



The Dawn of December,
2016

December 2,

As many of you may know, Westmoreland School has been a Healthy Monadnock School Champion for several years now. Recently, we met with the new School Champions coordinator and reviewed our school policies and culture to see how they match up with the new recognition system. We are proud to announce that we have earned all of the four possible badges of achievement in the areas of 1) Physically Active, 2) Tobacco Free, 3) Well Nourished and 4) Building Resiliency. We are proud of our students, staff, and families and all they do to support staying healthy in these areas. The badges will be proudly displayed in the front windows of our school.

Bulldog Spirit Gear is back! We have now entered the modern era of online ordering to make it easier for everyone, so now there will be no forms sent home and you just have to log on the following link to order! <https://westmoreland.itemorder.com> This online store has a quick turn-around deadline to make sure your items are ready for the holiday, so the orders must be placed by next Wednesday, Dec. 7. You can pick up your items in Keene at the Bulldog store on Winchester St. or I can bring them to the school, whatever works best for you. After the holidays there will be another online store set up on an ongoing monthly basis for those who miss this first opportunity.

Community Service Opportunity: The leaves from the Bradford Pear (Pyrus calleryana) trees out front finally fell down and if any MS student wanted to get an hour of CS, it would be a great opportunity to do after school sometime soon.

Lights and Trees Needed: Mrs. Priebe and Mrs. Hertzler are looking for strings of lights and artificial trees for the holiday concert, so if you have any, and would be willing to lend it out, it would be much appreciated.

Reminders:

Fisher Cats Reading Challenge is back! Students can read 5 books on their own and get TWO free tickets (with a \$3 processing fee) to a Fisher Cats game this spring. The forms went home last week so keep an eye out for those!

Annual Food Pantry Fundraiser: Instead of collecting "Food" this year, the Middle School Student Council has been collecting money, from Monday, Nov. 28 to Friday, Dec 2, 2016, in order to purchase Hannaford "Food Boxes". Their goal is to purchase 35 boxes @ \$10.00 each or \$350.00, but they have raised almost \$500 so far and are



still going strong. If you forgot to send in your contribution during the week you can drop it off at the school tomorrow.

NHDI Fundraiser: Flamingos are coming and here is your chance to send holiday cheer and help NHDI kids dance. They'll arrive December 1st for just 10 days. The more visits made the more money they raise. Send grandparents a giggle, good tidings and cheer. Tickle friends pink and wish them happy new year. Check you kids packs for your invitation. To send our friends to a Westmoreland location.

Upcoming Dates:

Dec. 2: Parent-Teacher Conferences/Book Sale ends!

December 13: Set up stage for Holiday Concert

December 14: Holiday Concert

Jan. 10: PTA Meeting

-Mr. Hayward

Theme for next Friday 12/9: Bulldog Spirit/Basketball, to celebrate the start of our Bulldog basketball seasons!

Reminder that 12/9 is the Student of the Month Luncheon so please get those permission slips in and we will take food choices from the honorees next week.

PTA News: Reflections

Thank you to those who turned in Reflections entries this year. Grades K-2 have completed their projects in art class. We will be sending home these students' entry forms and artist statements before Thanksgiving break. The signed entry forms approving their participation are due THIS Monday, December 5th. Visual arts judging will take place the week of December 12th. The pizza party for the class with the greatest overall participation in the program will take place on Friday, December 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Harville, jenharville@gmail.com or Amy Farrington, ppfarrington@yahoo.com.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair is here! Books will be on display and available for sale November 28 - December 2. Allow yourself time to shop when you come in for your parent/teacher appointment.

Paint Night: The PTA is sponsoring a Paint Night Fundraiser for adults and older children accompanied by adults. It will be led by our wonderfully talented parent artist Michelle Priebe. The date for this is Friday, January 20th in the Multipurpose Room. More details to come.



Other Local Opportunities of Note Outside of School:

The Lion's Club of Westmoreland will be hosting their Home For The Holidays event on Sunday, December 4 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Westmoreland School.

Angie Hauri, one of our wonderful local bus drivers and co-owner of Old Cider Press Farm, is coordinating this year's annual Westmoreland Christmas Tree Lighting at the town common on Sunday, December 4, 2016, at 6 p.m. Angie is looking for donations of cookies and other baked goods as well as cider for people to enjoy in the town hall following the tree lighting. If you can make a donation, please contact Angie at 399-7210 and leave her a message.