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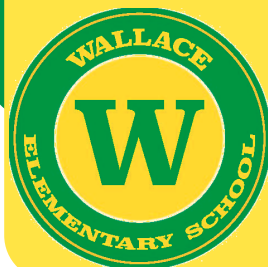
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## A Message from Principal Shannon

Greetings and salutations Wallace School Family. I trust this latest edition of our weekly newsletter finds you well.

As seems to be the norm at Wallace School, many exciting things are happening. First and foremost, we must take a moment to thank our tremendously hard-working PTO for sponsoring the annual Halloween Dance. The smiles and laughter heard in the gymnasium last Friday are a reminder of how important it is to gather as a community and celebrate. Many thanks also to all who attended and contributed to this fabulous event.

The community is truly what makes Wallace a special place to learn and work. Inside this issue, you can read about these other community celebrations and items of note: Madison and Morgan Walia-Peters (from Mrs. Arnone's 4th Grade Homeroom) re-



cently attained gold medal status in an online academic competition. Congratulations to the girls! You can read more about this on page 3.

Also on page 3, you can read about some of the students in our Passport to Learning after school program's Pay It Forward workshop learning about the care of feral cats. This enriching experience came courtesy of Mrs. McGreivey and Mrs. Drumgoole of Hoboken High

School. Many thanks!

Also be sure to catch up with what's happening in the guidance department courtesy of Ms. Lemberg and Mr. White.

As a reminder, our Halloween Parade is scheduled for this Monday as indicated below. We hope you can join us as we celebrate, once again, together as a community.

Until next week...

### Reminder—

The Halloween Parade will take place Monday, October 31, 2016. Students will begin lining up at 12:45 PM. The parade will be viewable from Willow Ave and Clinton St.

# Annual Halloween Dance A Monster Hit Again

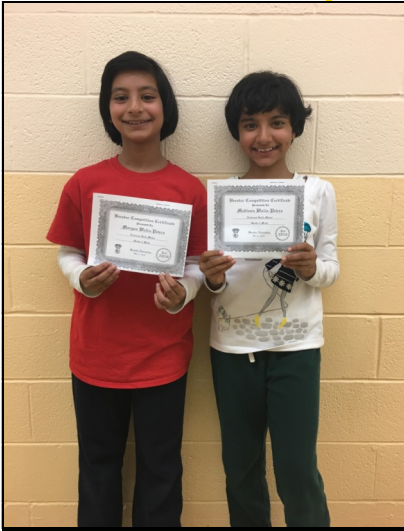
The Wallace School gymnasium was packed with ghouls, goblins, witches, warriors, super heroes, and all manner of sensational costumes last Friday during the annual PTO Halloween Dance. Students, parents, and caregivers filled the gym and danced the night away. Pizza and other treats were served throughout the night.

In addition to the sights and sounds in the gym, a separate quiet room was set up for some of our youngest learners to take part in the festivities.

Pictured below and top right, students dressed in costumes and dancing. Pictured to the right in the middle and bottom, our young ones enjoying some play time and pizza!



## 4th Grade Sisters Win Gold...



The Walia-Peters sisters with their Beestar certificates.

Two students in Mrs. Arnone's 4th Grade Homeroom recently were awarded gold medals for their performance in the Beestar National Online Competition.

Morgan and Madison Walia-Peters were among 19 students from around the country who performed at the highest level.

According to the organization's website: "Beestar National Competition (BNC) is designed to bring students

nation wide together to solve interesting problems and compete with one another. By connecting participants in a wide geographical range, Beestar opens the door for students to make friends with similar interests in other states. They communicate to learn from each other and enjoy studying more in a friendly circle.

"The problems in BNC are designed to both consolidate fundamental knowledge and

inspire students' desire to explore. By exposing them to more interesting and mind-stretching topics, the competition problems challenge students to wonder and to research. The process elevates their school skills to a new level."

The Wallace School Family would like to publicly recognize and salute the Walia-Peters sisters for being a fine example of academic achievement! Well done!

## Kittens, Kittens Everywhere!



Pictured above, Ms. McGreivey and students with a rescued cat. Below, Ms. McGreivey and Mrs. Drumgoole.

Wallace School Pay It Forward Club members learned on Monday about how community groups help to care for and limit populations of neighborhood (feral) cats.

Mrs. McGreivey and Ms. Drumgoole of Hoboken High School were guest speakers for this group, part of the Passport to Learning program. Ms. Drumgoole has been rescuing cats for twelve years and Mrs.

McGreivey has been fostering rescued kittens for three years.

Students learned that one female cat and her un-spayed kittens, on average, will result in 52 kittens over 16 months. Ms. Drumgoole explained that she and others in the T-N-R (Trap, Neuter, Return) community trap cats with humane traps, get them spayed or neutered and return them to their

original location if they are not friendly.

Friendly cats and kittens are fostered and adopted into loving homes.

Ms. Drumgoole demonstrated the trap and let the children pet two kittens she recently rescued. The children plan to educate others in their school about the need to care for feral cats in a humane way.

## The Counselor's Corner

Wallace's Peace Pillar this month is respect. Students are learning and practicing how to show respect for themselves and others. Students are signing a pledge to respect their bodies by committing to be drug free in honor of Red Ribbon Week. Students are learning that in order to respect others, we must respect ourselves first! Use the tips below to incorporate teaching respect at home: **Model it:** If you want them to do it, you have to do it too. **Expect it:** Set

your expectations high. Children will rise to the occasion. **Praise it:** When you see or hear your children using respectful language or making respectful choices, acknowledge, praise, and reward them. Rewards do not always mean material items. Praise, recognition, extra responsibility, and privileges are a great way to reward respectful decisions! **Discuss it:** Pick out times when you see other children or adults using respectful or disrespectful lan-

guage or behavior. Make time to discuss this with them. Ask them how it made them feel to be around the respectful or disrespectful behaviors. **Correct it:** Be strong, firm and direct when teaching respect. At the same time, be sure you are being respectful yourself while correcting the behavior. **Reinforce it:** Remind children of their good decisions so that they remember how it felt, the praise they received, and the experience of being respectful.

## HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY

Monday, October 31, 2016



Students will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school on Monday, October 31, 2016.

### COSTUME GUIDELINES

1. Costumes are to be in good taste (no gore, appropriate themes, etc).
2. Masks are not to be worn, as they may create a safety hazard.
3. Avoid costumes with big, baggy sleeves and skirts to avoid tripping.
4. Students should wear normal, everyday footwear, as permissible by the dress code. Students scheduled for physical education classes must still wear sneakers.
5. No toy weapons are permitted, including but not limited to: guns, knives, swords, bows, etc.
6. We are asking all parents of preschool and elementary school students to read any/all information regarding clown incidences nationwide. We have asked all staff members and Middle and High School students to refrain from wearing clown costumes merely for safety purposes and to ensure that no one becomes anxious or nervous. The district is asking that any parent of a preschool or elementary school child who intends to wear a clown costume simply understands the context of incidences that have occurred both nationwide and statewide and to understand that some children may be aware of the hoaxes and pranks and may be frightened. We are asking that all parents simply use their best judgment when dressing a child for Halloween.

There will be a parade for students in grades Pre-K thru 6 at 12:45pm. Parents are welcome to view the parade from the Willow Avenue or Clinton St. sidewalks. Parents and other spectators must leave ample room for our classes to walk by. Parents are not permitted in the building or on the playground. Kindly adhere to these guidelines and please monitor your children's costumes for compliance. We look forward to seeing you at our annual parade!