       | even   |
| Tuesday, October 7, 2008      | odd  |
| Wednesday, October 8, 2008    | even   |
| Thursday, October 9, 2008     | odd  |
| Friday, October 10, 2008      | Superintendent's<br>Conference Day – no<br>school for students |
| Monday, October 13, 2008      | Columbus Day – no<br>school                                    |
| Tuesday, October 14, 2008     | even   |
| Wednesday, October 15, 2008   | odd  |
| Thursday, October 16, 2008    | even   |
| Friday, October 17, 2008      | odd  |
| Monday, October 20, 2008      | even   |
| Tuesday, October 21, 2008     | odd  |
| Wednesday, October 22, 2008   | even   |
| Thursday, October 23, 2008    | odd  |
| Friday, October 24, 2008      | even   |
| Monday, October 27, 2008      | odd  |
| Tuesday, October 28, 2008     | even   |
| Wednesday, October 29, 2008   | odd  |
| Thursday, October 30, 2008    | even   |
| Friday, October 31, 2008      | odd  |
| Monday, November 3, 2008      | even   |
| Tuesday, November 4, 2008     | odd  |
| Wednesday, November 5, 2008   | even   |
| Thursday, November 6, 2008    | odd  |
| Friday, November 7, 2009      | even   |
| Monday, November 10, 2008     | odd  |
| Tuesday, November 11, 2008    | Veteran's Day – no<br>school                                   |
| Wednesday, November 12, 2008  | even   |
| Thursday, November 13, 2008   | odd  |

| DATE                         | DAY                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Friday, November 14, 2008    | even                                |
| Monday, November 17, 2008    | odd                                 |
| Tuesday, November 18, 2008   | even                                |
| Wednesday, November 19, 2008 | odd                                 |
| Thursday, November 20, 2008  | even                                |
| Friday, November 21, 2008    | odd                                 |
| Monday, November 24, 2008    | even                                |
| Tuesday, November 25, 2008   | odd                                 |
| Wednesday, November 26, 2008 | Thanksgiving<br>Recess              |
| Thursday, November 27, 2008  | Thanksgiving<br>Recess              |
| Friday, November 28, 2008    | Thanksgiving<br>Recess              |
| Monday, December 1, 2008     | even                                |
| Tuesday, December 2, 2008    | odd                                 |
| Wednesday, December 3, 2008  | even                                |
| Thursday, December 4, 2008   | odd                                 |
| Friday, December 5, 2008     | even                                |
| Monday, December 8, 2008     | odd                                 |
| Tuesday, December 9, 2008    | even                                |
| Wednesday, December 10, 2008 | odd                                 |
| Thursday, December 11, 2008  | even                                |
| Friday, December 12, 2008    | odd                                 |
| Monday, December 15, 2008    | even                                |
| Tuesday, December 16, 2008   | odd                                 |
| Wednesday, December 17, 2008 | even                                |
| Thursday, December 18, 2008  | odd                                 |
| Friday, December 19, 2008    | even                                |
| Monday, December 22, 2008    | odd                                 |
| Tuesday, December 23, 2008   | even                                |
| Wednesday, December 24, 2008 | Winter Recess                       |
| Thursday, December 25, 2008  | Winter Recess                       |
| Friday, December 26, 2008    | Winter Recess                       |
| Monday, December 29, 2008    | Winter Recess                       |
| Tuesday, December 30, 2008   | Winter Recess                       |
| Wednesday, December 31, 2008 | Winter Recess                       |
| Thursday, January 1, 2009    | Winter Recess                       |
| Friday, January 2, 2009      | Winter Recess                       |
| Monday, January 5, 2009      | odd                                 |
| Tuesday, January 6, 2009     | even                                |
| Wednesday, January 7, 2009   | odd                                 |
| Thursday, January 8, 2009    | even                                |
| Friday, January 9, 2009      | odd                                 |
| Monday, January 12, 2009     | even                                |
| Tuesday, January 13, 2009    | odd                                 |
| Wednesday, January 14, 2009  | even                                |
| Thursday, January 15, 2009   | odd                                 |
| Friday, January 16, 2009     | even                                |
| Monday, January 19, 2009     | Martin Luther<br>King day-no school |
| Tuesday, January 20, 2009    | odd                                 |
| Wednesday, January 21, 2009  | even                                |
| Thursday, January 22, 2009   | odd                                 |
| Friday, January 23, 2009     | even                                |
| Monday, January 26, 2009     | odd                                 |

## Willink Middle School – Odd/Even Day Schedule 2008-2009

| Date                         | Day  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Tuesday, January 27, 2009    | even   |
| Wednesday, January 28, 2009  | odd  |
| Thursday, January 29, 2009   | even   |
| Friday, January 30, 2009     | odd – Regents Scoring Day/ no school 9-12 students |
| Monday, February 2, 2009     | even   |
| **Tuesday, February 3, 2009  | odd - Scoring Day - No School K-8                  |
| Wednesday, February 4, 2009  | even   |
| Thursday, February 5, 2009   | odd  |
| Friday, February 6, 2009     | even   |
| Monday, February 9, 2009     | odd  |
| Tuesday, February 10, 2009   | even   |
| Wednesday, February 11, 2009 | odd  |
| Thursday, February 12, 2009  | even   |
| Friday, February 13, 2009    | odd  |
| Monday, February 16, 2009    | February Recess                                    |
| Tuesday, February 17, 2009   | February Recess                                    |
| Wednesday, February 18, 2009 | February Recess                                    |
| Thursday, February 19, 2009  | February Recess                                    |
| Friday, February 20, 2009    | February Recess                                    |
| Monday, February 23, 2009    | even   |
| Tuesday, February 24, 2009   | odd  |
| Wednesday, February 25, 2009 | even   |
| Thursday, February 26, 2009  | odd  |
| Friday, February 27, 2009    | even   |
| Monday, March 2, 2009        | odd  |
| Tuesday, March 3, 2009       | even   |
| Wednesday, March 4, 2009     | odd  |
| Thursday, March 5, 2009      | even   |
| Friday, March 6, 2009        | odd  |
| Monday, March 9, 2009        | even   |
| Tuesday, March 10, 2009      | odd  |
| Wednesday, March 11, 2009    | even   |
| Thursday, March 12, 2009     | odd  |
| Friday, March 13, 2009       | even   |
| Monday, March 16, 2009       | odd  |
| Tuesday, March 17, 2009      | even   |
| Wednesday, March 18, 2009    | odd  |
| Thursday, March 19, 2009     | even   |
| Friday, March 20, 2009       | odd  |
| Monday, March 23, 2009       | even – scoring day, no school K-8 students         |
| Tuesday, March 24, 2009      | odd  |
| Wednesday, March 25, 2009    | even   |
| Thursday, March 26, 2009     | odd  |
| Friday, March 27, 2009       | even   |
| Monday, March 30, 2009       | odd  |
| Tuesday, March 31, 2009      | even   |
| Wednesday, April 1, 2009     | odd  |
| Thursday, April 2, 2009      | even   |
| Friday, April 3, 2009        | odd  |
| Monday, April 6, 2009        | even   |
| Tuesday, April 7, 2009       | odd  |
| Wednesday, April 8, 2009     | even   |
| Thursday, April 9, 2009      | odd  |

| Date                      | Day                      |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Friday, April 10, 2009    | Good Friday, no school   |
| Monday, April 13, 2009    | even                     |
| Tuesday, April 14, 2009   | odd                      |
| Wednesday, April 15, 2009 | even                     |
| Thursday, April 16, 2009  | odd                      |
| Friday, April 17, 2009    | even                     |
| Monday, April 20, 2009    | Spring Recess            |
| Tuesday, April 21, 2009   | Spring Recess            |
| Wednesday, April 22, 2009 | Spring Recess            |
| Thursday, April 23, 2009  | Spring Recess            |
| Friday, April 24, 2009    | Spring Recess            |
| Monday, April 27, 2009    | Spring Recess            |
| Tuesday, April 28, 2009   | odd                      |
| Wednesday, April 29, 2009 | even                     |
| Thursday, April 30, 2009  | odd                      |
| Friday, May 1, 2009       | even                     |
| Monday, May 4, 2009       | odd                      |
| Tuesday, May 5, 2009      | even                     |
| Wednesday, May 6, 2009    | odd                      |
| Thursday, May 7, 2009     | even                     |
| Friday, May 8, 2009       | odd                      |
| Monday, May 11, 2009      | even                     |
| Tuesday, May 12, 2009     | odd                      |
| Wednesday, May 13, 2009   | even                     |
| Thursday, May 14, 2009    | odd                      |
| Friday, May 15, 2009      | even                     |
| Monday, May 18, 2009      | odd                      |
| Tuesday, May 19, 2009     | even                     |
| Wednesday, May 20, 2009   | odd                      |
| Thursday, May 21, 2009    | even                     |
| Friday, May 22, 2009      | Memorial Day – no school |
| Monday, May 25, 2009      | Memorial Day – no school |
| Tuesday, May 26, 2009     | odd                      |
| Wednesday, May 27, 2009   | even                     |
| Thursday, May 28, 2009    | odd                      |
| Friday, May 29, 2009      | even                     |
| Monday, June 1, 2009      | odd                      |
| Tuesday, June 2, 2009     | even                     |
| Wednesday, June 3, 2009   | odd                      |
| Thursday, June 4, 2009    | even                     |
| Friday, June 5, 2009      | odd                      |
| Monday, June 8, 2009      | even                     |
| Tuesday, June 9, 2009     | odd                      |
| Wednesday, June 10, 2009  | even                     |
| Thursday, June 11, 2009   | odd                      |
| Friday, June 12, 2009     | even                     |
| Monday, June 15, 2009     | odd – Last Day Gr. 9-12  |
| Tuesday, June 16, 2009    | even                     |
| Wednesday, June 17, 2009  | odd                      |
| Thursday, June 18, 2009   | even – last day 6-8      |
| Friday, June 19, 2009     | Last Day K-5             |

## Willink Middle School – PTSA Volunteer Form 2008/09

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

- CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE "WILLINK FRIENDS" E-MAIL LIST. (You will receive important information on Willink activities, minutes from meetings with the principal, volunteer opportunities, etc. You may also sign up directly on the *websterschools.org* website by clicking on "News & Information" and following prompts.)

Student(s) in Grade:  6<sup>th</sup>  7<sup>th</sup>  8<sup>th</sup> House: RED GREEN BLUE  
Grade:  6<sup>th</sup>  7<sup>th</sup>  8<sup>th</sup> House: RED GREEN BLUE

The following PTSA positions are currently unfilled. Please circle if you are interested:

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| <b>Book Fair Coordinator</b>                      | <b>Cultural Arts Rep.</b> |
| <b>Teacher Appreciation Week Coordinator</b>      | <b>GATES Rep.</b>         |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast Coordinator</b> | <b>SEPTA Rep.</b>         |
| <b>Tools for Schools/Health and Safety Rep.</b>   |                           |
| <b>Shared Decision Making Team</b>                |                           |

**\*\*Please check all options below that you would be interested in helping with:**

- GENERAL VOLUNTEERING (call me for anything)  
 evenings  days
- Help with Willink Wear (Open House- Fall)  
 Help with Open House - Fall  
(Willink PTSA sends volunteers to Thomas HS Open House night & Thomas sends volunteers for Willink Open House)
- BOOK FAIR ( Early Fall and/or Spring)
- COMMUNITY ARTS DAY (April)
- HELP WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (May)
- HELP WITH TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON (June)  
 Help prepare & serve food (daytime)  
 Bring in food (purchase or homemade)
- HELP WITH END OF THE YEAR FAMILY CELEBRATION
- HELP WITH 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BREAKFAST
- HELP WITH ASSET COMMITTEE/EVENTS
- MUSIC PERFORMANCES (concessions) – Check which performing group your child is in:  
 BAND  CHORUS  
 JAZZ BAND  ORCHESTRA  DRAMA
- DANCES (You have an open invitation. You're always welcome to attend or chaperone.)
- Assist with sewing or cooking in FACS class (Family and Consumer Science)

Return this form to the PTSA table at open house or address to PTSA mailbox in main office or mail to:

**Lucy Siena** OR **E-MAIL: [frito\\_bacci@yahoo.com](mailto:frito_bacci@yahoo.com)**  
**(please specify PTSA in subject line)**

**Webster, NY 14580**  
**265-9312**

## **Willink Music Department 2008-2009 Events**

*All Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m*

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| November 7-8:       | Area All State at Pittsford Sutherland   |
| November 13:        | Night of a Thousand Men at Thomas (Stuck in the Middle)                                    |
| December 9:         | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band and 7/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert                   |
| December 11:        | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Stuck in the Middle   |
| December 17:        | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert                        |
| December (TBD):     | Jazz Band performances at BOCES  |
| January 21:         | Choral Concert; The Sapphires (7/8 Even Day classes);<br>Sixth Grade Chorus; Simply Select |
| January 23-24:      | Junior High Solo Festival at Twelve Corners M.S. Brighton                                  |
| January 29:         | Vocal Concert at Thomas High School  |
| January 30-31:      | Elementary/Jazz Solo Festival at Pittsford Sutherland H.S.                                 |
| March 11:           | Elementary All County Read Through Rehearsal at<br>Charles Finney                          |
| March 13-14:        | Junior High All County at Mercy High School  |
| March 18:           | Student Parent Band Dress Rehearsal  |
| March 21:           | Student Parent Band Concert  |
| March 20-21         | Elementary All County at Roberts Wesleyan College  |
| March 24:           | Willink Small Ensemble Concert   |
| March 27-28         | All County Jazz at Spencerport High School   |
| April 1:            | Jazz Band Concert  |
| May 6:              | NYSSMA In house solo festival at Spry Middle School  |
| May 12:             | 3a and 3c 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert   |
| May 14:             | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Girls Chorus   |
| May 21:             | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, Stuck in the Middle              |
| May 26:             | Orchestra Concert  |
| June 1:             | Chorus Concert   |
| June 4 (tentative): | Jazz Band Performance at Seabreeze   |



## Say "Aloha" to Kevin Wanzer ~ Empowering Schools ... One Laugh at a Time

The Webster Central School District is pleased to welcome Kevin Wanzer, a National Certified Speaking Professional with more than 25 years of experience empowering audiences nationwide. Kevin's presentation is a fast-paced comedy, with an insightful and positive message that reaches out and empowers audiences, allowing them to see their own possibilities.

Kevin Wanzer will present to our middle and high school students this October, focusing on:

- Positive attitude
- Overcoming obstacles
- Eliminating prejudice
- Staying drug-free
- Maintaining a sense of humor

This uplifting presentation will be offered during the school day for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. An evening presentation, designed specifically for parents and community members, will also be offered.

### School Day Presentations

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| October 28 | Schroeder |
| October 29 | Thomas    |
| October 30 | Spry      |
| October 31 | Willink   |

### Community Presentation

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| October 30            | 7 p.m. |
| Willink Middle School |        |

To learn more, please check out the website:  
[www.KEVINWANZER.COM](http://www.KEVINWANZER.COM)

Sponsored by WCSD, FOR Clubs and PTSA.

For other inquiries, please contact Janine Sanger, WCSD Chemical Abuse Prevention Coordinator at 216-0026.

Janine Sanger, Chemical Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator  
Webster Central School District  
119 South Avenue  
Webster, NY 14580

#### TIME-SENSATIVE MAILING

Aloha!

We invite you to join us on October 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Willink Middle School for an evening of humor and empowerment as we discover ALOHA!

*A = attitude*

*L = love*

*O = overcoming obstacles*

*HA = have a sense of humor*

Get ready to laugh, learn and remember how important it is to grow up to be a child. Guest speaker Kevin Wanzer's program "OHANA - Nobody Gets Left Behind or Forgotten" comes from a place of love as it shares with parents how to stay connected with their child(ren).

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## Halloween Guidelines

Halloween is quickly approaching. The faculty and staff at Willink Middle School would like to make this day a safe and fun day for all students, whether they choose to wear a costume or not. It is **not** expected that all students will dress in a costume. It is expected that Friday, October 31, 2008 will be a regular day of instruction.

All costumes must be appropriate for the school day.

- Students must be able to read, write, type and see the board.
- Costumes must meet the guidelines of the Willink Middle School Student Agenda.
- Undergarments may not be worn as outerwear. If students choose to wear pajamas, be sure they wear a shirt and shorts underneath. This type of clothing is often lightweight and the buttons are very far apart.
- If you have any questions about your child's outfit, they should not wear it!!
- SHOES OR SNEAKERS must be worn at all times. Slippers, socks and pajamas with feet are NOT appropriate for the school building.
- Masks are not to be worn on the school bus. It will be left up to the discretion of each teacher as to whether students may wear a mask in the classroom.
- If your child's outfit is deemed inappropriate, he/she will be asked to change his/her clothing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **Library News...**

We want to thank everyone who volunteered and bought books at our Fall Book Fair. You all helped make it the most successful fundraiser we have held since the school opened. We sold over \$8200 which earned us \$1200 in books from the Fair and \$1800 in cash to purchase more books for the library.

We are also excited that we loaned a record number of books during the month of September. Students checked out over 1900 books and we have never been busier or seen so many excited readers.

We have also held library orientations with scavenger hunts for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to show students how to use the library to find books and other materials to check out. We also introduced students to our library web site and its databases ([www.websterschools.org/classrooms/willinklib](http://www.websterschools.org/classrooms/willinklib)).

They will use these tools to help with projects, homework and research for their classes. We have encouraged all students to bring home bookmarks and passwords so they can access these resources from home.

If you would like more information to help your children gather safe and appropriate information for school or personal use please feel free to contact us.

Our Mock Newbery club will start with an informational meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. From October to January, students and teachers read a selection of books and then vote for their favorites in a joint celebration with Pittsford Calkins Rd Middle School. Many teachers also offer extra credit to students who participate in this activity.

We look forward to helping you and your children during their years at Willink.