



The WayPoint Way

News from WayPoint...where students discover success!

Family, Food & Fun Night a Real Success!

THANK YOU to all the parents and students who came out on Tuesday, October 21st for our 1st ever Family, Food & Fun Night! What a GREAT time was had by our 5th & 6th graders and their families! What a joy it is to see home and school working together all focused on our students' success! Thanks to Ms. Stebelton and Mrs. Tulgestke for planning and organizing this wonderful evening. PLEASE NOTE: our 7th graders will have a Family, Food & Fun Night on Tuesday, November 18th; letters were sent home earlier to our 7th graders parents inviting them. We look forward to seeing ALL our 7th graders and their families on the 18th!

WayPoint Recognized Again by MI Dept. of Education for Student Achievement Success

Just last week, we received word that WayPoint has been recognized and applauded by the State of Michigan for its continued student achievement success, especially with students who are economically disadvantaged. We have been asked to share with the State what we believe are the key factors to our success...which we are delighted to do! Congratulations goes to our students, our staff members and our students' parents for a job VERY WELL DONE!

Students Attend Diversity Leadership Summit

On October 25, Mrs. Cantu took a group of 4 students from WayPoint Academy to Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, MI to attend the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion's 6th annual, LINC (Leadership in the New Century) Diversity Leadership Summit. After being welcomed and listening to some remarks by the MRDI, our students were able to choose two workshops to attend, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. They also had the chance to meet many new students from around the metro Detroit area. Our students attended a workshop titled Safer Cyber Space. This was a look at cyber-bullying and strategies for safer Internet use. After a relaxing lunch provided by MRDI, our students attending a session titled Eye of the Beholder. This was a movie and discussion about how we view one another. They really enjoyed this session.

Mrs. Cantu attended the workshop with the students in the morning, however, she was invited to be a presenter in the afternoon. She presented Freedom Writers and how using the program in our schools inspires and motivates students. It was all a wonderful experience for everyone involved.



L: Shavondrick, Roland, Mrs. Cantu, Jayde & Shelley at the Leadership Conference, learning, laughing and having fun!



R: Mrs. Cantu teaching at the Leadership Conference

Boys Basketball Update...and...T-shirt Gets You in to All Home Games!

The WayPoint 'GATORS will play 8 home games this season under the direction and leadership of head coach, Mr. Mark Downing and assistant coach, Ms. Erica Johnson. The team is offering a special this year: purchase a special WayPoint "GATOR t-shirt in full color for just \$12 and you get into ALL home games for FREE! Wearing the shirt during our home games will also get the person popcorn at half price. We will allow our students who purchase such shirts to wear them as part of the Academy dress code on game days...home or away. SHOW YOUR SPIRIT AND PURCHASE ONE BEFORE OUR FIRST HOME GAME scheduled for December 1st.

High School BB Tryouts: will be held November 3rd through November 7th in the MP Room. Any 9th through 12th grader may attend tryouts from 3:30pm to 5pm. Players: please make sure that you dress with athletic clothing and court shoes. Contact Mr. Downing at extension 104 if you have any questions.

Science Students Study with Others from Around the World!

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, WayPoint is now a G.L.O.B.E. school! Under the leadership of science teacher, Mr. Aaron Eling, some of our middle school science students are studying with others from around the world. Just this week, Kati Erb, Cameron Green, Jerilynne Lockard & Gabriela Vazquez ventured to Grand Valley State University with Mr. Eling to begin their "world wide" studies. We will get progress reports from them throughout the year. In the meantime, contact Mr. Eling for more information.

Sixth Graders Write Their Own "Mystery Books"!

Mrs. Tulgestke's 6th graders just recently completed authoring a Mystery Book which will be laminated and available in class for all to read. Congrats to our 6th graders on their creativity and writing skills! Please ask your 6th grader to see a copy.

15 Yearbooks Still Available!

Mrs. Heacox has just 15 of our 2007-2008 yearbooks left for sale. Just \$15 will get you a copy of the VERY LAST MTA yearbook ever...a SUPER book and a real treasure to own. Contact Mrs. H at ext. 108 to get your copy!

New WayPoint Sign Makes It Easy to Find Us!

We are so very grateful to the Kuznar family for their "gift" of our new WayPoint LED sign out on Apple Avenue! There is NO missing our driveway now, for sure. Watch the sign for messages and information; it changes almost every day. Again, we thank the Kuznars for believing in us and our mission!

Check our Academy website regularly for news and information! First parent to call and tell me what is new on the site as of yesterday will win a FREE WayPoint sweatshirt for his/her student!

Students Complete Fall MEAP Testing

Just this week, our 5th—9th graders finished their MEAP testing for this year. We are proud of their efforts and await the results which should be back to us sometime in late December/early January.

Closing of School

Getting to be THAT time of year again! Parents are reminded that Academy closings are always posted on our website, placed on our voicemail system (if we have power!), called into WZZM—TV!3 and placed on area Clear Channel radio stations.

"Toys for Tots" School Spirit Challenge!

Again this year, our Student Council will be sponsoring our "Toys for Tots School Spirit Challenge" efforts; please begin saving toys to donate to us for Toys for Tots. Let's help those less fortunate than ourselves; more information to you soon about where to drop off your donations.

OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!