November – "Turkeys Among Us"

As strange as it may seem, students and schools would benefit if both school personnel and parents acted like turkeys. Turkeys live in small flocks and it is rare to find a turkey that is isolated from the support and companionship of others in the flock. In much the same way school personnel and parents must stick together and support each other.

The well being of the children at Clara Barton (emotional, social, and educational) is something that both school personnel and parents should be working together to achieve. By constantly communicating with each other it is possible to make all students successful.

Finally, it has been said, "you can't soar like an eagle with the feathers of a turkey." True, the turkey can't soar like an eagle but it has learned to prosper through hard work, grit, and determination. Students need, in addition to their own effort and motivation, parents and school personnel who are willing to put in a lot of hard work, grit, and determination to support, guide, and direct them, (which the parents and teachers at Clara Barton always strive to accomplish).

Happy Thanksgiving—I'm proud to work with people who have such fine turkey-like characteristics.

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Help Your Child Succeed in School
Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves.
WHAT YOU CAN DO
• Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
• Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
• Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up
• Keep in mind that complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers and school counselors
• If your child must stay home due to illness, be sure to send in an excuse and complete any missed work

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Counselor's Corner

SEPAC News

The West Mifflin Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC), along with the Title I department, hosted a fall harvest event on the evening of October 20 at the middle school. Students and their families were invited to decorate pumpkins, build crafts, listen to fall and Halloween stories, meet special education and Title I staff, win prizes, and enjoy refreshments from Daily Grind, the middle school’s own coffee stand. The newly purchased MILO robots were also on display, as well as a special visit from Disney Jr’s Vampirina. Families were also provided with resources about special education and Title I. If you would like more information about SEPAC and/or Title I services, please contact Mrs. Sylvis (sylvisl@wmasd.org) or Dr. Plichta (plichtab@wmasd.org).

Students of the Month

100–Blessing Tamling
106–John Becher
110–Jordan Bobick
104–Brayden Stockhausen
105–Mia Casab–Rios
200–Tyrus Ogletree
202–Beza Tessema

207–Sawyer Charles
204–Mason O'Brien
206–Blaise Charles
208–Frankie Lazzini
101–AJ Collins
103–Ujawai Phuyl
West Mifflin’s Annual Food Drive
From: November 1st—November 19th

As the holiday season approaches, it is time to help those in need. West Mifflin is hosting our annual food drive to help families in the community. As it is the giving season we are asking our community to donate any way you can!

This year’s food drive will consist of a competition between the elementary and middle school classrooms in West Mifflin. Each winning class from the list below will win a pizza party, compliments of the very generous and supportive Pittzarella. There will be 1 winner from each area. Winners will be based on total amount of food donated. Each item will be counted as one item no matter the size.

There will be one winner from the following schools:

Homeville Elementary
Clara Barton Elementary
4th and 5th grade
Middle School (6-8)

The competition will start November 1st and end November 19th. TLC club will collect from each room on the 19th.

Please contact Ray Rost (rostr@wmasd.org) and/or John Inglis (inglisj@wmasd.org) with any further questions and/or concerns.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

***Winners will be based on entire class for the elementary and homeroom for the middle school (4-8). This will occur for students in the class.***