Highlights of This Week
Monday, 2/27 - Special Events Day: WAS Loves the Arts
Thursday, 3/1 - Parent Workshop with Nutritionist at MAS: 9:00 am

Highlights of Next Few Weeks
Tuesday, 3/6 - Walk to School Day
Thursday, 3/8 - Interfaith Food Pantry Collection
Monday, 3/12 - Story Pirates Assembly: 9:30 am
Wednesday, 3/15 - PTO Meeting: 9:00 am (Media Center)
Friday, 3/16 - End of Marking Period
- Pizza Parlor Day
- Spirit Friday

Notes from Ms. Quigley, Principal
As the WAS principal, I couldn’t be prouder of the WASPLAYERS that came out for the opening act to Tigertones. It looks like we’re in for quite a treat at the end of March when they will perform the Willie Wonka Musical. I join Samantha Ekert and Colleen Markely in thanking the many parent and alumni volunteers for their efforts in creating and supporting this event. I also want to thank the CMS staff, Damon Wyatt, the light and sound coordinator, his several student volunteers and the CMS custodial staff for all their efforts in setting up for this event.

WAS LOVES THE ARTS is today! I hope you can stop in and see all the great bulletin boards, classroom doors and the art exhibit set up in the new gym featuring local artists, including our own Andie Elwell. The Bulletin Boards created by parent volunteers and their families will be up for two weeks so that children and their teachers can visit them and so that our parents can also check them out. Our students will be looking at the Arts from many different viewpoints, i.e. sculpture, painting, dance, film, floral designs, interior design, cartoons and musicals to name a few. Be sure to ask your child about their favorites.

Notes from Samantha Ekert, PTO President
I am still singing - are you?! What a fantastic night on Friday! I am not sure which performance I enjoyed more - our very own WAS Players or the Princeton Tigertones. All in all, it was a great time and kudos once again to Colleen Markley and Loren Hamilton for chairing the event and to all their dedicated volunteers. After that teaser, I know I am counting the days until the full show of Willy Wonka. I am constantly impressed by the skills of our students (and their parents, of course!).

And, I couldn’t be more excited for today’s annual Special Events Day. The school has been transformed to an Arts wonderland and our kids will be entertained all day with a myriad of incredible parent-run activities. There are lots of surprises in store so I hope your kids come home chatting away and give our day rave reviews. Huge thanks to Susan Farkas for chairing the day and all of her committee heads - Jennifer Lavelle, Kris Zingone, Beth Kneebone, Christina Hill, Laura Callen and Anne Davenport - for dedicating many hours to planning this event. It is going to be a fabulous day!

Lastly, I hope to see many of you at the Nutrition Workshop this Thursday at MAS. Mary Donnelly, WAS Health Educator, has arranged for a terrific speaker and our PTO is co-sponsoring this event with MAS. I guarantee you will walk away with some great ideas for varying your kids’ meals and making them both nutritious and tasty. I know I certainly could use some help with that!
From Mary Szoke: Friday, March 2nd is going to be a Fun Day at WAS! It is Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss’ Birthday!

To celebrate WAS students and staff will “dress appropriately”. Any Dr. Seuss clothing or Red, White and Black will be great (remember those great Seussical shirts, they would be terrific!). There will be a few surprises throughout the day. Also on March 2nd we will be participating in a Nation-wide “AR” quiz day, the students will be taking AR quizzes throughout the day and the numbers will be recorded by a survey company. Last year the grand total was 2,177,586 – we can certainly help beat that! Any child that participates will receive a certificate.

Have a great Read Across America Day!

Princeton Tigertones

PHEW! That was fabulous! Thank you all for helping to make our first family fundraiser such a smashing success. Over 500 people were in attendance and we were so privileged to have not only the world-famous Princeton Tigertones, but also our very own homegrown WAS Players with a sneak preview of their spring show, Willy Wonka. What a talented group!

And somehow we also managed to have a fabulous time AND make some money for the PTO. We'll get you our full financials for the next PTO meeting, but we plan to FAR exceed our $2,000 budget goal! Congratulations to the Proscia family, our 50/50 winners (who won slightly less than a million dollars), and a VERY special thank you to our Raffle Auditor, Brian Markley, for traveling to the Township boundary line to pull our winning raffle. Special thanks to all the WAS Players, their families, Jen Clarke, Jill Horowitz, and Miss Harris for going above and beyond the realm of their own play to make such a special community event. We also wish to thank the cheerful, talented, and enthusiastic Tigertones Event Team: Shannon Matter, Colleen Truppo, Lisa Byther, and Marcie Martin. What a fabulous crew they are to work with - hard-working, dedicated and loads of fun to boot! A special thanks to Kathy Jenkinson and her hubby for sharing their great dancing skills on stage for the Tigertones rendition of "kiss the girl" (and for having a great sense of humor too!)

Thanks as well to our event night helpers who acted as ushers and refreshment providers: Barb Bresnahan, Mary McKay, Joanna Ryan, Julie Carles, Tim Byther, Katie Cincotta, Jenn Smith, Christine Friedman, Beth Burton and her cheerful crew, and Girl Scout Troop 1075. Special thanks to Sam Ekert and Mary Quigley for their sense of humor and great support in a totally new event this year. And now for our next trick.... Onwards!

What Am I Going to Eat?

Mary Donnelly, WAS Health Educator, has arranged a workshop by Wendy Meyer Sterling for parents in Chatham who are looking for ideas to get their children to eat healthy foods. Ms. Donnelly arranged this workshop as part of a grant received from the Chatham Education Foundation on “Give Me Five With My Plate,” and with additional funding from the MAS and WAS PTO’s. The workshop will take place on Thursday, March 1 at 9:00 am in the Milton Avenue School Multipurpose room. See the attached flyer for additional information. All are welcome!

ONGOING WAS PTO FUNDRAISERS

Information on the WAS fundraisers can be found on the WAS website under the PTO. Log onto www.chatham-nj.org/page/5376 for further information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A-DAY Camp 2012

Summer sign-up has started. Come and join the FUN as we embark on a new season with games, sports, crafts, and most of all, FUN. We have eight to ten daily activities, crafts, inflatables, rock walls, GAMES 2U day with laser tag, hamster balls and a video truck, free t-shirts, parent’s day, balloon launches and the most water fun around. We have a nurse on staff and a top-notch set of counselors. Find out more at www.adaycamp.com or contact Mr. A. directly at (973) 769-0566.

Art’s N’ Mind Summer Camp

See flyer below regarding different art workshops this summer by Claudia Hauser and kenji Hasegawa
MAC ADVENTURES 2012 SUMMER CAMPS: Discover the wonders...Join WAS teachers Megan and Chris Calveley for summer fun with our Sports and Nature camps, and Soccer Camps. Registration is now open. Check our website for camp info and registration forms—also available in WAS Main Office. www.macadventures.net or email us for more details: cscalveley@macadventures.net

Chatham High School Presents: The Drowsy Chaperone
From March 1 to 3, CHS will present the hilarious 2006 Tony Award winning musical, The Drowsy Chaperone. The show begins when a Broadway musical fan plays his 1928 album, “The Drowsy Chaperone,” and suddenly its wacky characters magically appear in his apartment. Its side-splitting humor and fizzy score will entertain all ages. Performances are March 1, at 6:00 pm (Family Night) and March 2-3 at 7:30 pm. A special discount of $7 per ticket will be offered for Thursday’s performance if you buy 10 or more tickets. To participate in this special family night discount offer, e-mail Melissa Bryan with the number of tickets at: mbryan@chatham-nj.org. Advanced tickets can be purchased for $10 at CHS lobby between February 23 and March 2, from 10:45 am - 11:30 am, or online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/216517. Tickets at the door are $10 for students/seniors, and $12 for adults.

Promoting Positive Body Image: What You Need to Know about Eating Disorders
Atlantic Health and Morristown High School Raising Healthy Teens Committee are co-hosting a program entitled "Promoting Positive Body Image: What You Need to Know about Eating Disorders" on Monday, March 5 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm at Morristown High School. The program is free but pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-247-9580 or visit www.atlantichealth.org to register. The program is for parents of teenagers. For more information, please refer to the attachment section of The Home Page of February 20 at www.chatham-nj.org/cms/lib/NJ01000518/Centricity/ModuleInstance/7125/hp022212.pdf.

Children’s Events at the Library of the Chathams
GREAT BOOKS GANG
Great Kids come to the Library to listen to Great Books. Every Monday in March. 4:00 to 5:00
Our first book will be: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
Please call to register: 973-635-0603

READ ALOUD TO THERAPY DOGS
Read aloud to a gentle dog from St. Hubert’s. Wednesday, March 21 4:00 to 5:00
No Registration Required

LEGOPALOOZA!
Build LEGO creations from our collection of thousands of Legos. Sunday, March 25, 2:30 to 4:00
No Registration Required

Don’t miss the Friends of The Library Book Sale. Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bag Sales: Sunday March 11, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. & Monday/Tuesday March 12/13, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00p.m.
Dear Parents:

On March 9, 2012 students and faculty of the Washington Avenue Elementary School are invited to participate in Pajama Day, they will wear their pajamas to school in honor of a local student. Each participant is asked to give a suggested donation of $5 to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (if you wish to write a check please make it payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. You may give less than $5 or more if you wish. All participants will receive a Pajama Day sticker that will symbolize their help in the fight against blood cancers. This “Pajama Day” sticker will explain the change of proper, everyday school clothing or uniforms. This is an opportunity for our students @WAS to demonstrate in this small way their support and encouragement for our Honor Student. I will ask the homeroom teachers to hold all donations in a large envelope which I shall collect on March 9th. All faculty and staff may contribute and give their donations to the school nurse.

This is a great opportunity to help in the battle against blood cancers like leukemia and become a part of The Society’s mission: to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin’s disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. In one school day, 46 children will learn they have cancer. It’s programs like Pajama Day that will one day change this statistic.

Please do not hesitate to call Sandy Kelly, the school nurse, with any questions or concerns you may have or how you or your workplace can get involved. On behalf of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the patients we serve, thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO EAT?

Sound familiar? Do you sometimes feel like you are running a restaurant? How do you get your kids to eat healthy foods like vegetables?

When: March 1, 2012  
Time: 9:00AM  
Place: Milton Avenue Gym

Come join us on March 1, 2012 to hear a special presentation by Wendy Meyer Sterling, MS, RD, CSSD, CDN. She is a Registered Dietitian and a Board Certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics. She is a New York State Certified Dietitian/Nutritionist who specializes in sports nutrition, eating disorders, and weight management.

Wendy has been a nutrition consultant for the New York Jets since 2006. She is also a nutrition consultant for Pro Hoops, helping athletes achieve peak performance prior to the NBA Draft. Wendy is a co-founder and co-owner of FOODWIZE, a company that specializes in menus that are kid friendly, nutritionally sound, and parent approved.

So bring your friends and your questions, and learn more about kids and food!

Any questions?  
Email Mrs. Donnelly: mdonnelly@chatham-nj.org

Special thanks to the Washington Avenue PTO and the Milton Avenue PTO for funding this event.
Ms Hauser’s Creative Arts Summer Workshop
Join us this summer with our very own Chatham art teacher, Ms. Hauser, for some amazing art activities.

---Welcome all children ages 6-13---
Again, we have a guest instructor, Mr. Kenji Hasegawa from W.A.S. and M.A.S.. We will team up to make an even more creative and fun art summer camp.

Visit our website for more information:
www.ArtCampbyMsHauser.com

**Ceramics & Pottery**
Young artists will learn about form and function while exploring a variety of hand building and wheel throwing techniques. They will create functional pottery, imaginative clay sculpture and tiles. Several different glazing and under-glazing techniques will be used.

**Drawing and Painting**
This class provides a venue for creative process while exploring how different drawing mediums can be used in an imaginative environment.

**Potters Wheel**
Young artists will learn wheel throwing at a concentrated level.

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**LOCATION:** Washington Ave School Art Room, Chatham NJ  
**CALL:** 201-213-0612  
**Please check out**  www.ArtCampbyMshauser.com  **for more information**