

APRIL 3, 2014



## Mr. T's Community Connection



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The calendar says Spring Break is here, but the weatherman says otherwise. Take the next week to decompress, recharge your batteries, and get ready for the last two months of school. There is a lot going in the last eight weeks of school! We have our spring musical set to perform on May 1 and 2, cross country meets to compete in, end-of-year performances, 8th grade promotion...it will go fast.

You should have received a letter late last week or early this week that served as a status update on our Performing Arts Center. We are anxious to get it open and available for student use sometime early this summer. We are still running our "Take A Seat" campaign and our PTSO is putting the final touches on our annual Art Auction. Invite family and friends to the auction --it is a fun night and so far, over \$10,000 in donations (retail value) has been collected. That doesn't include the priceless, one-of-a-kind classroom projects that our staff and students are completing.

Today marks the end of the third quarter. Report cards will be finalized over Spring Break and sent home with students on Friday, April 18. Have a great Spring Break and travel safe if you are going some place warm.



## Important Dates to Remember-

Apr. 3: End of 3rd Marking Period

Apr. 4: NO SCHOOL

Apr. 4–13: SPRING BREAK

Apr. 14: Students report back to school

Apr. 14: Cross Country Practice 3:45-4:45

Apr. 15: PTSO Meeting @ 3:45pm

Apr. 16: Cross Country Meet - Richmond Park 5:00-6:00

Apr. 17: Enrollment Lottery

Apr. 18: Cross Country Practice 3:45-4:45

Apr. 21: Cross Country Practice 3:45-4:45

Apr. 23: Cross Country Meet—Richmond Park 5:00-6:00

Apr. 25: Kentucky Derby Night—Performing Arts Center  
Benefit 7:00pm

Apr. 28: Cross Country Meet—Richmond Park 5:00-6:00

Apr. 30: Cross Country Meet—Richmond Park 5:00-6:00

May 1 & 2: Spring Musical

May 2: Cross Country Practice 3:45-4:45

May 5: Popcorn Day

May 9: 1/2 Day for Students—Teacher In-Service

May 13: Athletic Banquet 6:00pm Grand Haven Christi-  
na Reformed Conference Grounds—details to come

May 16: WMAAA Walk-a-Thon

May 19: Popcorn Day

May 20: PTSO Meeting @ 3:45pm

May 21: 8th Grade Focus Concert Rehearsal

May 22: 8th Grade Focus Concert 6:00pm @ GHCC

May 29: Band/Choir Concert 6:30pm @ OV

June 3: 6th Grade Western Hemisphere Festival

June 5: 8th Grade Graduation

# Kentucky Derby Night-

We know you love WMAAA or you would not invest your time to get your child to school every day! We are so fortunate to have the tuition free option of an arts & academics education available for our children. Mr. Thomsen and the school board have done an amazing job getting the new Performing Arts Center built, now it is our time to help finish it!

The PTSO, with support of the faculty, is sponsoring "Kentucky Derby Night- a race to the finish line" on Friday, April 25th, a benefit to work towards raising the \$80,000 needed to purchase the sound and acoustical equipment for the PAC.

It may seem like a big goal, but by working together we can achieve it. One of the things the PTSO has tried very hard to do is to plan an evening with something for everyone. Pricing is just \$10 per person, making it affordable for all of us. This is an event you will not want to miss! We are planning an evening filled with fun activities including: games of chance where \$5 gives you an opportunity to win different prizes, classroom projects- beautiful one of a kind chairs, silent & live auction items, a free opportunity to view the exhibits of the fabulous Tri-Cities Historical Museum, live entertainment by WMAAA alumni jazz musicians, delicious desserts, and gourmet coffee drinks made to order from Magnum Coffee!

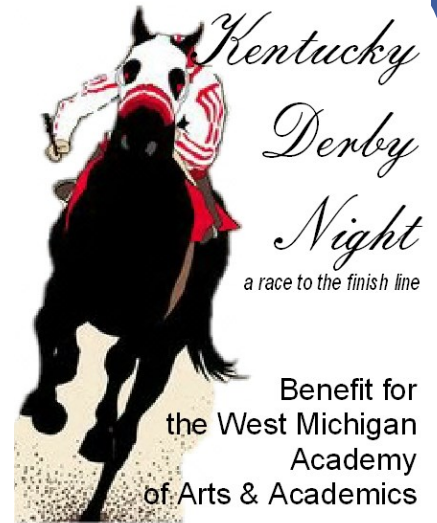
Now it is your time to get involved. Make sure to reserve your tickets for the evening today. To do so, please complete the ticket reservation form, include payment and drop it off to the office by Thursday, April 3rd to save \$5/ticket (plus, if you have 10 tickets ordered, you will receive an 11th free). Make sure to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this super fun event. The tickets will be available for pick up from the office during the week of April 21st.

Also, think about making a donation or asking a business you frequent to contribute to the event. There is a list of 75 ideas to help spur your creativity on the PTSO page of [www.westmichiganacademy.org](http://www.westmichiganacademy.org). We have created a short wish list for game items on Sign UP Genius <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C48A8AC2DAB9-donations> that would be fantastic. Every item is appreciated and will be put to good use toward our \$80,000 goal.

Start planning your bidding strategy and keep up-to-date on event announcements by visiting the Kentucky Derby Night Facebook Event page:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/273790516109158/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/events/273790516109158/?ref=br_tf)

If you have questions or want to volunteer to help, contact Ann Grahek [amgrahek@yahoo.com](mailto:amgrahek@yahoo.com) / 616-437-7998 or Hope Prins [hope\\_prins@hotmail.com](mailto:hope_prins@hotmail.com) / 616-485-2359



## **Muskegon Museum of Art Spring Break Art Camp-**

**Monday, April 07 - Friday, April 11**

**9:00 am - noon MUST PRE-REGISTER**

(ages 7-11) Instructor: Ellen Sprouls

Per day: \$20/\$17 MMA member OR Per week: \$75/ \$65 MMA member

Get those kids moving and creating (and out of the house!). Students will explore different mediums through various projects each day:

Monday: Self-Portraits

Tuesday: Lines

Wednesday: Book Making

Thursday: Painting with Pastel

Friday: Sculpture

Come for the week or drop in for the day! Each class is limited to 15 students. To register: Call 231.720.2571 by March 31.

## **Cub Scout Round Up-**

Cub Scout Pack 3014 is having their spring "Round-Up" for boys who will be in 1st through 4th grades this fall and interested in scouting this coming school year. This is an open meeting held at St. Mary's Church in Spring Lake on Friday, May 9 between 6:00 and 7:30pm. There will be displays and activities for the boys, along with refreshments. Scout Leaders will be on hand to answer any questions. If you are interested but unable to attend or have any questions, please contact John Prokopec at 616-402-4398 or [john\\_prokopec@hotmail.com](mailto:john_prokopec@hotmail.com).

Your help really makes a difference. We had a great turnout in the fall and many new boys have joined.

## **Thank You PTSO!-**

The reading month committee and WMAAA staff would like to thank the PTSO for their generous help with and support of reading month.