

DWMS Journal



**Daniel Webster Middle School,
Waukegan, Illinois**

PBIS KICK-OFF A GREAT SUCCESS!



This month Webster kicked off a new incentive program called PBIS, which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention Supports. This program supports students in making positive behavior choices and will help to make the Webster Community a more respectful, responsible, and caring place. Webster is now focusing on respect, responsibility, and caring in the classroom. Students are being awarded “target tickets” for exhibiting respectful, responsible, and/or caring behavior. On Tuesdays and Fridays, students can use these tickets to buy items from the PBIS store. Students can also put their tickets into the raffle box in the LMC for a drawing on Friday for a large prize.



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Walk-a-thon for Cystic Fibrosis: May 18

Webster’s National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) is sponsoring a walk-a-thon to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Students are getting sponsors to donate money for every mile they walk. The walk will be on May 18th. Students must have collected at least \$10 to participate in this fundraiser. At the time this edition of the paper went to press, there was \$685 collected and 51 students participating. Congratulations to everyone who participated and contributed to this cause, and thank you to Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Bernard, and Ms. Gillengerten, Mr. Soto and Ms. Bilbry for their help in this fundraiser!



Webster’s group of CF walk-a-thon participants

What is Cystic Fibrosis?

By Romeo J.

Cystic fibrosis is a disease that is passed on to people genetically. You can only get the disease if both of your parents have it or are a carrier. Cystic fibrosis (also called mu-

coviscidosis), is a hereditary (*con't page 2*) disease that affects the entire body, causing progressive disability and early death. Difficulty breathing and insufficient enzyme production in the pancreas is the most common symptoms. Thick mucous production as well as a low immune system results in frequent lung infections, 1 in 2500 children are born with cystic fibrosis, and it is one of the most common fatal inherited diseases.

Adapted from the website Encyclopedia.com

Bilingual Spelling



Bee Contest

Bilingual Spelling Bee Winners

The Bilingual Team's spelling bee contest was held on April 24, 2007. The winners are: Francisco V., Gonsalo F., and Rocio G. Congratulations to the winners and to all who participated!

Library Corner: Reading Fiesta

On April 12, 2007 the LMC had a fiesta with a movie and nachos for all of the students who read at least one Rebecca Caudill book. They watched the movie *Happy Feet*. Here are some movie reviews from students who liked the movie:

Gino G: I liked the part when the penguin's fish are safe.

Aliah R: My favorite part is instead of doing whatever the other penguins did he did his tapping feet and ignored what people said.

Humberto G: My favorite part was when he accidentally fell and the others followed and they made a roller coaster ride out of it.

Poetry Contest and Reception



A group of first-place poetry contest winners.

There were a variety of poems submitted this year. There were Haiku, concrete, and acrostic poems to name a few. There were a range of subjects too, including gerbils, Paul Bunyan, and the Holocaust. Mrs. O'Donnell, our librarian, said that regardless of the type of poem, by far the most popular subject is love or loss of love.

Mrs. O'Donnell also had these comments about the poetry contest: "We had a lot of good poems entered in the contest this year and students were very excited about the reception and their awards. Its always fun to do something that makes the students feel good about the work they have done. Now they are anxious to actually see their poems in print and can't wait for the book!"

The winning poetry book cover was created by sixth grader Antonette C. Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Dawn had cake and pop for everyone at the reception.

LMC display case



The newest collection on display in the LMC is the collection of car models by Jose R. Jose has quite a collection. He began his collection two years ago and bought and built all of the models himself. He saves his money from his job and now he is saving for a new model to build.

His favorite model cars are the red Mustang and the blue Impala. Jose's collection will be on display in the LMC until the end of the month.

Students share views during Teacher Appreciation Week

The second week in May was teacher appreciation week. This is a week when teachers all over the country get recognized for the work that they do and they are told how much they are appreciated. Most of the students we asked said that they appreciated all of their teachers, and some students had these thoughts and comments to share:

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Natalie G.: Ms. Bilbry - she is one of the nicest teachers ever. No matter what the problem is she finds a good way out. She always gives good advice to students makes time for us so that we succeed, and does her best so that we can do better . If it wasn't for her I don't know how a lot of students would pass to the next grade she's a good person and I thank her for being here. I appreciate every little thing she does.

Sanessa W.: Mrs. Jackson because she (is) always getting on me and she is very cool... I love her.

Demetrious E.: Ms. Wellenbach - because she was respectful and cared about our education.

Jedeniah P.: Mrs. Wellenbach because she was nice.

Naomi R.: Mrs. Bernard is very caring and is like my mom at school.

Romeo J.: Ms. Strezo and Ms. Bernard - they listen to what I have to say.

Antonette C.: I appreciate Mr. Blake preparing me and others on math skills.

Lynda: I appreciate Ms. Jackson because she's always been there for me.

Jesse S.: Ms. Strezo because she always helps me and understands me.

Kimberly R.: All the teachers because they all try hard and their best to help us succeed in our life!

Juan M.: Ms. Bilbry because she is the best teacher because she helps out with me and she has some very good advice!!!

Susana P.: All the teachers because they all teach me how to do good!

Natalie V.: Ms. Bilbry because she is always helping students with our problems and she's always trying to get me to do good!! (I love how she dresses!)

Nick M.: Ms. Strezo because she helps me with my work. She is also very nice.

Julian R.: Ms. Strezo because I didn't like to do social studies but now I get it, that's why.

Dealbra W.: Mr. Woodman because he plays basketball with students after school and the students like him.

Surena M.: I appreciate all my teachers because they always do nice things for us like

ice cream or pizza party.

Marjury M.: I appreciate that they teach us what they know. I appreciate Mrs. Reid because she's a very nice teacher that cares about all of her students. And Ms. Strezo because even though we get her mad sometimes she still loves us.

Juan: Ms. Bilbry because she helps out lots of people with problems. Not like school problems she helps with everything. She cares about the kids. She actually helps me improve myself, that's the best teacher.

Glorymar: I appreciate Mr. Z. Why? Because he taught me things I never knew. We understand each other. I understand that he goes threw a lot in the school! The best!!!

Paola C.: Mrs. Bernard: I appreciate her because she has patience with us and she gives good advice.

Yessinia H.: I say thanks to Ms. Mlinar, Mrs. Caceres, Mr. Soto, and Ms. Hill and also Mr. Acosta for helping me a lot this year.

Guadalupe G.: To Ms. Strezo and Mr. Z for showing us new stuff to learn and for helping me raise my grade.

Bertha S.: Mrs. Turner is a very sweet teacher. She is always on your back so you don't get out of track. She is always finding ways to have fun in learning. We love you!

Vanessa G.: What I appreciate about my teachers is the effort that they put. I appreciate Mrs. Reid because she wants the best of us and she wants us to succeed, and she is so funny.

Honor Roll Breakfast

Students who earned a 3.0 and above during the third marking period were honored at a breakfast at Webster on May 4th. Students who made a 3.0 made the regular honor roll, and students who made a 3.5 or above made the high honor roll.

Each team of teachers presented awards for their students.



Students and parents came for the presentation of honor roll award certificates



and a breakfast of fruit and juice provided by each team and doughnuts donated by Krispy Kreme.



Editorials

Our opinions, and your opinions...In this section we give you a chance to write in and tell us your opinions on matters related to Webster and its students. The DWMS Journal staff will also contribute to this section. Please contact the DWMS advisors to submit an editorial.

Rights

We live in a world where gays are killed for being themselves. Most have an opinion that gay is wrong. That man and man and woman and woman should not be together or married. I hear people say God made Adam and Eve not just Adam. "In 2000 the Supreme Court ruled that Boy Scouts can ban gay troop leaders. Only 113 local and states gave the benefit to same sex groups. Six out of 10 people in the U.S. say gay marriage should be legal. This tells me we are still in the Stone Age. Nineteen states allow gay and lesbian couples to adopt children in a complex and expensive two-step process, in which one parent first adopts and then the second can petition for joint rights."* Gays are the same as other people and should have the same rights. They should not be judged by others. We are all different in one way or another.

by Romeo J

*Data from:

http://www.publicagenda.org/issues/factfiles.cfm?issue_type=gay_rights

What we are planning for summer vacation

Blanca: Go Out and play

Karla: Go to the movies

Cruz: celebrate my b-day

Jose: play video games

Vernice: walk on the streets

Denise: go visit my family

Daniela: Go out

Cristina: swim in the YMCA

Damaris: hang out with my friends

Alexander: ride my bike

Cindy: go shopping

Rosalba: Go to the mall

Maira: Go to Mexico

Kimberly: go to sleep

Louie: Ninja party!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Ruby: gonna take a vacation

Melissa A: Go shopping in New York.

Maria R: Go to the mall and shop!

Kimberly R: Hey...I'm going to sleep!

Cianna: Going camping.

Janea C: Camping, party, mall, and chill.

Lavender: Myspace and Washington Bowl.

Diashayia W: I'm going everywhere!

Brandy H: Myspace and going to Washington Bowl.

Randall W: Going fishing.

Charles R: Go chill at the skate park.

Tia W: Sleep over my friend's house.

Norma V: Be with my friends.

Saraeli: Go to the movies and go to my friend's house.

Glorymar R: Have fun and chill.

Kinikka: Go to Chicago.

Angelo C: Eating all day.

Arel G: Going to the beach.

Edgar L: Play video games and play outside too.

Joseph F: Sleeping...Haha.

Angel O: Go fishing with my dad and go to friend's house.

Things your mother always told you but you didn't want to hear...

(Here are a few excerpts from a book by the same name written by Carolyn Coats, 1981 - Thank you to Mrs. Bernard for loaning us her book!

- Two can live as cheaply as one – if one doesn't eat.
- Everything comes to him who waits, if he works while he waits.
- He who seeks a friend without a fault remains without one.
- People who live in glass houses should never throw stones.
- To belittle is to be little.

- Our problem isn't not knowing what is right, it is doing it.
- In every trouble there's a blessing.
- It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.
- Two wrongs don't make a right!
- Money is a good servant but a poor master.
- Genius is 3% inspiration and 97% perspiration.

This is the last DWMS Journal issue for the 2006-07 school year!

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www.waukeganschools.org/webster.

Also check this website for the Webster calendar and other announcements.

Have a great summer!

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Have a great summer!

Eighth grade Newspaper Staff: Good luck and best wishes for success in high school! We will miss you!

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