

THE MESSENGER



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CALENDAR EVENTS:

- 12/8 Maryann's Class to Berkshire Museum
- 12/9 Hanukkah Ends
- 12/10 Primary Winter Show and Primary Violin Concert 10 a.m.
- 12/10 EL/MS Winter Show 6 p.m.
- 12/13 Spelling Bee rehearsal 3 p.m.
- 12/14 **Safety Committee** Mtg. 3:30 p.m.
- 12/14 MS Class Trip Parent Mtg. 4:30 p.m.
- 12/15 **Development Committee** Mtg. 8:30 a.m.
- 12/15 El/MS Violin and Band Concert 6 p.m.
- 12/16 MS Hot Lunch
- 12/17 MS Raffle
- 12/18 WHMS grades 2 & 3 Basketball team @ Averill Park
- 12/20-12/31 **Holiday Recess**
No School/Enrichment Available —
NO ENRICHMENT on December 24
- 12/25 Christmas
- 12/26 Kwanzaa
- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/3 Classes resume

WILLY WONKA



Cast & Crew

Under the direction of Suzie Dunn, the WHMS Theatre Club performed *Willy Wonka* on Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, December 4 at noon. Both shows were outstanding! Approximately 100 people attended both performances.



A special Thank You to Meg Parascandola for sewing the Oompa-loompa costumes.



WELCOME! Prem Bagul is joining Emmy and Jodi's class— WHMS welcomes Prem and his family to the community!

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Annual Meeting** and turned in proxy votes. The Amendment to the bylaws was passed.



Christine Wasik and or her husband **Howard Kibrick** have attended every annual meeting since their daughter **Olivia** has been a student, for 11 years!!

WHMS DRUM AT THE TROY VICTORIAN STROLL

THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Join us for our next Technology meeting, January 12, 2011 at 3:15 p.m.



Are you interested in getting involved with exploring the development of a **Woodland Hill High School?** If so, please come to the next meeting on Tuesday, January 18 at 4:30!

MAGGIE SCHMONSKY
- READING



Maggie Schmonsky, our reading specialist, will now be in her office five days a week.

Maggie currently works four days per week with students from Kindergarten through grade 6.

Maggie will be working with the UE team helping with the Writers' Workshop and offering assistance to students in acquiring reading comprehension and reasoning skills.



WHMS African Drummers: (from left) Kylie, Jonathan, Jared, Lucas, Alaina and Matthew. Not shown: Alanna.

Seven students from Woodland Hill's African Drumming class performed as part of the Troy Victorian Stroll, held on Sunday, December 5. The group, led by Kylie Walpurgis, entertained the strollers who stopped at the Peaceful Center on Third Street in Troy. They also gave demonstrations on the drum to several interested adults and children.

The Peaceful Center, a yoga studio, served cookies and hot cider. We thank the Peaceful Center for hosting us and for their support of WHMS.



Jonathan and Lucas give a demonstration on the African Drums



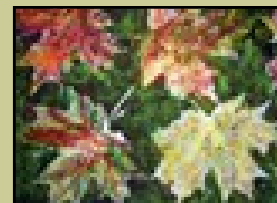
ART NEWS

WHMS Art Teacher **Janis Rink** has uploaded more artwork onto Artsonia.com, an exciting **web-based art museum for children**. The site has many benefits which will enhance our art program while building up your child's self-esteem. Students will be able to share their artwork with family members and friends. This online museum not only allows family members to view the **child's original work**, but also offers the option of leaving comments for the children.

Please take a moment to familiarize yourselves with the site. It can be found at **www.artsonia.com**. Type in Woodland Hill to find some of the projects that have recently been published.

2010-2011 Artsonia Fundraiser! Help raise funds for the **school arts program!** Artsonia will donate 15% of every purchase of **art keepsakes** to the school's arts program.

Thanks to our art teacher Janis Rink for organizing the project and to our parent Artsonia volunteers, **Josh Mandel and Jill Malouf** for photographing the student's artwork to post online!



EXTRACURRICULAR EXTRAVAGNAZA



On Friday, December 3, the Fall Extracurricular classes showcased their talents. Wizardry performed a magic show, the African drummers performed, Rock Band played, and the Movie Making club debuted *Woodland Hill: The Movie*. Parents and students attended the show and were amazed by the performances!



Hannaford Helps Schools

The Hannaford Helps Schools Program ends on **December 5, 2010**. **Send** All certificates must be delivered to WHMS by December 10, 2010.

We are also continuing with the following programs:

- Price Chopper Tools for Schools
- **Hannaford Helps Schools**
- Target Take Charge of Education

Funding Factory

WHMS greatly appreciates your involvement in any of these programs. Participation is, of course, voluntary but we hope that each family will find a way to participate.

We've had great success with these "No Effort" fundraising programs thanks to your help.



LOST:

Aniella Day lost her **Nano iPod** sometime last month. If you find it please return it to Aniella, grade 5, in Andrew's class.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Join Randy Cale on Tues. Jan 11 at 6 pm for a parent education on child and teen behavior. Read the next *Messenger* for more details.



You are invited to attend

*Woodland Hill Montessori School's
2010 Primary Winter Show
& Violin Performance*

*Friday, December 10, 2010
10 am*

*All of the Primary Students will perform
All of the Violin Students will also perform*



WOODLANDHILL
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An Education for Life

Woodland Hill
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Elementary & Middle School
2010 Winter Concert

**Friday, December 10, 2010
6 pm**

All Elementary and Middle School Students will perform

*With Special Performances by
Chorus, Glee & Dance Team*



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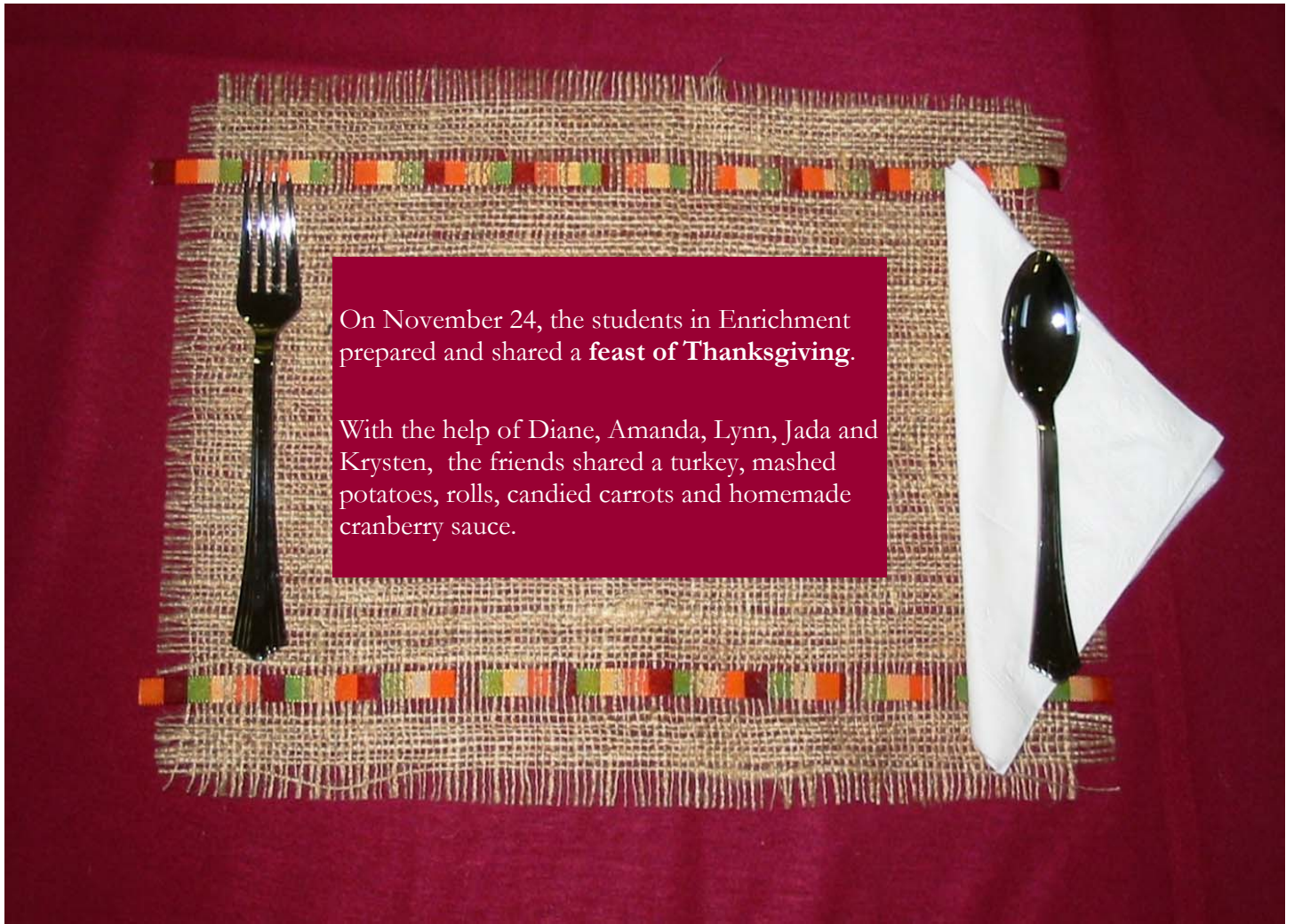
*2010 Winter Instrumental
Violin, Band & Chamber Ensemble
Performance*

*Wednesday, December 15, 2010
6 pm*

*All Elementary & Middle School
Band, Violin & Chamber Ensemble
Students Perform*

The Holiday shows are not to be missed! The students in all grade levels work very hard to present a **wonderfully entertaining concert** for all to enjoy. Thanks to our music faculty for their dedication to the program.

ENRICHMENT



The Middle School held its Annual Food Drive to benefit **Concerns U**, a charitable organization in Rensselaer.

Our Challenge this year was to collect **100 jars** or cans of gravy and 100 boxes of instant mashed potatoes!

The response to our food drive was better than expected.!

Concerns U provided over 250 families in southern Rensselaer County with a Thanksgiving meal. Concerns U provides food to over **700 families** on an on-going basis.

Thanks to the generosity of our community the Middle School was able to donate 125 boxes of mashed potatoes, 132 jars of gravy and 35 miscellaneous items.

Staff member Roger Fallon donated the remainder of the goods necessary to reach and surpass our goal. We are very thankful for his generosity and the generosity of all who have donated.

Thank you for your generosity during the holidays.

-The Middle School



The Middle School also \$137.70 for UNICEF during their trick or treat campaign



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER GREENS SALE

To raise funds for their year-end trip, The Holiday Green sale was a new addition to the MS's student-run business program. The sale was a HUGE success! The Middle School sold nearly 100 items from the Bee Green Fundraising event held during the month of November. Thank you for your support!



Watch for information about the Middle School Raffle to be held on December 17.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

In order to build an even **stronger school community**, WHMS has asked a parent from each class to host a party in their home. WHMS helped to sponsor these social gatherings and each has been a great way for people to meet one another—outside of school— and experience an even greater feeling of connection to our school community.

Patrick Cartwright summed up the party he and Kelli hosted, "At the beginning of the event, Julie Clegg, Charlie's mom, suggested name tags. But by the end of the evening we knew one another and realized we didn't need them."

Thank you to the gracious host parents from each class.

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| Liz & Kristen | Christopher and Natasha Bang |
| Emmy & Jodi | Giselle McDowell |
| Valerie & Leah | Patrick Cartwright and Kelli Flansburg |
| Nancy & Ashley | Tony Dawson and Kim Mayer |
| Sandy & Olga | Vincent and Kara LaBella |
| Maryann & Ann | Jim and Erika Nickens |
| Julie & Kristi | Erik and Cheryl Ledet |
| Upper El | Fred and Laura Galt |
| Middle School | Pete and Diane McCorkle |



Cassandre & Lourdes Chris and Susan Calyer will be hosting one soon.

HOLIDAY RECESS ENRICHMENT

Please note there is no enrichment on Friday, December 24

*Friday, December 31 enrichment is available until 4 pm.

If you are in need of enrichment care for any of the dates listed below please

circle the dates and complete your child/children's information.

12/20 12/21 12/22 12/23 12/27 12/28 12/29 12/30 12/31*

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

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December Enrichment _____ \$45 (per child)

Please note your child will need lunch and snacks

Please remember this is a peanut free program

In order to staff the enrichment programs properly it is important to know the number of children attending each day so if you are in need of enrichment care please return this form or email Diane Carusone-McGinn at dmcginn@woodlandhill.org

There are no refunds for enrichment days. In order to receive a credit we must be notified three business days in advance of your reservation.

(\$5 cancellation fee will apply)

[Download Form](#)



"Individual activity is the one factor that stimulates and produces development, and this is not more true for the little ones of preschool age than it is for the junior, middle, and upper school children." Dr. Maria Montessori

Thank you to all those families
who have donated so far!

We have raised \$15,678!

Make your donation online:

Go to www.woodlandhill.org and click
on Giving at WHMS,
then Donate Now



2010-2011 ANNUAL FUND



**243 Reasons
to Give**

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