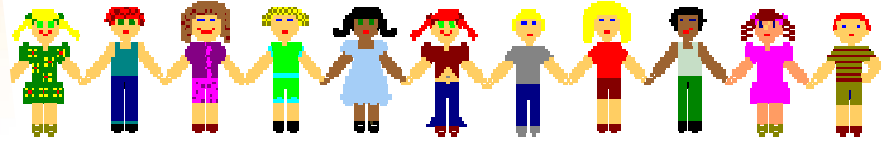


MOUNT MESSENGER

Fall/Winter 2009-2010



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The U.S. Department of Education designates WS Mount as a **Blue Ribbon School!!**

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.ed.gov/programs/nclbbrs/index.html>



BOARD of EDUCATION MEETINGS

8:00PM at North Country

Tuesday, October 13
 Tuesday, October 27
 Wednesday, November 4th

Tuesday, November 17th
Blue Ribbon Award
WS Mount School Auditorium
8 pm

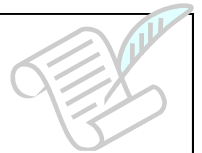
DATES TO REMEMBER



- Nov. 3 Election Day (Schools Closed)
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day (Schools Closed)
- Nov. 16 & 17 Grade 5 NYS SS Assessment
- Nov. 17 Blue Ribbon celeb. for students 2:00p.m. BOE meeting @ Mount 8:00PM
- Nov. 18 PTA meeting 9:30AM
- Nov. 23 School Picture Retakes
- Nov. 24 Emergency Drill (Schools dismiss 15 minutes earlier!)
- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools Closed)
- Dec. 1 Evacuation Drill
- Dec. 3 Elem. Eve Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Dec. 4 Parent/Teacher Conf. (Schools Closed)
- Dec. 9-11 Holiday Boutique
- Dec. 15 Winter Concert 7:30p.m.
- Dec. 24- Jan. 3 Holiday Recess (Schools Closed)
- Jan. 4 Schools re-open

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In an effort to save paper,
please note that future issues of
the Mount Messenger will be
posted on the website.
Thank you!

FROM THE MAIN OFFICE:



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year at WS Mount Elementary School!

This year, we are thrilled to report that our school was named a Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. This distinguished award highlights our students' success which, in large part, is attributed to the fine instruction they receive here in Three Village. Our professional and dedicated teachers work diligently to tailor instruction so that each child achieves his or her fullest potential. Each and every staff member takes an active role to make our school a safe, fun and welcoming place where children feel free to explore and learn. We want to thank all staff members for their hard work in helping our students achieve to the best of their ability!

As always, our supportive PTA volunteers work hand-in-hand with our staff, administrators and community members to strengthen the home/school connection and make a positive difference in the academic and social growth of our students. We encourage you to join the PTA if you haven't already!

We look forward to working with you through this school year!

Sincerely,
Nathalie Lilavois Bernadette Gentile

We invite our Mount families
to join us in celebrating this
prestigious honor.

WS MOUNT

**BLUE RIBBON AWARD
RECOGNITION**

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WS Mount Auditorium

November 17, 2009

8:00 pm

If your schedule permits, please join us
at the School wide Celebration at 2 pm
in the bus circle.

WEAR BLUE!

CHARACTER & COMMUNITY



Our goal is to *continue* to create a safe and respectful environment where all children can learn. As part of this effort, our Assistant Principal, Ms. Gentile, periodically visits the classrooms to discuss respect and the ways we can show respect at school and home. Last year we read the book, Have You Filled a Bucket Today? The theme of this book being, you fill a “bucket” when you say or do something nice for someone else and you dip into someone’s “bucket” when you say or do something unkind. We continue to revisit this theme when discussing appropriate behavior during the school day, at recess and on the bus.

PTA Presidential Award

We realize that many students at Mount already participate in community service and volunteer in some way to help those around them. To recognize these efforts, and to encourage civic participation, we are participating in the PTA President’s Volunteer Service Award program. Students can help out at a school event or other community event. They need to make certain that an adult at the event knows they are there to help out. The student can log the hours and the adult supervising the event will sign to verify the student was there in a helping capacity. There will be an award ceremony on June 1, 2010 to honor those students achieving Bronze (50-74 hours), Silver (75-99 hours) or Gold (100+ hours) status. If you have any questions about this, please contact Jennifer Sanchez at Yankeeswin23@optonline.net

ASSEMBLIES:

- * **Author, Kathleen Bart**—We are arranging for an author visit in the beginning of March! Author and illustrator, Kathleen Bart will be presenting her book programs. Her books include, A Tale of Two Teddies: Town Teddy & Country Bear; Town Teddy & Country Bear Tour the USA and Global Gourmet. A book order form will go home some time in January. Kathleen Bart has offered to autograph all advance purchases and will bring them with her on the day of her visit. Look for more information about this in January!



Dear Parents,

In order to maintain positive, open lines of communication, we encourage you to discuss any issues you may have with your child’s teacher first. If situations require additional support or input, your next level of communication is with the assistant principal or the principal.

Thank you!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE...

REMINDERS!!

- * Please make sure the physicals (health appraisals) keep coming in for students in *kindergarten*, *second* and *fourth* grades.
- * Please make sure the TDAP vaccine and/or Varicella proof is sent to the health office for our *sixth* grade students.
- * Cooler weather is approaching quickly! Outdoor recess with temperature (including wind chill) is 20 degrees and above. Please have children dress warmly! *Thank you!*

IMPORTANT HEALTH NEWS

If your child has any allergies or other health concerns, you must let the classroom teacher know. Regulations now prevent the school nurse from disclosing this information to our staff. However, this is crucial for teachers to know. Please make sure you have informed the classroom/special area teachers so they know what kind of help your child needs, so that they are prepared should a situation arise.

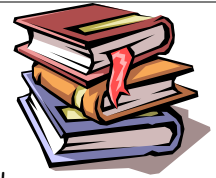
THANK YOU !

Student Government

This year, our Student Government representatives are: Marylou Nilsson and Linda Figliozzi.



From the Literacy Team ... Welcome Back!!!



What is a "just right" book?

Your child will be reading many books this year. A "just right" book is a book that your child can read independently; books should be neither too difficult nor too easy in order for your child to grow as a reader. The "five finger rule" is one way for your child to choose a "just right" book.

Once your child has chosen a book, ask him or her to read the first page aloud. As your child reads, he/she should count on one hand any unknown words. If there are five or more unknown words on a full page of text, this book is too difficult! If your child knows all the words, it may be too easy.

When reading a "just right" book:

- * Reading should be fairly fluent (not too choppy sounding)
- * Your child should be able to tell you about what he/she has read
- * Your child should be interested in the topic

Children enjoy and benefit from rereading familiar texts, but in order to grow as a reader, your child needs to read books which are "just right." If your child chooses a book that is too difficult, this would be a great choice for reading together.

Remember: Reading aloud to your child is valuable at any grade level!



EVACUATION DRILL

An evacuation drill has been scheduled for Mount School on **Tuesday, December 1st** (rain date: Dec.2nd) from **9:30 am through 11:30 am**. At that time, we will go through the full procedure of evacuating the entire building of all faculty, staff, and students to the junior high schools.

Please note that late arrivals as well as all visitors will be denied access to the building during the drill. You can prepare your child(ren) by explaining that we will be practicing how to move to a safe location in case of an emergency at our school using regular school buses. Thank you for your cooperation!

REMINDERS:

- * PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SEND A NOTE TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER EACH TIME HE/SHE IS BEING PICKED UP.
- * IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A CLUB AFTER SCHOOL, THE TEACHER ALSO NEEDS A NOTE FROM YOU GIVING THE CHILD PERMISSION TO STAY AFTER SCHOOL & ACKNOWLEDGING THAT YOU ARE PICKING THEM UP ON THOSE PARTICULAR DAYS.

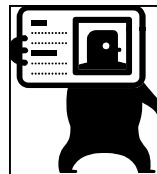
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Use of EpiPens

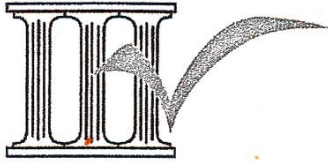
The increasing use of EpiPens for severe allergic reactions is a grave concern for us all especially during field trips.

We ask that parents of student who require EpiPens try to plan their schedules so that they can be part of class field trips. You may also send a designee with your written consent .

We thank you for your help and consideration as we plan for our children's safety.



As part of our Security protocol, an accurate record of your visit to the building is required. Please be sure to sign in and show current picture ID. Thank you!



THREE VILLAGE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.

November 5, 2009

Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to keep you updated about the H1N1 Flu virus and its effect on the Three Village Central School District. We continue to monitor the reported cases in the district through our health officials daily and have noticed an increase in the number of "probable" cases in our schools.

We will continue to keep you updated but would like to remind you of our procedures and ways that you can help to prevent the transmission of the virus.

1. **Remind your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol based hand rub. Set the example by doing it yourself.
2. **Remind your children not to share personal items** such as drinks, food or unwashed utensils, covering their coughs and sneezes.
3. **Look for signs and symptoms of the flu.** They include fever (100 degrees or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache and feeling very tired. It may also include vomiting or diarrhea.
4. **Sick children with flu symptoms must remain at home** for at least 24 hours after they no longer have signs of a fever, without using fever-reducing drugs.
5. **Do not send sick children to school.** Children determined to be ill will be sent home.

Thank you for your cooperation and we encourage you to call the health office in your child's building should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Donald F. Webster
Interim Superintendent of Schools

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