

Good Afternoon Parents,

Last week during our early release day our students were separated by gender and listened to gender specific speakers. The boys heard Dr. Adam Levin who spoke to them about growing up, taking responsibility for oneself, and how to be an "upstander" when witnessing bullying. His presentation hit on many serious issues for boys as they develop into men. Mary Waldon spoke to our girls about the qualities of a good friend. She allowed the girls time to speak to the group and provide their personal experiences. Again, this was important information as our girls transition to adulthood. On February 2nd these professionals held parent groups on raising healthy boys and girls. This was an informational session that allowed parents time to ask questions and learn from each other. The important thing to remember when it comes to these assemblies and presentations that this is only a starting point for our kids. It is important to have discussions at home that are productive and address these important issues. It is this home/school partnership that allows our kids to be successful.

Have a great (Superbowl) weekend,
Dave

Helping Hands for Haiti is a District 39 effort to raise funds for the people of the earthquake-stricken country of Haiti. We are excited at WJHS to be raising funds next week during our lunch periods. All proceeds from events next week will be added to the District 39 Haiti fund and eventually will be sent to the American Red Cross to help with Haitian relief efforts.

Our schedule of events is as follows:

MONDAY (2/8): Hot chocolate (sponsored by the PTO) - \$1.00

TUESDAY (2/9): Chocolate covered pretzels (sponsored by Kim & Scott's Gourmet Pretzels) - \$1.00

WEDNESDAY (2/10): Scoops of Homer's ice cream - \$1.00

THURSDAY (2/11): Girl Scout Bake Sale - \$.50

FRIDAY (2/12): Bring a bag lunch and donate your lunch to the Haiti fund. Students will be encouraged to pack a lunch and donate the money that they would normally spend on a lunch (\$3.00) to the Haiti fund. If a student wants to buy a lunch AND wants to donate to the Haiti fund, this is possible. Students who are deficient in their lunch accounts, have an a la carte block or have a spending cap on their accounts will not be permitted to donate.

We encourage you to have a discussion with your family regarding your child's participation in these events, and we look forward to working together to support the relief efforts in Haiti.

Report Cards - Please remember that second quarter report cards (eReport) will be sent home via email on February 8th. Hard copy report cards will not be sent home this quarter. Based on the feedback we received from the 200 parents that responded to our email there was overwhelming support for the eReport. If you would like a hard copy printed out from the school, please stop in (or have your child stop in) to the school office.

39 vs 37 Staff Basketball Game - Please encourage your child to attend our first annual Staff (39) vs Staff (37) basketball game. The Wolves of Wilmette Junior High will take on the Vikings of Marie Murphy. The game will be on Friday March 5th from 3:30 to 5:30 at Marie Murphy School in Wilmette. Students will be able to access a shuttle bus to the event. You should make plans to pick up your child at Marie Murphy School. Tickets will be sold for \$5 in advance during lunch periods. In addition to watching our staff trounce Marie Murphy's teachers, students can expect halftime entertainment, raffles, and concessions. Proceeds will benefit the Juan Orduno Memorial Fund, The American Red Cross, and the NT Township Food Pantry.

Orduno Memorial Fund - The outpouring of support for the Orduno family has been overwhelming. If you haven't contributed and would like to, please access our school website or drop off a donation to any North Shore Community Bank branch. Thank you so much for your support of this needy family.

Yearbook: The assembly of our 2009-2010 yearbook is coming to an end, and we need your help. We'd love to collect pictures from clubs or sports that are sponsored by WJHS. Specifically, we are in need of pictures from and winter sports. If you have photos that you think would be a great addition to our yearbook, please email Katie Mayle at maylek@wilmette39.org The deadline to send pictures is Friday Feb. 12th.

Highlights