



PTA Newsletter

NOVEMBER
2019

Events-at-a-Glance

October 23-November 6

Food Drive

October 31

Halloween Parade

@1:15pm

Class Parties

November 3

Runamassa

November 4

PTA Meeting

7pm in the Library

November 7-8

School Closed

November 25

Toy and Gift Drive Begins

November 28-29

School Closed

4th Annual Runamassa

Please join us as we host the 4th Annual Runamassa Fun Run on Sunday November 3, 2019 beginning and ending at the Wanamassa Elementary School!! There will be a 1 mile fun run/walk at 9 AM followed by a short toddler trot/dash on the front lawn of the school. Before and after the run, there will be refreshments, a DJ, school spirit and community bonding. Rain or shine! Wanamassa teachers/staff please join us at a discounted rate of \$1.00 donation.

Register now!

wanamassapta.org/runamassa



Yearbook Sales

Don't delay, order your yearbook early and save! Discounted price of \$18.00 before November 4, 2019. Order forms were sent home already. Any questions concerning the yearbook please email wanamassayearbook@gmail.com.



**Book your babysitters
now!**



PTA Holiday Social

12/12

Robinson Ale House



Casino Night

4/24

The Renaissance

Parent-Teacher Basketball Game

Our annual parent-teacher basketball game was a fun night had by all. Thank you to all the parents and teachers who participated in the game! Special shout out to Jackie Farrell for organizing the event and to Heidi Jackson for running our hospitality table. In addition, to everyone who assisted in sending in goods and selling. We can't wait for next year.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Our World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser has concluded. Thank you to all who participated and made this another successful fundraiser!

PTA PLANNING FOR 2019/2020

Do you have an idea or just want to get more involved with the PTA events or committees? If so, email info@wanamassapta.org and let us know!

A Message from Your Principal

Dear Parents & Guardians,

November has arrived! We are well into the fall season and it is hard to comprehend that almost 25% of the school year is already completed. The first marking period ends on November 11th and conferences will take place in early December. Report cards will be given out at conferences.

Throughout the state of NJ, the Week of October 7th was designated as **The Week of Respect** and the week of October 21st was designated as **School Violence Awareness Week** (we refer to it as "School Safety Week"). Our continued goal is to provide a safe and orderly environment for students and to promote the other three "R"s in education: Respect, Responsibility and Relationships. There were a number of activities throughout these few weeks that focused on safety, kindness, respect, etc. In addition, during the first marking period all students will be receiving an age appropriate guidance lesson on conflict resolution.

During our Week of Respect, we added an important positive theme in the office. We are continuing to institute a school wide (Positive Behavior Support) initiative that promotes good citizenship in a visual manner. In the main office, we now have a bulletin board labeled "Wanamassa Students Are Out of This World". As students and staff are "caught" being a good citizen, they will be given a star to place on the board. Then, they are to write their name on the star and glue it to the wall. I hope that throughout the rest of fall and into the winter, we can fill the sky with "good citizen stars". A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Koob for always decorating our wall for us each year.

Thank you to our staff, the PTA, parents and students for their participation at the Parent/Teacher basketball game and for those taking part in our upcoming Runamassa event on 11/3. We look forward to many more fun events this year.

Our annual evacuation drill took place on Thursday, October 11th. As principal, I am proud to report that our staff and students evacuated in an efficient and safe manner to Ocean Township Elementary School. We will continue to practice various safety drills so that we will be as prepared as possible for any emergency that might arise.

Are you interested in some helpful hints for media? Common sense media is an online resource to assist with Digital Issues. Connecting Families is designed to support and empower families in raising kids who think critically, participate responsibly, and behave ethically in their online lives. Parent controls on the phone are one of the many important resources at this site.

<https://www.common sense media.org/>



Tweet – Tweet: Do you have a Twitter account? If so, please follow **@WanamassaElem**. You will be informed of school events, important information, school closings, pictures, educational resources, the promotion of student and staff achievements, etc. We look forward to sharing the successes of our students with you and building on our positive school culture. This Twitter account is being used to send information out to our followers. If you have a school question or concern, please contact the appropriate staff member via the phone or email. If you do not have a Twitter account, but would like more information about it and how to start one up, there are many quick and detailed videos on YouTube for beginners.

There are many items on the school's **Lost and Found** table already. Please have your child look for their missing items as soon as possible. The table is located in the hallway outside of the cafeteria.

I enjoyed speaking to many of you at Open House and I wish everyone a wonderful school year.

Remember, children of any age become motivated and stay interested if their parents exhibit sincere interest in what they are doing and are supportive of the school's efforts; so please demonstrate a positive attitude toward school. You are your child's most important role model, and positive comments toward education are those from which your child will benefit the most. I am looking forward to my 10th year here at Wanamassa Elementary School, and I hope that everyone has a positive outlook this year. This is truly a very special school, and I wish everyone a wonderful school year. Thank you for all you do to assist us in educating your children.

Yours in Education,

Victor R. Milano