



# Wildcat News



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**Happy Friday Warren Hills Families!! How is it possible that we only have two more weeks of school? This year has truly gone by so quickly, and it is unbelievable that summer is right around the corner. We have a lot coming up over these next few weeks as we wrap up the school year, and I know our young Wildcats will finish out their time during 2010-2011 with great success. Have an excellent end to your week, and enjoy your weekend!**

## **Standards Based Grading/Report Card Coffee**

This year we continued our efforts throughout the building to embed standards based practices for instruction, assessment, and grading. Some of which you are already familiar with as your children share their data folders with you. You have also been learning from your child's teacher throughout the year regarding how standards based approaches have been linked with math and science. Next year we will begin a more prescriptive approach to reporting this information. Warren Hills will be one of four schools piloting the new district report card. The report card will be a standards-based reporting system and will provide parents specific feedback about their child's learning. As we prepare to pilot the new grade card you will have the opportunity to learn more about the standards-based approaches in the form of a "coffee" held here at Warren Hills. After presenting some information to our PTA panel this week about standards based grading, we decided to have others join us this upcoming Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 (prior to the PTA Meeting at 7:00). This will be a short meeting to show a district video and allow parents to ask questions. I am very excited about the direction we are heading with standards based approaches, and I am enthusiastic for parents to see the benefits of the framework as well.

## **Warren Hills Field Day**

Field Day will be on Thursday, May 26. This year we are going to open a spectator sections near the activities so that parents can take pictures and observe students while they are participating in the Field Day fun. Please see the attached document in order to check when your child is participating in Field Day. This way you will be able to join the spectator area at the appropriate time. On Field Day, we will not have parents join us for lunch. Lunch will be served to kids as a sack lunch, and they will eat with their classes that day.

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition**

Our fifth graders will soon be heading to the middle school, and we want to send them off with great recognition. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recognition will be held on Thursday May 19 for all of our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. It will begin with a celebration for the kids from 4:10-6:15. At 6:30 they will participate in their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade concert, and at 7:00 there will be a reception. It will be bittersweet having our fifth graders leave Warren Hills. Many of them have been with us the entire five years that Warren Hills has been open, and they have paved the way for our younger Wildcats. Although we will be sad to see them go, we know that they will be very successful as they continue their education at South Valley Middle School. Way to go 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!!!

## **A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PTA!!!**

I would like to send a huge thank you out to our PTA. They hosted a most excellent Staff Appreciation Week for us. The parents who organized the week-long event were first-timers in regard to facilitating the festivities. They did a fantastic job, and our staff members absolutely loved the way they were pampered. From the treats, office goodies, food, massages...we were honestly treated like royalty. Thank you so much for taking great care of our Wildcat Family. We are so blessed to have such an amazing foundation of parents who help children find their voices in learning, and support our amazing teachers as they help all students reach success.

**Last Day of School**

Please keep in mind that our last day of school is Friday, May 27. That day is a three hour early release day, and we will be getting out at 1:10. Lunch will be served that day prior to students departing.

**Summer School...A message from our amazing site directors, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Utecht**

Mrs. Utecht and I would like to welcome all of our Summer Adventure families to another wonderful summer of learning! We have been busy preparing for June and are excited about all the things we are able to offer our students through this experience. Please look for packets of information to come home with our current students next Friday, May 20th. All incoming Kindergarten packets will be mailed out on the 20th as well. Transportation information will be coming directly to the e-mail address we have on file from your registration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Mrs. Utecht. We look forward to seeing your child on June 2nd.

Katie Lawson

**Kindergarten Enrollment**

If you have children that will be joining us next year for kindergarten, enrollment is now open at the Student Enrollment Center (650 Conistor). Accompanying the Wildcat News you will find a flier that illustrates the details. Please head on over to the enrollment center, and spread the word to your friends who will be enrolling students for the first time. Also, accompanying this week's E-News is information on late night kindergarten enrollment.

**PTA Corner:**

**Meeting Dates**

May 17

**CiCi's, Fun Run, and Edge Gymnastics Dates:**

CiCi Nights:

Edge Nights 7-9pm:

Fun Run 5-8pm:

May 19

May 6

\*Need Socks