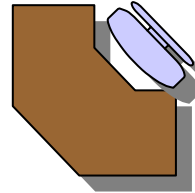




## The Principal's Corner



Greetings Wayman Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful having the children back in school. We are amazed by the behavior and wonderful manners that the children have brought back with them. It is evident that the students and teachers have spent time discussing classroom routines and school-wide procedures. As we walk through the hallways and visit classrooms, we are impressed at how quiet the school is and by the teaching and learning that is already taking place at Wayman Academy of the Arts.

Should you ever have questions, concerns, or suggestions during the school year, please do not hesitate to call us at 695-9995. Our purpose is to help each child become the very best he/she can be. Effective communication between home and school is extremely important in achieving this goal. It has been shown that strong parental involvement and interest in education is a crucial factor in student success in school. We encourage you to be well informed with up to date information about your child's class and our school.

If you wish to discuss a matter that directly affects your child in the classroom, please speak with your child's teacher first. He/She is the person who interacts with your child on a daily basis and will be able to address your concerns. Your child's teacher would be the best person to help you in the areas of: your child's academic progress, any behavioral concerns you may have, any concerns or questions you may have about classroom routines or procedures, classroom discipline matters, and homework. In addition, the classroom teacher can share ideas to help you reinforce skills and concepts taught at school.

If your concerns center on a school wide practice, please direct your call to one of us. We will do our best to contact you as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you,

Simaran Bakshi



- 10/8— Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)
- 10/13—Columbus Day
- 10/16—Boss' Day
- 10/17—Movie Day (1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m.)
- 10/20-Book Fair Begins  
End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 10/23-Kindergarten Field trip (10:15 a.m.—1:15 p.m.)  
Parent Night (5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.)
- 10/24-Teacher's Planning Day (No School)
- 10/27-Red Ribbon Week Starts (Say No to Drugs)
- 10/29-Early Release Day (12:45 p.m.)



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## Ms. Hare Assistant Principal's Corner

### Reading Strategies for All Readers

Are you looking for ways to reinforce your child's learning at home? When reading with your child, try focusing his/her reading on one of these four categories: Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency or Expanding Vocabulary. Research shows that when students know exactly what they are working on and why, they are more much successful in meeting their goal. Are you interested in turning reading into something even more special for your child? If so, come visit our Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 20-23. Buy your child books as gifts! What an excellent way to foster a love for reading.



## Kindergarten

We are in the 6th week of school and are fast approaching the end of the first nine weeks. As always, we encourage 15 minutes of reading at home with your child. Some of our lessons over the 6 weeks have included: learning about nouns and writing labels and captions in Writing. In Math, we have been concentrating on how to make numbers 6-9 and how to properly write numbers 6-9. In science we are learning about our 5 senses, science skills and tools. In Reading, we are learning about different reading comprehension strategies, beginning sounds in words, and identifying sight words. This week our Social Studies focus is learning about the life cycle of pumpkins and the Fall season. All Kindergarten teachers are teaching with rigor, which is a fast pace, so ensure your child gets plenty of rest each night. Lastly, please sign your child's agenda daily. Thanks for all you do!

## 1st Grade

Our first graders have almost finished reading their first unit in the Journey's Reading Series! That means that we are making progress towards challenging texts and stories. Students can also access all of the Journey's stories online! Ask your child's teacher for their username and password.

In writing we are exploring how to write stories with adjectives. In math, we are really excelling with word problems and proving if equations are true or false. Science has been full of excitement as we discovered how magnifying glasses work. Keep up the outstanding work!

## 2nd Grade

Second grade would like to give a HUGE shout out to our fabulous parents who came out to visit during Open House. Thank you for taking time to come chat with us. You are appreciated.

There is so much we want to share. We are learning fact families, even and odd numbers and addition strategies in

Math. We know by completing our homework we are reinforcing everything we learned in class. Thank you for helping us! Although we are working hard we know we still have plenty to learn. For example, we will be talking about story problems soon. We can't wait to show off that exciting new skill. We do have one special request. Do you think it would be possible to quiz us on our addition and subtraction facts? We're certain it will build better, smarter and more enduring second graders.

In Science we are studying rocks and weathering. We were so thrilled to learn how houses were built out of rocks years ago. We also learned the three different sizes of rocks. Can you name all three sizes? The most exciting thing that happened was getting to visit the Science lab. We got to use **MAGNIFYING LENSES!** Pennies and pine straw sure look different with a magnifying lens.

Thank you again for your support. It's been an adventure so far.

## 3rd Grade

Third graders are engaged and excited about learning. We are happy to announce the inauguration of Our Acaletics Math Club. All students participate during math class, so we are getting lots of practice to master our standards. Currently the focus in Math is identifying arithmetic patterns and interpreting products of whole numbers. Parents please encourage your student to practice multiplication facts 0 -2.

In Science we continue to learn how scientists investigate using models and tools. We are enjoying our new Fusion Science curriculum.

ELA has students carefully reading to cite text evidence. Please have your student read daily and ask them specific questions pertaining to their book.

As we enjoy learning together we must remember to come prepared

daily with all necessary supplies and homework assignments. We thank all parents who attended the Open House and look forward to meeting with you personally to discuss your student's progress. Feel free to write a note in your student's agenda planner to make an appointment with us at your earliest convenience.

## 4th Grade

Thanks to all the parents, family, and friends that attended Open House. We were able to discuss a lot of information and answer your questions. In Mathematics, fourth graders are working on adding and subtracting greater numbers fluently. To help with your child's fluency, lanyards were sent home with math facts to study for their daily drills. In Language Arts, we are applying the writing standards in our responses to literature that we are reading in class. Please remember to sign math and reading logs and planners nightly.

## 5th Grade

Dear Parents,

As we are ending the first 9 weeks, here are a few things 5<sup>th</sup> grade is working on. In math, we are exploring fractions. Science class is learning about weather and climate. In Language Arts, the students are focusing on Opinion and Persuasive Writing. Social Studies class is learning about Politics and American Government. Please be sure to check and sign your child's agenda daily. Thank you for all of your support!

