

# VIKING VOICE EXPRESS

## Drug and Alcohol Prevention News

The American Drug and Alcohol Survey will be administered to students in grades 6 and 8 on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, during an extended homeroom period. The survey is being sponsored by the Bernards Township Municipal Alliance as part of the guidelines of the Building YOUth through Developing Assets Grant ([www.bernardshealth.org](http://www.bernardshealth.org)). The Municipal Alliance is dedicated to the prevention of alcohol and drug abuse by the youth in our community and works closely with the school in this regard. Their public education campaign "It's 21 for a Reason" can be viewed on the website [www.bernardsalliance.org](http://www.bernardsalliance.org).

Please note that written permission is now required for students to participate in surveys. You will be receiving a letter of explanation as well as a permission form in the mail from the Municipal Alliance by the second week in January. Please sign and return the form whether or not you would like your child to participate. Forms should be returned to your child's home room teacher by Friday, January 21.

You may contact Dr. Barbara Bush, the Student Assistance Counselor, if you have any questions [bbush@bernardsboe.com](mailto:bbush@bernardsboe.com).

## CALENDAR

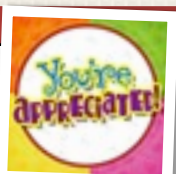
For full calendar go to [www.williamanninto.com](http://www.williamanninto.com)

### DECEMBER

- 20 BOE Meeting / 7:00 pm  
WAMS Auditorium
- 23 EARLY DISMISSAL - 12:15 pm
- 24 WINTER HOLIDAY RECESS/  
SCHOOL CLOSED UNTIL  
MONDAY, 1/3/11

### JANUARY

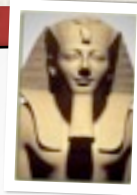
- 3 School Reopens
- 6 Ridge Academic Planning  
Presentation to 8th Graders and  
Parents/7:00 pm /RHS-PAC
- 10 BOE Meeting/7:00 pm/WAMS  
auditorium
- 12 General PTO Meeting #3 /9:15 am  
WAMS Auditorium
- 13 WAMS Choral Concert / 7:00 pm  
Auditorium
- 19 PAC Meeting/ 9:00 am/  
Small Cafeteria Annex
- 24 BOE Meeting/7:00 pm/WAMS  
auditorium
- 27 3rd Elective Cycle Ends/  
2nd Marking Period Ends
- 28 Talent Show/7:00-9:00 pm



MANY THANKS GO OUT to the Chairs and Committee Members of the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday. Virginia Thampoe, Viloo Rudina, and Julie Keating thanks for all your great efforts.



THANK YOU to those who offered to bring holiday treats to the Winter dance.



A BIG THANKS goes out to Mason Hoeller for arranging the Cultural Arts Performance about Egypt for the 6th graders.

## Holiday Gift Ideas!

**Give your child the gift of bilingualism**--what better way to prepare them for today's global society! It all starts with excitement about the world language class your child is currently taking.

From the Annin World Language Department ~

1. Speak to your child in the target language. (Buongiorno! Bonjour! Konichiwa! Salve! Hola!)
2. Have a "theme night" family dinner! (Sushi, ratatouille, crepes, tacos, spaghetti, anyone?)
3. View the evening news/television programs in the language. (TV5, RAI, Univision, TV Japan)
4. Visit the links on the teacher's websites.
5. Visit cultural sites / events such as museums, plays, concerts and demonstrations of traditional culture. Many museums also have "virtual visits" online.
6. Read books or watch movies your child is familiar with in the target language. (Ratatouille, Ponyo on the Cliff by the Sea, Spartacus, Disney's Hercules, La Vita e' Bella)
7. Label your home in your child's language.
8. Listen to radio/view YouTube music together. (Radio Finland broadcasts the news in Latin and French...who knew?)
9. Watch the Travel Channel or Food Network with shows about your child's language. Make some of the foods you see together as a family!
10. Check out some dictionaries, movies, books in the target language from the town library.



### Here it comes....

In an effort to be proactive to fill **PTO Board positions** for the 2011-2012 school year, we are going to start posting them now. Please give any position you may be interested in serious consideration. Serving is a way to get to know WAMS in an enlightened way. Middle school children are trying to find their own identity, and this is a back door way to stay involved.

- **Web Master** – no meetings required. Post and maintain information on the PTO web site. Training available. It is easier than you think! One position available immediately – continue to 2011-2012 school year. One position for 2 year term starting in July 2011.
- **Secretary** – 2 meetings a month. General PTO meeting and PTO Board meeting (Parent Action Committee Optional). Organize all volunteer committees and serve as liaison for committee chair questions. Write and distribute PTO Board minutes each month. 2 year term.
- **Treasurer** - 2 meetings a month. General PTO meeting and PTO Board meeting (Parent Action Committee Optional). Maintain PTO Budget/ checkbook. 2 year term.
- **VP of Fundraising** - 2 meetings a month. General PTO meeting and PTO Board meeting (Parent Action Committee Optional). Organize and administer voted upon fund raising efforts for the school year. 2 year term.
- **Co-President** - 3 meetings a month. General PTO meeting and PTO Board meeting (Parent Action Committee Optional), and Superintendent's Advisory Board. Oversee general operations and committees. Lead general meetings and be a liaison to WAMS Administration. 2 year term.

Please email interest or questions to Donna Wilson, Co-President [def2dew@yahoo.com](mailto:def2dew@yahoo.com). We can't help our kids without YOUR involvement!



### Recently your PTO dollars went to:

- Fund the 7th Grade Authors Day lunch
- Dr. Mike Bradley presentation
- 6th Grade Character Education Assembly
- Student Agendas
- Prizes for the hand washing contest
- White boards for language classes
- Hospitality costs for 8th Grade Youth Summit
- PTO meeting snacks
- Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Do you have old printer cartridges? WAMS PTO is collecting them in an effort to recycle and make some additional funds. Please bring depleted ink cartridges to the main office for recycling!