

# WJHS highlights

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**Friday, May 21 Bike Safety Day**  
**Saturday, May 22 Youth Connection Benefit (see below)**



**Youth Connection Band Night Benefit** Saturday, May 22 at 7:30pm, at Tommy Nevin's In Evanston. Tickets are \$35/ \$40 at the door. Cash Bar and food. Buy extra ticket and sponsor a teacher or school administrator. The kid's band Speed of Sound is the warm up act and Poprocks/East of Edens members are main event. Book the sitter, and come out for fun music, dancing and help out Youth Connection. For tickets go to <http://www.bandnightbenefit.blogspot.com> or at the door. For all YC info, [www.youthconnectionwilmette.org](http://www.youthconnectionwilmette.org).

**Save the Date! On May 18**, the District 39 Educational Foundation is **honoring Walter Reed as the Citizen of the Year**. Mr. Reed visited the eighth graders this week to talk about his experiences during the Second World War. Junior High students are invited to attend this event with their parents and hear Walter discuss his theme in life, "You Have to Pay Rent for the Space You Occupy on Earth". Invitations should be arriving at your home soon or tickets can be ordered online at [www.d39foundation.org](http://www.d39foundation.org).

### 8th Grade Graduation Party

The invitations for the graduation party "Gradbook 2010" were mailed last week. If you have not received yours yet, please contact Lisa Maatman at [lisamaatman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisamaatman@sbcglobal.net). The party will be held on Thursday, June 3 from 9:00 until 10:30pm. It is paid for by the WJHS PTO and no RSVP is necessary. You can receive more news about the party by becoming a fan of it on Facebook. Just type "Gradbook 2010" while you're in Facebook & then hit the "like" button when the fan page pops up. 8th graders and their parents are welcome to become fans.

**Bike Day, May 21:** Ride to school, WEAR A HELMET and get morning treats and free stuff at the bike racks. 1st 50 riders get a H2O bottle from Higher Gear, the new bike shop in Plaza DeLago. New this year -get your brakes and chains checked by a Higher Gear technician before you lock up. Ask your teachers if they rode too!

### Welcome to all new PTO Exec Board Members for 2010-2011!

Co-President: Mary Foster, Anne Marie Montaquila, VP Communications: Julie Geyer ,  
VP Graduation: Maggie Belliel, Sarah Jacobs, Cece Ricketts, VP Ways and Means: Beth Miller, Debbie Rissman  
VP Enrichment: Margaret Drier, Julie Schrage VP Special Events: Pepe Miller 7th Gr. Room Parents: Julie Engler  
8th Gr. Room Parents: Rimma Kerzner Legislation: Carrie Armour, Secretary: Allyson Haut  
Treasurer: Cliff Ruemmler **General Board members and emails are posted on the PTO website.**

**8th Grade Great America Trip** The 8th grade Great America trip will be Tuesday, June 1, 2010 (Rain Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2010).

**Please join us on Thursday, May 27th at 3:15 in the Central School cafeteria** for a retirement celebration for a few much loved members of the Central School community. Wish music teacher Sharon Hobson, 4th grade teacher Jim Tingey, 4th grade teacher Bernie Pudis and Secretary Nancy Roubitchek well. Don't miss this chance to say thank you and goodbye!

## from the Principal's Desk

Good Evening Parents,

As we careen toward the end of the year, it is important to stop and reflect on our experiences. While it feels as this year has blown by, I can't imagine how it feels for our three retiring teachers. I would like to focus this week's email on honoring them. Mr. Sheade (8th grade science), Mr. Martin (8th grade science), and Mrs. Polley (German) have spent over 50 combined years serving the kids and families of Wilmette Junior High School. In that time they have made countless connections with kids, have helped kids to be successful, and contributed to our community in the most meaningful ways. To serve in this line of work is so much more than a job. For these teachers this is a higher calling. Ms. Polley has taken groups of kids to Germany and has made it possible for our German partner school to visit the north shore. Mr. Sheade and Mr. Martin have smashed eggs with hundreds of kids and have taken these kids through the Sludge right of passage. As these teachers enter the final weeks it is important to recognize their commitment and contribution to our kids. While this is less than sufficient, all I can say to these teachers is thank you.

Have a great weekend,  
Dave

### 2010 Distinguished Citizen Award goes to Walter Reed!

Please join the D39 Educational Foundation on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 pm at the Michigan Shores Club in Wilmette to celebrate this extraordinary Holocaust survivor, WWII veteran, special needs advocate, and 19-year Rotarian. Junior high and high school students are also invited to hear Walter's speech on "You Have to Pay Rent for the Space You Occupy on Earth." For more information on Walter Reed and his life of service, please see

<http://www.pioneerlocal.com/wilmette/news/2210292,wilmette-walterreed-042910-s1.article>

For ticket information, please check Backpack Express or go to [www.d39foundation.org](http://www.d39foundation.org)

**Service Project:** As part of a service project, WJHS will be a collection point for toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap etc), paper goods (diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, etc), and cleaning and school supplies. The collected items will benefit the ARK and New Trier Township food pantry. We will collect at school from May 10th through May 21st. Donations can be deposited in your child's homeroom.

Any parents who wish to volunteer to deliver the items on May 26th or May 27th should contact Tammy Smiley at [tyelims@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tyelims@sbcglobal.net) (847-920-1394). The donations will be loaded at WJHS at 3:00 on the respective days.