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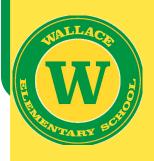
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## A Message from Principal Shannon

Greetings Wallace School family. I trust this latest edition of our school newsletter finds you well.

First, allow me to take a moment and thank you for such a tremendous showing at our recent Back to School Night. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our parents and caregivers interacting with our staff and experiencing the life and world of our students for a moment.

It's hard to believe that the first month of school is in the books. As the calendar turns to October, we must be mindful of a few things. As noted below, there are a few days off from school in the beginning of the month. Also, as noted above, school pictures are scheduled for the 4th and 5th.

October will also see our Night Write initiative get underway. This will occur in grades three through six and School Pictures are scheduled to take place on October 4th and October 5th.

will require our students to complete nightly writing assignments. The best way to improve student writing is for students to write. This program will provide our students the regular opportunity to do just that. We ask for you to talk with your children about their Night Writes, as well as support them while they undertake this endeavor.

Inside this issue, please be sure to check for updates

from our PTO, our guidance department, and our music department.

On behalf of Vice Principal Bartlett, I want to take one more moment to thank you for your support. Without you, we could not have had such a positive opening to our instructional year. As always, please make sure to enjoy your time with family and friends over this weekend.

Reminder— There is no school on October 3rd, October 10th, and October 12th.

## A Scene From Back To School Night



Once again, thank you to our parents and caregivers for such a tremendous turnout at our annual Back to School Night. You trust and support are always appreciated! Pictured above, the crowd gathered in the gymnasium before classroom visitations.



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#### Wallace PTO Update

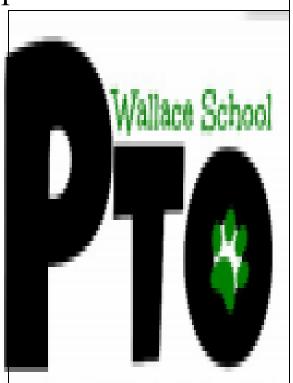
We are excited to announce the launch of our new Wallace PTO website (wallaceschoolpto.com) for all Wallace parents, guardians, caregivers, and staff. This website will feature all our PTO committees, meetings, and events as well as other Wallace school activities. Reminders and notifications on all PTO activities will also be sent out through this website. Please note the information (phone number, email, and children's name and homeroom) you input when signed in will be kept private unless you choose to share. Under settings you will have the option to share what you want or share nothing at all.

If you have any questions on the website please feel free to email wallaceschoolpto@gmail.com.

We strongly encourage everyone to sign up!

Wallace Picture Day is next week and the PTO is looking for volunteers throughout the day on Tuesday October 4th and the morning of Wednesday October 5th! You can either email the PTO at wallaceschoolpto@gmail.com

or sign up on the wallaceschoolpto.com website.



### Music Department Update

Our fall music classes are in full swing, and we're looking forward to a great year! New 4<sup>th</sup> grade band students started their first week of lessons and are very excited about their new instruments.

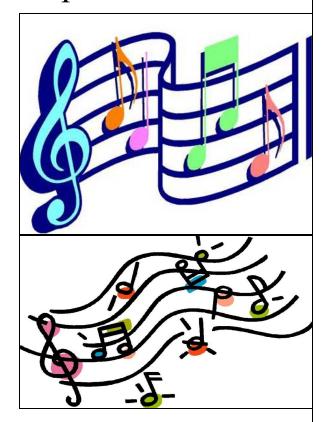
The fifth and sixth grade band is working on a variety of pop, classical, and multicultural music. Our band program is expanding with a high enrollment this September. Also, we have implemented a beginning string program at Wallace this vear. Classes with Ms. Monblatt started last Tuesday.

Chorus practice will start the week of Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and meet in small groups before and after school. A letter was sent home this week to sign up for a rehearsal time. Band, string, and chorus students will participate in a winter and spring concert. Also, they will perform in other school events and community events.

For more information on how to sign up, please contact me at:

stephanie.safko@hoboken.k12.nj.us.

Parent volunteers are welcome for our music department concerts and events.





### Wallace Peace Week 2016 Celebration!



#### Schedule of events

#### October 4th-7th:

**Peace Sing-a-long**-Students in grades K-2 will gather together for peace songs and cheers sung by Wallace's "Young Voices" Choir.

**Peace Banner-**Students in grade 5&6 will create a banner with messages of peace and respect. The banner will be displayed in the cafeteria.

**Peace Music-**Students will learn and discuss songs of peace and respect with Ms. Dziuba.

**Peace Blooms Here**-Students will create peace flowers that contain messages of peace. The flowers will be put together to make Wallace's Peace Garden.

**Messages of Peace**-Passport to Learning's *Pay it Forward* students will be writing surprise messages of Peace throughout the school.

Peaceful AM Announcements & reciting of the Peace Pledge by an October Peace Pal.

**Announcement of October Peace Pals-**A Peace Pal is a student that demonstrates the **CARES** character traits from the Wallace School Peace Pledge.

October's Peace Pillar Highlight-October's Peace Pillar is Respect. Students will engage in lessons about respect.

Hoboken Homeless Shelter Collection-The Hoboken School district is joining together to collect

Personal Care Items: Razors, socks, deodorant

<u>Kitchen Care Items</u>: Disposable plates, plastic cutlery, hot/cold cups, napkins; spices (onion powder, garlic powder, salt, pepper, etc)

**Shelter Care Items**: Cleaning products

#### October 7th:

**Peace Raffle-**Miss Lemberg will announce five raffle winners and their peaceful acts!

**Peaceful Dress Up Day**-Students and staff are encouraged to wear shirts, shoes, pants, socks, hats, headbands, jewelry, etc with symbols or messages of peace.