



Wildcat Roar

Fall 2017

Westchester Hills
School 29
Community
Newspaper

College is My Future Class of 2030!

On November 17, students in our Kindergarten classes participated in a district wide program- College is My Future. The program shows young students that college can and should be part of their future plans. The celebration began with a parade around the school and commenced with a brief ceremony in our auditorium.

Unity Day 2017- Together Against Bullying-The Change Begins with You!

Make it **ORANGE** and make it end!
The Westchester Hills School 29 Community lit it up orange on October 25th . Students and staff came together to send a loud message of support, hope, and unity. We are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.



Listen Up Class of 2022! A Message From Last Years 8th Grade Class

“I made many improvements since the beginning of the 8th grade. I was able to raise my grades to higher than what they already were and got good comments on my progress report and report card. I made these improvements by listening closely in class to what we were learning, listening to the teacher, studying for any test we had and for doing all of the classwork and homework we were assigned. If you allow yourself to become distracted, you can easily fall behind in your academics. It becomes hard to get back on track, because you will not understand the new material being taught to you. Midterms and finals were also hard to prepare for..... This year I have gotten grades all in

the 90s and above, which made me very proud of myself, and it gave me a feeling of accomplishment. Knowing that I improved in all subjects makes me feel great and has shown me that hard work pays off. I know that doing well now will help me in the long run. Throughout this year, I learned how to make friends and how to get along with others. I also learned that you should always be polite to someone even if you don't like them or don't agree with what they like. “

-Angelo Perrino

Student Journalists!

“I'm disappointed in myself for not accomplishing as much as I wanted to, but if there is one thing I have accomplished that I am proud of, it is expressing myself. Even though it was only to a few people, I'm still proud of it. I feel like I have learned positive things during my time here. The positive thing that I have learned is, even though life will not always be great, there are still people who have your back and will stick with you even on the roughest days. For the people that have done that for me, I sincerely thank them..”

-Nikki McKenna

Celebrating Fall!

Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth & Sixth grade go Apple & Pumpkin Picking



Students in grades 2 through 6 went apple and pumpkin picking in October to celebrate the season and to give our students the opportunity to experience hands on learning! They went to Wilkins Fruit Farm in Yorktown, NY where they picked apples, pumpkins, and enjoyed tasting cider and donuts.



Marching into November with Our Halloween Parade!

A wonderful celebration was had by all as classes in grades PK through 6 marched around the school to show off their Halloween costumes. We would like to thank our Middle School students and staff for helping with the parade and handing out treats to all the classes.



A special Thank You to Mr. Remo Carriero in his role as school safety officer. He generously gave up his “free time” and committed to serving the students and staff at WHS 29 when we found ourselves with a vacancy. We want him to know how thankful we are that he was willing to stay with us. We would also like to thank his family for being so understanding and generous with the time they have given us. Mr. Remo will always be part of the WHS 29 family.

Combining Animal Care with Learning About Pumpkins!

Mrs. Maltz’s class learned about how the amount of seeds in a pumpkin may vary based on the size of the pumpkins! They took this new information and related it to math by learning how to count by tens. Along with Ms. Mary Doerr, students were able to feed the ducks some of the seeds and pulp they found when carving their pumpkin!



Jump Around!
Our SE Classes enjoyed a multitude of sensory activities, as well as a pizza lunch, on an amazing field trip to Rockin’ Jump at Ridge Hill.

Learning makes SENSE

Students in Ms. Conte, Ms. Sheard and Ms. Vulpone’s classes use all their learning styles to participate in sensory based group activities in the afternoon. These activities include:

- Movement/Music Monday**
- Turn Taking Tuesday**
- Sensory Play Wednesday**
- Art Thursday**
- Fun Food Friday**

Therapists Provide Sensory Integration at School Ghou!

Special education students participated in “School Ghou!” on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. The related service providers, including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, music therapy, art therapy, and adapted physical education, worked together to run the event. School Ghou! was a half day event that incorporated collaborative and thematic goals. The APE Gym was set up with Halloween decorations. Students participated at multiple stations including face

painting, dry leaf exploration, dress up, jack-o-lantern face matching, making ghost pops, feeling “intestines and body parts” (cooked spaghetti with oil and rubber body parts), and putting on various masks and looking in the mirror, as well as experiencing soft Halloween music. The stations encouraged gross motor, fine motor, kinesthetic, and visual and auditory sensory processing skills. The students loved the experience.

School Ghou! was organized and coordinated by Mary Doerr. The related service providers who ran the event included: Mary Doerr, Emi Jacob, Lis Furman, Eileen Kiernan, Virginia Anderson, Michele Macdonald, Margaret Petty, Rowena Talusan-Dunn and her intern Kelly, Tricia Capurso, Chrissy Ruolo, Lauren Mellusi, Harriet Klein, Shauna Flynn, Kiki Medina, and Nick Parashis.



Yonkers Fire Department Visit

Students in grades PK through 2nd, as well as our Special Education students, participated in a fire safety demonstration on October 13th. They learned what to do in case of an emergency or fire. The event culminated with students exploring the fire truck cab, as well as some of the equipment.



Celebrating the 3 R's All Year Long!

Our SE students were very motivated to implement a new recycling program at School 29. Students go around the school twice a week to collect the recyclables from each classroom. At the end of the week, our students sort the recyclables:

paper, plastic and aluminum, and place them in their designated areas. Our students look forward to this job and enjoy interacting with their school community and of course, recycling!



Alex B. and Xavier A. enjoy collecting the recyclables on a weekly basis

Boys and Girls Intramural Basketball Program Grades 7 & 8

Sign-up Deadline: December 1, 2017

Season: 12-11-2017 through 2-9-18

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to our 2017 Thanksgiving Food Drive! Your donations helped provide Thanksgiving meals to our families in the need throughout the school community!

We're on the Web!

<https://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/ps29>

A Big Thank You to the PTSA for organizing the Harvest Dance!

Our 2018 Yearbook, as well as Boosters, and Advertisement Ads will be going on sale soon!

More information will be sent home shortly. Please contact Ms. Pisculli, Mr. Giannantonio or Ms. Garvey with any questions

Westchester Hills Welcomes New Staff!

Classroom Teachers: **Ms. Tyesha DeCastro, Ms. Tatiana Galasso and Ms. Jacqueline Sullivan.**

Teaching Assistants: **Mr. Alex Alfonso and Ms. Lily Russo**

CSEA Teachers Aide: **Mr. Guy Brice**
AND Welcome back to our school psychologist
Dr. John Rooney

Student Journalists!

Track

Track is so much FUN! It is sometimes really hard! The team members from Mr. Cartica's class are Aden, Trinity, Natalya and Alisha. Mr. Murphy meets up with us at Tibbetts Brook Park every Saturday, to get ready for running.

"I really enjoyed track", says Aden.

"I like running, but it is challenging"" says Trinity.

Alisha thinks, "It was fun, but tough!"

" I think it was a good way to learn how to run far distances" says Natalya.

We received many medals in various races over the past Saturday meets. We also feel it is a great way for students to work together, become friends and compete with one another. Exercise is also important, which everyone who participates, gets plenty!

Thank you Mr. Murphy and School 29 for allowing us to participate in track, we are having so much fun!!

-Written By: Aden Bedford, Trinity Garcia, Natalya Robinson and Alisha Perez

Congratulations to Ms. Henriques' Class for naming our school newspaper! We loved the name you have chosen for it!

Ask a Student

Question: Name a holiday in November. Do you like to celebrate that holiday? Why or why not?

"I like Thanksgiving because it's my favorite holiday. We eat turkey and we remember to use the cranberry sauce for the turkey. It is a happy holiday because you get to spend time with your family."

Student: Alan Cabrera

Date: November 3, 2017

Grade: 5th

Class: Ms. DeCastro

