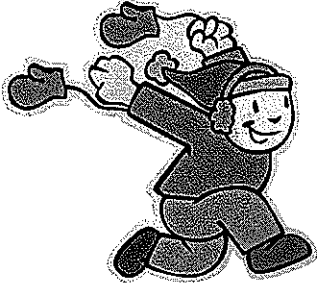


Welcome to

Wilshire Park
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A Professional Learning Community
Words Online



Friday, December 9, 2011

Words From Wilshire is now being sent via email to all of our families in a new format. If you did not receive the email version, please email Cindy Ridge to be added to the contact list: cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Important!

**Winter Break/No School Wednesday, December 21-Tuesday, January 3rd, 2012.
School resumes Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

Dear Families and Guardians,

This week is Volunteer Appreciation Week in the Volunteer room. Staff members brought in delicious treats to say thank you to the countless volunteers that come into Wilshire Park. I always mention to people who tour our school that an important piece is all the volunteerism that happens due to committed parents and families. Thanks to all of you who give your time to make our school such a wonderful place. You are appreciated!

I would like to congratulate Ms. Tronsgard's students for bringing in the most food by class for our Second Harvest Food Drive. I also want to thank all the students who participated and Julie Pierce, parent of Grace Jones, for coordinating the event. Thank you also to the many families and staff who are helping some of our own families in need by providing meals, clothing, and school supplies. We do have a scholarship fund for students in need if you would ever want to contribute new winter clothing, new school supplies, or money for milk break and field trips. Thank you for your generosity.

Cold weather and snow are here. Please continue to use caution when traveling around the school during drop-off and pick-up times especially near the patrols on Highcrest. Please limit your speeds to keep all the walkers around the school building safe. Remember to send your children to school with warm clothing. We attempt to go outdoors on a daily basis. Students will go outside unless the actual temperature or the windchill is -10 degrees or colder. Office staff monitor the outside temperature.

In an effort to provide more communication to families we will continue our series of informal meetings called, "Coffee with the Principal." Our next "Coffee" date will be on Friday, January 13th from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Cookies will also be served. I have invited Anna Nelson and Carrie Nord who are the co-leaders of our Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Committee. Please drop by if you are interested and available.

On Tuesday, December 20th we plan to have our annual tradition of Mrs. Frank's alter-ego "Mrs. Hamburger" leading several games of Bingo for all students in the school. I hope that you all have a wonderful winter break starting on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. School resumes on Wednesday, January 4th. I hope that there is snow to enjoy without the bitter cold. I also hope that you spend time enjoying your family and friends.

Warmest Wishes,
Kari Page, Principal
kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Important Phone Numbers:
Wilshire Park School Office: 612.706.1200
Wilshire Park Attendance Line: 612.706.1204
MN Central Bus Company: 651.633.0300 or 651.430.3311

What Our Students are Learning:

From Reading Specialist, Mrs. Shaw:

Mrs. Shaw's Ready Readers and Book Club Kids have been practicing their sight words and sound cards every day as well as getting to read "Danny The Dog" books which everyone loves! Lots of progress is being made by everyone, so keep up the good work and read lots of books over our Winter Break!

From Media Specialist, Mrs. Kirkeide:

- In library this month the Kindergarteners are about the author and illustrator Eric Carle.
 - In first grade we are learning about and reading folktales from around the world. They have especially enjoyed the books by Gerald McDermot. They are also learning about the Caldecott Award for illustration.
 - In second grade we are learning about choosing a book that is at just the right reading level, and are reading a "Nate the Great" mystery by Marjorie Sharmat. We also read a true story called "Dewey, There is a Cat in the Library".
 - Third graders are learning that non-fiction books are arranged in the library in Dewey Decimal order.
 - Fourth graders are being introduced to the Newbery Award for children's literature.
 - In fifth grade, Mrs. Eastman's and Mrs. Frank's student are learning about finding information for their Biome research projects in online databases. We are using the elementary resources at Electronic Library Minnesota. The link is www.elm4you.org
The other fifth grade classes have not started their Biome research yet. They are learning how to access Homework Help at the Hennepin County Library. The link is www.hclib.org/kids/homework
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Thank You:

- Thank you to Julie Pierce, Grace Jones' mom, for coordinating a very successful food drive for Second Harvest. The food drive brings a service learning component to our school that is very valuable for students and families.
- Thank you to Melissa Nelson who coordinated meals for teachers on November conference nights. Thanks also to the area restaurants: Sarna's, Barley John's, and Chow Girls for their donations and to the families who set up, cleaned up and provided delicious snacks and desserts. A nice dinner is sincerely appreciated by those who work the long conference days.
- Thank you to another family (who wishes to remain anonymous) for their recent donation to a fund at Wilshire Park that provides assistance to students for milk, occasional school lunch subsidies, needed supplies or warm clothing.
- Much thanks to the St. Anthony Lions for dropping off a large donation of new hats, mittens and gloves for students who may come to school unprepared for the cold weather!
- Several parents donate to Wilshire Park on an ongoing basis through their employers' matching grant programs through the Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign. As donations are received, they are directed to our general supplies budget to help provide the materials our students and teachers need for competency in literacy, math, science and the arts.
- Thank you to Ryan and Mary Przybilla, parents of Erin and Meghan, who made a donation towards our STEM program. Ryan's employer will match the donation!

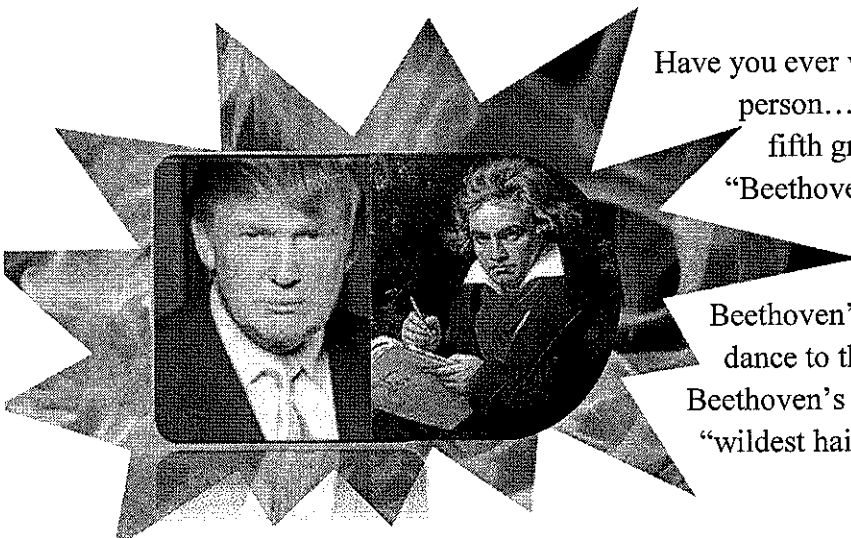


Events:

Wilshire Park Fourth and Fifth Graders Present . . .

BEETHOVEN'S APPRENTICE

Vocal Music Concert on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m.
St. Anthony High School Auditorium
3303 33rd Ave. NE



Have you ever wanted to see a reality show in person...like The Apprentice? Join the fourth and fifth graders on Thursday, January 5 for "Beethoven's Apprentice". The concert begins at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This reality show features Donald Trump and Beethoven's greatest hits. Students will sing and dance to the music as the contestants try to become Beethoven's apprentice. We'll see who wins the "wildest hairstyle" competition-Beethoven or Trump?

On the evening of the concert, please bring your child to their assigned room at the High School/Middle School at 6:45 p.m. (Additional information will be sent home with fourth and fifth graders). The students will wait with their class until they are scheduled to perform. Students should be picked up at their assigned room at the conclusion of the concert.

We do ask that you remain for the entire concert (about 1 hour) as it is disruptive to the performers and the audience when people get up and leave during the performance. Thank you for your cooperation.

Matinee Performance: The matinee performance will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 5th in the Wilshire Park Gym. Wilshire Park students will have this opportunity to enjoy the concert at this performance.

**Wilshire Park Family Night - Rich Wieber's Bicycle Stunt Show:
Thursday, January 12th from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Gym
(Rescheduled Show from November 3rd)**

Rich Wieber uses his bicycle and message to present a high energy and fast-paced program that will inspire students to live out their dreams. His rock solid message is designed to educate, empower, motivate and inspire students.

This 45 minute program will cover these topics:

- Determination
- Goal Achievement
- Peer Pressure
- Perseverance

Please email Helen at hsiggelkow@stanthony.k12.mn.us by Monday, December 19th to register for this free activity. Thank you to the Wilshire Park Parents Association for generously providing funding.

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Coffee with the Principal:

Friday, January 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room



Parents are invited to coffee, juice and cookies with Principal Kari Page. Our topic this month will be PBIS: Positive Behavior Intervention Supports. Anna Nelson and Carrie Nord who are the co-leaders of PBIS will provide information about the program and give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. No reservations are needed; please come if your schedule allows!

Announcements:

Art Adventures Volunteers Needed

We are still in need of a few more volunteers for the Art Adventures Program. The Art Adventures Program is a picture presentation program sponsored by the Minneapolis Institute of

Art (MIA). This year's theme will be "*Let's Celebrate Life!*" No art experience is needed to be a volunteer, and training will be provided.

Volunteers will work with the teacher to determine the time and date of class meetings in the months of February and March. This has been a really fun program that allows you to work with your child's classroom – and learn a little yourself. Volunteers are needed now! Please e-mail me for more information or to volunteer.

Kurt Adolfson
adol0002@comcast.net
763-789-9091

Superintendent Search Update

The School Board of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District has begun its search for a new superintendent. The Board hired School Exec Connect to assist in the search process and is seeking community input to help determine the characteristics and skills they would like to see in a new superintendent. The following are the dates/events for the Superintendent Search Process. We will update you as we proceed.

December 8	Develop 'New Superintendent Profile'
November through January	Recruit candidates
January 23	Five to six candidates presented to Board
January 25-26	First Board Interviews (5:00, 6:15, 7:30 each evening)
January 26	Board narrows choice to two or three candidates
January 31-February 2	All-day interview process
February 2	Board narrows choice to one

New Year's Resolution: Be @ School!

Our school district is participating in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office Education Neglect/Truancy be@school Program. We are working to reduce the number of students who arrive at school late.

Mrs. Page will be in the office at the start of the school day following winter break to remind tardy students and their parents about the importance of being to school on time. All families need to understand the importance of bringing their child to school on time because of the distraction late arriving students can cause. If your child has an appointment, please bring a note from the doctor, dentist or orthodontist. Let's practice some good habits starting now!

Three unexcused tardies count as one full day unexcused absence. Parents will be contacted by Intervention Specialist, Anna Nelson, to work with them to get their child to school on time. After 5 unexcused tardies, morning detention (8:00-9:00 a.m.) will be scheduled.

Kindergarten Registration & Open Enrollment for 2012-13 School Year

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012 and live in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District? Please e-mail cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us or call the school office at 612.706.1200 to be added to our kindergarten mailing list for the 2012-13 school year. Please contact us even if you think we already know about your child!

If you or someone you know is considering open enrollment for the 2012-13 school year, please go to the district website for information and to apply online: www.stanthony.k12.mn.us and click on "Open Enrollment". To be considered for the first round of openings, you must apply for open enrollment by Sunday, January 15, 2012. Any new student wishing to enroll through open enrollment (even those with siblings attending Wilshire Park) must have completed the online open enrollment form. Each child within the family must have their own open enrollment form on file. (If you currently have a child attending Wilshire Park, you do not need to re-register that child for open enrollment). We are anticipating a limited number of openings for next year.

If you are considering open-enrolling your kindergarten through fifth grade child at Wilshire Park for next school year and would like to visit our school, please call the Wilshire Park office to sign up for one of our monthly tours.

Bus Company Information

MN Central School Bus is the company contracted for our student transportation. Occasionally delays in student pickup or drop-off may occur for a variety of reasons. Our office staff is always available to assist during office hours but please note our office does close at 4:00 p.m. Please make your first call to the bus company at: 651.633.0300 or 651.430.3311. Transportation phone numbers are also listed on the home page of the Wilshire Park website.

Wear School Colors on Fridays

Students and staff are encouraged to wear school colors on Fridays (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.). Our school colors are royal blue and white. Our school mascot is the panda.



PANDA PRIDE!

From the Nurse:

Vision Screening Update and Winter Reminders

Vision rescreening at Wilshire Park was completed on December 2nd. Over the next two weeks referral forms will be mailed out for students who did not pass the school screening. If you do not receive a referral you can be assured that your child passed the school screening. If you receive a referral for your child and are unable to pay for an eye exam or eye glasses, please contact me. St. Anthony Lion's Club has grant money available to cover these costs for persons in need. When you take your child to the eye doctor please make sure to bring the referral letter along for the doctor to complete and then return it to school. If you have any questions about your child's referral please call the Health Office at 612-706-1205.

Winter weather has arrived! We will go outside for recess as long as the wind chill and air temperature are over -10 degrees. Please make sure you send your child with appropriate winter clothing. Winter coats, hats, gloves or mittens, boots, and snow pants are needed every day. We have a limited supply of these items in the Health Office for students who forget them. A doctor's note is required to stay in from recess.

Flu season is coming. It is not too late to get a flu shot or flu-mist for your child. Check with your child's doctor or visit the MN Dept. of Health website for flu clinics in our area and for flu information: www.health.state.mn.us. Flu vaccination is recommended for all children over six months of age. Children with chronic conditions such as asthma are at increased risk of complications from influenza. The most common complication is pneumonia.

Lori Watzl-King, RN LSN
612-706-1205
lwatzl-king@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Take Note:

After School Change in Plans

We understand that after-school plans for your child may change occasionally. Please send a note with your child or email the teacher, when possible. On those occasions when plans change during the school day, please call the school office as early as you can. Many times, the office staff is inundated with calls and visitors at the end of the day. Some grades have late-afternoon recess which makes it challenging to deliver a message to your child.

Yoplait and Dannon Yogurt: Cups of Hope

- Mrs. Burba will collect your Yoplait yogurt lids to support breast cancer. Please bring rinsed lids to the school office.
- Also, give hope with every cup of Dannon Yogurt. Look for the lids with the pink Breast Cancer Ribbon, on the back of the lid there is a code on the back of the lid with instructions to go online to www.cupsofhope.com, Dannon will donate up to \$1.5 M to Breast Cancer Research. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, please go online to be informed and put your health first. Thank you for caring by helping all mothers, daughters, sisters and friends find a cure to a disease that affects us all.

Money Sent to School with Your Child

When sending money to school with your child, please mark the check or envelope clearly with your child's first and LAST name, teacher's name and why the money is being sent (lunch money, field trip, book order, All Day Kdgn. tuition, etc.). If paying on your child's lunch account, please include your child's Lunch PIN number.

Lost and Found:

The Lost and Found area inside Door #3 has many, many lost sweatshirts and other items waiting to be found. Next time you are at school, please stop by and look for items your child may have left behind at school. A friendly reminder: If you mark your child's clothing, jackets, snowpants, boots, etc. with their name, we will do our best to return your child's items to them. Lost and Found items will be donated to charity during Winter Break.

If Your Child is Absent or will be arriving late. . .

Please call the attendance line at 612.706.1204. Please call before 9:05 a.m. (Afternoon kindergarten, please call before 12:50 p.m.) You may leave a message 24 hours a day.

After School Child Care

Please remember to notify your child care provider if your child is ill or you pick up your child from school. Sometimes we receive calls from Kids' Connection, Nativity, etc. after school

looking for children. Save all of us some anxious moments! We want to know that our children are safe.

Bus Stops

Please be aware that if a bus stop goes unused for a period of 10 days, that stop may be inactivated by our bus company, Minnesota Central Transportation. Please contact our Transportation Director, Todd Niklaus at tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us or 612.706.1117 if you need assistance with your child's bus route.

Flyers

Non-school-related flyers are not sent home with students but will be made available to parents in the school office. Parents may also call the school office to request that a flyer be sent home.

Flyers currently available in the school office:

- **Piano Lessons** by Michelle Carpenter, a Wilshire Park mom: Individualized instruction – ½ hour lessons in my St. Anthony home. 20 years experience working with children of all abilities. Please e-mail: michellelynn Carpenter@gmail.com or phone: 612.788.4679.
- **St. Anthony Cub Scout Pack 153** would like you to consider scouting! It's not too late to join. A flyer is available in the school office or contact Cubmaster Michael Garrett at garrett2600@comcast.net or call 612.298.2962.

Community News:

Upcoming Concerts:

- Monday, December 12: Concert Choir and Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. High School Auditorium
- Thursday, December 15: High School Chamber Choir, Concert and Jazz Bands, 7:00 p.m. High School Auditorium

Holiday Babysitting Fundraiser

Saturday, December 10th, 2011

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Please help support the middle school dance team:

THE HUSKETTES

Your children are welcome to join the Huskettes for an afternoon of CRAFTS, MOVIES, GAMES AND MORE IN THE HIGH SCHOOL GYM!

Children who are potty trained through 5th grade are welcome to come.

Drop off location will be the MS/HS Commons area.

The cost is \$25 per child, which includes an afternoon of fun and a snack.

Get your holiday shopping done while your children have a blast with the Huskettes!

If you have any questions or are interested in participating please RSVP to Jessica Virant at

jvirant@stanthony.k12.mn.us

Barnes & Noble Book Fair – Saturday, December 10th

Join us at the Barnes & Noble bookstore at HarMar Mall in Roseville on Saturday, December 10, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The St. Anthony Band Boosters are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit district wide band programs. The SAVHS Jazz Band will be performing. Please present the attached voucher when making your purchase, or visit www.BN.com/bookfairs to purchase online from December 10-15, 2011 by entering Bookfair ID 10616258 at online checkout. Thanks for your support!

MN Council for the Gifted and Talented (MCGT) - St. Anthony Parent Group Tuesday, December 13th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. New Location: St. Anthony Community Center, Room CS 19 – Activity Room 3301 Silver Lake Road

The December meeting of the **MCGT St. Anthony Parent Group** is coming up. The details are below. The purpose of our Parent Group is to support parents of gifted learners in this community. Over the years, we've discovered that our own gifted learners had special needs. This is a chance to come together to talk about these issues, share information and experiences, and connect with a group of parents who have "been there" and "done that".

Each month, in addition to the open forum, we will try to address a specific topic of interest. Our December topic will be on "The importance of mentor or peer groups for the gifted child" issues. Please join us. Check out **MCGT** at their website (www.MCGT.net) or contact us at stanthony@mcgt.net with questions. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month.

[Disclaimer: This is a parent-created, parent-lead, "booster" type of organization that is separate from the gifted and talented education opportunities currently available in the schools. We do not identify or classify gifted and talented students. We are solely available to assist parents who feel their child/children has/have gifted and talented issues in the arts and music, social studies, humanities, and science and math areas. Our open door policy is in keeping with the mission statement of MCGT. There is no admission test for these meetings. All are welcomed to check us out. Future posts will be through "Words from Wilshire" and the daily announcements for the Middle and High Schools.]

Car Seat Clinic Friday, December 16th in St. Anthony Reservations Required

St. Anthony families can **make an appointment** for a free car seat clinic on Friday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. to be held at the St. Anthony Fire Department. In Minnesota, three out of four child seats are used incorrectly and many parents aren't aware of the updated restraint steps a child should progress through as they age and grow. A vehicle is the most dangerous place for children—and crashes are the leading killer of children under age 14.

A certified Child Passenger Safety Technician will:

- Conduct a 30 minute, 20 point inspection for *each car seat*. You will need to make a 30-minute appointment for each car seat.
- Teach you about how to use the seat correctly
- Check for recalls and much more

Sign up for a free car seat inspection on Dec 16th, *appointments are required.*

To make an appointment, email Julie Philbrook at Julie.Philbrook@hmed.org or call (612) 873-8500.

Did you know...

Even parents who have used car seats for years are shocked when they find out they have been making several errors, some very serious.

Most Common Child Passenger Safety Mistakes

- Turning a child from a rear-facing restraint to a forward-facing restraint too soon. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) now recommends keeping children rear-facing until 2 years old or longer, children as 20% safer facing the rear.
- Restraint is not secured tight enough — it should not shift more than one inch side-to-side or out from the seat. Do you know where to tug on the seat to check for tightness (it is different depending on the orientation of the seat in the car)
- Harness on the child is not tight enough — a loose harness can lead to injury or even ejection from the vehicle in a crash
- Which harness slots should be used when rear or forward facing (using the wrong slot can lead to failure of the seat to restrain the child in a crash)
- The new LATCH system is often misused- it should not be used with a seat belt and they have a weight limit If you child if over 40 pounds should you be using the lower anchors? Are you using the LATCH in the middle position of the back seat, is this allowed?
- How long should you use a seat? Do they expire?
- Has your seat been in a crash? Is it safe to use?

Give Kids a Boost! Booster Seats Are the Law in Minnesota

Learn about Minnesota's child passenger safety law, which requires a child who is both under age 8 and shorter than 4 feet 9 inches to be fastened in a child safety seat or booster. While the law sets a minimum standard, when should your child transition to the next step?

**The St. Anthony Baseball Association
With Dan Kaczrowski
Winter Baseball Clinic: December 27-29
at St. Anthony High School Gym**

Dust off the baseball gloves and come receive professional and collegiate baseball instruction to prepare for the upcoming baseball season. Grades 2-4: \$40, Grades 5-7: \$80, Grades 8-12: \$100 (\$10 late fee after Dec. 15th). Any questions, please contact Dan at dkaczrowski@gmail.com
Click on link at bottom of page for flyer.

**Panther Youth Wrestling Club
Winter 2011
Tuesdays and Thursdays from Nov. 29-March 8 from 6:30-7:45 p.m.
Early Bird Fee: \$70 (After Nov. 21: \$80)**

Instruction provided by energetic and skilled coaches and varsity wrestlers. Participants will have an opportunity to greet an opponent with a varsity wrestler during a home SLP/STA High

School match. Register at springlakeparkschool.org/ce or 763.786.1338. Click on link at bottom of page for flyer.

St. Anthony Community Theater presents Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol"

Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m.

St. Anthony High School Auditorium, 3303 33rd Ave. NE, St. Anthony

On Christmas Eve, an old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the spirit of his former partner, Jacob Marley. The deceased partner was, in his lifetime, as mean and miserly as Scrooge is now and he wants him to change his ways or face the consequences in the afterlife. Scrooge dismisses the apparition but the first of the three ghosts, the Ghost of Christmas Past, visits as promised. Scrooge sees those events in his past life, both happy and sad, that forged his character. The second spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Present, shows him how many currently celebrate Christmas. The Ghost of Christmas Future shows him how he will be remembered once he is gone. To his delight, the spirits complete their visits in one night giving him the opportunity to mend his ways.

Ticket Information:

\$8 regular/\$6 students and seniors. All seats are General Admission. Tickets will be available at the door (no advance sales).

Please contact us if you have any questions via our website:

<http://sactheater.org/org>

ST ANTHONY VILLAGE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DECEMBER LUNCHEON NOTICE

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

12:00 P.M. – Lunch

12:30 P.M. – Performance by Wilshire Park Chamber Singers

LOCATION: Chandler Place Assisted Living, 3701 Chandler Drive, St. Anthony Village

PRICE: \$10.00

Join the St. Anthony Area Chamber of Commerce for a delicious holiday lunch and take in the sounds of the season as we listen to Ms. Smyth's Wilshire Park Choir perform.

PLEASE RSVP BY NOON OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011

Kelly Salseg

Email: info@saintanthonychamber.org

Phone: 612-782-8786

Question of the Week:



Question: How can I check my child's grades and attendance records?

Answer: Online grades are available for parents to check their student's progress by going to the school website: <http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/WP/> Click on "Student Progress Report" on the left hand side of the page. Your user name is your last name in lower case letters. Many families made up a password and submitted it to the school office. If you need to set a password or can't remember the password you chose, please e-mail hsiggelkow@stanthony.k12.mn.us or call the office at 612.706.1200. At this time, you will be able to see your child's progress for quarters one and two.

Calendar: Looking Ahead!

- **Wednesday, December 14:**
 - 11:45-1:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Chamber Singers to Culvers for Kiwanis Meeting
- **Thursday, December 15:**
 - 9:30-12:50 p.m. – 4th Grade Field Trip to Children's Theatre, "Wizard of Oz"
- **Friday, December 16:**
 - Gift Card Delivery for those that ordered in November.
- **Tuesday, December 20:**
 - 12:30 p.m. – 5th Grade Chamber Choir sings at Chandler Place/St. Anthony Chamber of Commerce
 - 7:00 p.m. — ~~School Board Meeting~~ – CANCELLED!
- **Wednesday, December 20-Tuesday, January 3**
 - **Winter Break – No School**
- **Wednesday, January 4:**
 - School Resumes
- **Thursday, January 5:**
 - 9:15 a.m. - 4th/5th Grade Concert Rehearsal "**Beethoven's Apprentice**" at Wilshire Park Gym
 - 7:00 p.m. – 4th/5th Grade Concert "**Beethoven's Apprentice**" at High School Auditorium (4th and 5th Graders arrive at their assigned rooms at the high school by 6:45 p.m.)
- **Friday, January 6:**
 - 1:30 p.m. – Open Enrollment Tour of Wilshire Park (Please call office to sign up).
- **Monday, January 9:**
 - 7:00 p.m. WPPA Meeting - Staff Lounge
 - 7:00 p.m. – School Board Meeting – St. Anthony City Hall Council Chambers
- **Wednesday, January 10:**
 - 7:50-8:45 a.m. - K-Kids Meeting, Cafeteria
- **Thursday, January 12:**
 - 6:30-7:15 p.m. – Bicycle Stunt Show – Wilshire Park Gym
- **Friday, January 13:**
 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Coffee With the Principal in MPR - Topic: PBIS
- **Monday, January 16:**
 - **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School**

Words From Wilshire is published twice each month on the second and fourth Friday of the month. (Exceptions: 3rd and 5th Fridays in September; One issue in November on November 10; One issue in December on December 9 and one issue in March on March 9th). Deadline for articles to be printed in Words From Wilshire is noon on Tuesday before publication. Editor: Cindy Ridge: cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us

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Dear Families,

It seems surreal to be wrapping up another year! It has been an exciting one at Wilshire Park. Thank you to all who helped foster generous giving to the Second Harvest Heartland annual Food Drive. I am proud to let you know that we brought in 2,806 pounds of food and \$607 for families in need. Our total donation will feed a family of four, three meals a day, for an entire year. Wow!

We also want to thank Katie Gillard and Margarey Zweifelhofer for so graciously organizing this year's Movie & Bingo night. A great time was had by all!! If you haven't been to this event for a couple of years, try it next year, it's a little new and different and we won't disappoint you!

Warmest Winter Wishes,

Julie Pierce
President, WPPA
jlpiercemn@comcast.net

Highlights:

Conference Meals: Thank you, Melissa Nelson for coordinating the conference meals so effortlessly! Thank you to Sarna's Grill and Barley John's for donating conference meals. We also want to thank Chow Girls catering for feeding our fabulous teachers for a 'deal!' All was appreciated!

Thank you to all the families that helped provide desserts or cleaned up: Tessie & Dave Rodkewich, Renee Wicklund, Chris Fuller, Deb Martinez, Ray Rodgers, Sue Pawlyshyn, Anna Carlson, Kathy Klemm, Alison Gibb, Teri Anderson, Korrie Johnson, Andie Scamehorn, Nena Morel, Tara Halverson, Meredith Peterson, Chris Fuller & Tami Felling.

Second Harvest Heartland Food Drive: Thank you to all the amazing students and families of Wilshire Park!! Together we brought in 2,806 pounds of food and \$607 for Second Harvest. Mrs. Tronsgard's 2nd grade class brought in the most items with 280 total. On Monday, November 21st: after waiting so patiently, they helped load the truck. Thank you all for another amazing food drive. Hope you saw our local press in last week's Bulletin!

Movie & Bingo Night: Thank you to our event chairs Katie Gillard and Margarey Zweifelhofer for making the night so much fun. This year we invested a little money in the production quality – hoping you all noticed a difference in sound and screen. The teacher raffles were a huge hit as always, bringing in \$587 for WPPA!! *Thank you teachers and staff who donated their time and resources to make this happen.* Bingo was another success on Movie Night raising \$240 for WPPA.

Thank you to all our volunteers who made it happen: Kari Page, Cindy Ridge, Helen Siggelkow, Nancy Burns, Matt Lundgren, Carrie Kram, Jen Smith-Otte, Jennifer Van Buren, Connie, Rick, Brianna & Ella Bergquist, Kirsten Stendahl, Jen Rosha, Tessie Rodkewich, Mary Gutierrez, Bertha Arias, Marcy Westrick, Hariharan Gopalarathnam, Nena Morel, Angela & Michael Garrett, Mike Nozawa, Penny & Todd McDonough, Barb Mathieu, Parisa Salehi, Jenny Kocinski, Marianne Richmond, Scott McCleary, Angie Karlson, Jessica Keating, Michelle Carpenter, Scott Springman, Tom Brama, Andy Smith, Trent Nelson, Kim Hindbjorgen, Lisa Hammer, Dave Isaacson, Barbara Johnson, Nena Morel, Lee Zweifelhofer, Jean Lynch, Ray & Johnna Rodgers, Melissa Hanson, Pam Metcalf, Shiela Grand & Robert Jones. *A special thank you to those who were not on a list but were kind enough to stay and help clean up!!*

Upcoming:

Fun Fest: Mark your calendars for Friday, February 3rd. Fun Fest is Wilshire Park's answer to the winter blues. Enjoy games, bouncers, food, prizes and more!! It's a favorite among students and a long standing tradition at WP. Fun Fest takes more than 200 volunteers to make it happen, so we will need your help. This event is a community enrichment event and a great way to meet other families. Please consider volunteering; sign-up sheets will go home in January.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are in need of someone to oversee the Tyson A+ save & send project and Fall Festival. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Julie Pierce (president@wilshireparents.org).

Stay in the Loop: There are a few ways to stay on top of what WPPA has going on. You can find us at wilshireparents.org or wppa.blogspot.com and of course you can 'like' us on Facebook. We love your feedback!!

Raffle Winners!

1. Principal Page & Staff; Kickball. Congrats Cole & Kathryn Halstead
2. Truso; lunch. Congrats Maeve Hanson
3. Tischer; teacher's desk. Congrats Luke Johnson
4. Tischer; Packer's jersey. Congrats Johnna Rodgers
5. Terry; lunch. Congrats Abby Lulai
6. Beall; craft. Congrats Grace Jones
7. Kiehne; teacher for day. Congrats Adeline Lundgren
8. Kiehne; lunch & dessert. Congrats Anna Rosha
9. Jarmulowicz; craft. Congrats Hannah Gallati and Lauren Metcalf
10. Allison; lunch & hoops. Congrats Emilie Nogosek
11. Smyth; video. Congrats Signe Johnson
12. Hamilton; lunch. Congrats Kenji Asai
13. 2nd Grade Team; lunch. Congrats Millie Grand, Hunter Karlson, Art Duncan, Abby Lulai & Betty Arias
14. Arnfelt; tennis lesson. Congrats Erin Przybilla, Rachel Carter, Kampe Hunter, Anna Rosha & Jessie Haman
15. Whisler, Johnson & Kessler; breakfast. Congrats Grace Lulai, Parsa Talaie & Anna Isaacson
16. Boatman; craft. Congrats Brian Quimby
17. Eastman & Frank; lunch. Congrats Jillian Mathieu & Emma Gerges
18. Extra Recess. Congrats Teagan Rodkewich, Beck Friebe & Jamison Williams
19. Name in Lights. Congrats Emily Philbrook
20. Hodson, Truso, Tischer & Henry; singing telegram. Congrats Grace Johes
21. Frudden; art studio time. Congrats Cole & Kathryn Halstead
22. Kopesky & Huninghake; lunch. Congrats Sarah Jonas & Tori Tholkes
23. Smyth; concert tickets. Congrats 2nd & 3rd grade winner, Monique Walkter; 4th & 5th grade winner, Ryan B. and 1st grade winner, Joanscott Hunter
24. Burba; craft. Congrats Liv Hansen
25. Gabatino; helper. Congrats Noah Herlofsky

Special Teacher Raffle Winners

1. Congratulations Mr. Truso for winning the \$150 Marriott gift card. The lucky ticket was purchased by Grace Jones.
2. Congratulations Mrs. Cobian for winning the Studio 411 gift card valued at \$180! The lucky ticket was purchased by Phillip Kram.
3. Congratulations to Mrs. Nord for winning the singing telegram from WPPA.

Kacz's Bio

- 2005 graduate of Saint Anthony H.S.
 - 2 time All-Conference.
 - Current record holder for highest batting average in a season.
- 2009 graduate of Hamline University
 - 2 Time All American.
 - Current record holder for most hits in a season.
 - '08 MIAC MVP.
 - '09 Preseason D3 Player of the Year.
- Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 26th round of the 2009 MLB Player Draft
- Currently playing for the Arizona Diamondbacks AA affiliate, the Mobile Bay Bears.
 - Current record holder for most pinch hits in a season.

Clinic Outline:

2-4th Grade (Session 1):

Campers will be taught the basic fundamentals of hitting, throwing, and fielding.

5-7th Grade (Session 2):

Campers will build off of and advance fundamentals of hitting, throwing, fielding.

8-12th Grade (Session 3):

Campers will focus on advanced techniques of hitting, throwing, and fielding.

Small camper to instructor ratio!

The St. Anthony
Baseball Association
Dan Kaczowski
Winter Baseball Clinic



**December 27-29
2011**

**Sessions available
for grades 2 - 12!**

Dates:
December 27-29, 2011

Location:
St. Anthony Village High
School Gymnasiums

Session 1:

Grades 2-4
10:00-11:20 am
Cost: \$40

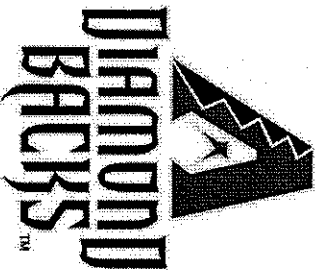
Session 2:

Grades 5-7
11:30-1:30 pm
Cost: \$80

Session 3:

Grades 8-12
2:00-3:45 pm
Cost: \$100

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Any questions or concerns, please email Dan at dkaczrowski@gmail.com

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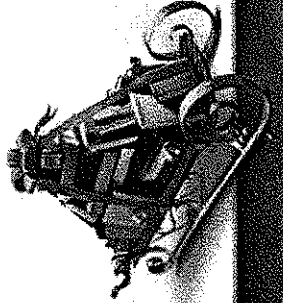
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