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Announcements

- ❖ **Important-** Don't forget to update your contact information in PowerSchool. This is the information we use for all communications.
- ❖ Please read the attached letter from Mrs. Dobrowansky & Mrs. Matrunich regarding Influenza.
- ❖ Due to an overwhelming response to the Computer Club, we were able to fill all the open slots on the first day. Parents will be notified via email as to your child's status in the club.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ January 29th - SPAN Parent Advocacy Network Meeting
7:00 pm - Valley View Middle School (see attached flyer for details)
- ❖ February 15th - PTO Movie Day - 10:00 am - Dunellen Movie Theatre (see attached flyer)
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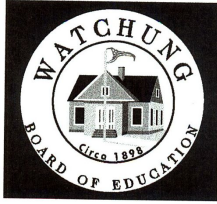
Have a great weekend Bayberry Bears!



Don't forget to read!

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January 18, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flu season is here, and we want to keep your children and the adults who care for them healthy. Influenza (“the flu”) is an infectious disease caused by a virus. When children are in a group with other children, they are more likely to get infectious diseases like influenza. Flu can cause serious illness that may result in hospitalization or death. Children with certain conditions are at a higher risk for flu complications. It’s very important for us to work together to protect the children in our care!

The single best way to protect against influenza is to get vaccinated each year. Yearly flu vaccination is needed because immunity against the flu wears off over time. In addition, the flu virus strains often change, so the vaccine also changes from year-to-year in order to match the flu viruses expected to be circulating in the community. To reduce the risk of becoming sick with influenza, everyone 6 months of age and up to 5 years of age, including child care staff, must receive the influenza vaccine. This critically important approach puts the health and safety of everyone in the child care setting first. Here are some ways we can work together to promote health and reduce illness.

Get Vaccinated for Seasonal Influenza Every Year

- A flu vaccine is the best way to protect against getting the flu.
- All people 6 months and up to 5 years of age need a flu vaccine each year.
- Pregnant women are at higher risk of severe illness from influenza. Flu shots may be given to pregnant women at any time during pregnancy. The flu vaccine will protect expectant mothers and their unborn babies and will help protect their baby in the first few months of life.

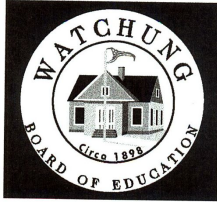
You may be interested to know that we recommend all of our staff to get vaccinated for the flu!

Use Good Hygiene

- Whenever children are together, there is a chance of spreading infections. This is especially true among infants and toddlers who use their hands to wipe their noses or rub their eyes and then handle toys or touch other children. In turn, these other children then touch their noses and rub their eyes so the virus now goes from the nose or eyes of one child (by way of hands or toys) to the next child who then rubs his own eyes or nose.

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- As adults, we know how to wash our hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing, sneezing, or wiping noses. It's also important to cover your own mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then wash your hands afterward. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, as germs are spread this way. We work hard to maintain these practices, and we spend time teaching the children to do these things as well.
- Please help us by reinforcing these activities at home!

Is Your Child Too Sick to Go to School?

- When children are healthy, they can attend child care or school, and parents can go to work. Getting the flu vaccine is the best way to protect against the flu.
- Any child with respiratory symptoms (cough, runny nose, or sore throat) and fever should be excluded (kept home) from school for at least 24 hours after symptoms subside.

Attached is a copy of the Center for Disease Control overview of cold and flu symptoms. Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Trudy Matrunich at (908) 755-8184 or via email, tmatrunich@watchungschools.us

Respectfully,

Jill Dobrowansky
Principal/K-4 Curriculum Coordinator

Trudy Matrunich
School Nurse



Calendar Spring Fundraiser

The PTO is running a Calendar Spring Fundraiser and we need

YOUR HELP.

Every day in the month of March, we will be picking a new person's name for a new prize.
Tickets for a chance to win will be sold in February.

This is where you come in....

We are asking for prize donations. Some ideas could be, but not limited to sports tickets, gift baskets, food gift cards. Every donation is important and appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Loomis michelleloomis@verizon.net



School's Out Movie Day

The LEGO Movie 2: The Second Part

Friday, February 15th @ 10:00 am

Dunellen Movie Theater (458 North Ave, Dunellen)

\$14.00 (**a portion of each ticket sales goes back to the PTO**)

Includes movie, small popcorn, small drink, and a slice of pizza

To purchase tickets: Please go to www.watchungpto.com and go to For Sale tab.

Tickets must be purchased by February 12th

****Children MUST be accompanied by an adult****

Any questions please contact Adriana DelForno
adrianadelforno@gmail.com



START PROJECT

In conjunction with

Watchung Special Education Parent Advisory Grp.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION: BASIC RIGHTS

"This is a fantastic review of our rights and responsibilities." – Westampton Twp. parent

Presenter: Monique Dujue, SPAN Statewide Parent Advocacy Network

When: Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Where: Valley View Middle School (All Purpose Room)
50 Valley View Road
Watchung, NJ 07069

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

To RSVP & Questions

Email: WatchungSEPAG@gmail.com

Parents and educators of children who are already receiving special education services and parents and educators of children who are having difficulty in school but may have not been determined to be eligible for special education services will benefit from this training.

***Professional Development Hours are available**

Workshop is FREE!!



Watchung Hills Soccer Association

(Serving Warren, Watchung, Green Brook and Long Hill Township)



Spring 2019 In-town Recreation Soccer

Who	<p>Preschool through 9th Grade Travel players (WHSA or any other club) are NOT permitted to play</p>
When	<p>Weekday training begins week of April 1st Saturday games begin on April 6th; Last game on June 8th, Rain Date on June 15th No games on April 20th and June 2nd (due to inaugural WHSA tournament). No practices the week of April 15th</p>
Equipment	<p>Soccer cleats, shin guards and balls are mandatory; No earrings are permitted. Shirts will be supplied. Size 3 soccer balls will be supplied to Preschool through Kindergarten</p>
Registration	<p>Register online at www.WHSA.org. Pay by Visa, MasterCard or Check. Deadline is February 28th (or until all spots are filled) Register by January 31st to avoid Late Fee NO REFUNDS</p>
Volunteers	<p>WHSA encourages parents to get involved as Assistant Coaches and Team Managers. If you are interested, please sign up as a volunteer when registering your child.</p>
Questions	<p>Call the WHSA Information line (908-647-8342) or send an email to WHSHELP@verizon.net</p>
<p>Important Notes</p> <p>PLEASE READ</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ You cannot request field locations, trainers, or assistant coaches as they change from season to season. ➤ We will attempt to honor special requests; however, there are no guarantees. We will absolutely not honor requests for multiple players to be on the same team. No special requests accepted after January 31st. ➤ Your child must be available anytime between 4:30 pm and 8:00 pm for the 2/3, 4/5/6 and 7/8/9 divisions. Practice times vary by division and there may not be an early or late practice session in every division. If your child has a conflict during that practice window, you must note that in the special request section. We will not accommodate any practice time conflicts if you tell us after rosters/practice times have been distributed. ➤ Please make sure your email address is updated in the registration system. ➤ Late Fees will not be waived.

Program	Team Size	Weekday Sessions	Saturday Sessions	Format	Coaches/ Managers	Fee/ After 1/31
Preschool (3 yrs old by 12/31/18)	11 players	None	Green Brook Middle School 11:30 am	Training w/ limited scrimmages 1 hour	Professional Trainers	\$110 / \$135
Pre-K (4 yrs old by 10/1/18)	12 players	None	Green Brook Middle School 10:15 am	Training w/ scrimmages 1 hour	Professional Trainers	\$110 / \$135
Kindergarten	12 players	Location: TBD Tue or Wed 4:30, 5:30 pm	Green Brook Middle School 9:00 am No preset teams	Weekday: 1 hour training Saturday: 4 v 4 scrimmages 1 hour including review	Professional Trainers	\$140 / \$190
1st Grade	12 players	Location: TBD Wed or Thu 4:30, 5:30 pm	Green Brook Middle School Scrimmage times: TBD No preset teams	Weekday: 1 hour training Saturday: 5v5 scrimmages 1 hour including review	Professional Trainers	\$140 / \$190
2nd/3rd Grade	11 – 12 players	Location & Times: TBD Boys: Thursday Girls: Tuesday Practices time slots are between 4:30 and 8:00	Location: TBD Game times will vary Teams formed by WHSA	Weekday: 1 hour training by United Soccer Academy Saturday Games: 7 v 7	Professional Trainers will lead all training and games. Parents may register as Assistant Coaches or Team Managers	\$140 / \$190
4th/5th/6th Grade	12 – 13 players	Location & Times: TBD Boys: Wednesday Girls: Tuesday Practices time slots are between 4:30 and 8:00	Location: TBD Game times will vary Teams formed by WHSA	Weekday: 1 hour training by United Soccer Academy Saturday Games: 9 v 9 (Girls may change to 7 v 7 format)	Professional Trainers will lead all training and games. Parents may register as Assistant Coaches or Team Managers	\$140 / \$190
7th/8th/9th Grade	12 – 17 players	Location & Times: TBD Boys: Wednesday Girls: Thursday Practices time slots are between 4:30 and 8:30	Location: TBD Game times will vary Teams formed by WHSA	Weekday: 1 hour training by United Soccer Academy Saturday Games: 9 v 9 or 11 v 11	Professional Trainers will lead all training and games. Parents may register as Assistant Coaches or Team Managers	\$140 / \$190