

Our Path to First Choice No.15  
2019/20

Everyone,

Here's Our Path note. Thank you for all you do for our students!

Our Path Topic

The 2019/20 school year is far into the second quarter, and now approaching weather-challenging days. The decisions for closing, dismissing early, and arriving late are not made without significant thought and research.

The area superintendents discuss the imposing weather threats to share concerns and thoughts. Although they work together to be somewhat consistent, each district has unique characteristics that may result in a different decision. The superintendent usually consults with transportation officials and buildings & grounds supervisors (who also consult with townships and boroughs). Also, sometimes consulted are PennDot and National Weather Service officials. PennDot plows are tracked to see if or when the state roads have been plowed.

For staff:

- **Two-hour Delays (Professional)**—teachers may arrive to school two-hours later than typical day.
- **Two-hour Delays (Support)**—paraprofessionals may arrive two-hours later, but must talk with their supervisor about how to make up their lost time.
- **Early Dismissals (Professional)**—teachers may leave after students have been dismissed and cleared, and finished necessary duties.
- **Early Dismissals (Support)**—paraprofessionals may leave after students are dismissed, but must talk to supervisor in order to make up lost time due to the early dismissal.
- **Cafeteria and Maintenance Staff** depend on the requirements of those inclement weather days. These folks are considered essential employees that may be required to fulfill services needed during inclement weather events.
- **Closures**—school closures due to weather events will be announced through the BoroBlast, WASD website, public notices, etc. Some essential employees may be required to work due to the nature of their positions.
- **Possible Snow Make Up Days** (Please remember these are required days if needed. Please consider these days when scheduling vacations).
  - **February 17**
  - **March 16**
  - **April 9**
  - **June 1 and after if needed.**

Board Information and Policy Updates

- Next School Board Meetings.
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Reorganization Meeting, 7PM at the Waynesboro Area Middle School.
  - December 3<sup>rd</sup> immediately following the Reorganization Meeting, there will be a Public Presentation on the Proposed Redistricting of Elementary School Attendance Zones.

- December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM, the Policy Committee will meet.
- December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM is a Board Meeting.

You may check out District policies by going to this site: <https://www.boarddocs.com/pa/wayn/Board.nsf/Public>

#### Five Tips for a Healthy Thanksgiving! (HuffPost)

- Eat sitting up straight, and not standing.
- At least one third of your plate should consist of vegetables and fruits, which have a higher water content.
- Use a small plate. Cornell University researchers found that 30% reduction in plate size leads to an average of 30% reduction in food consumption.
- Save your calories for your main Thanksgiving meal. Focus on lean protein sources. Not too many sweets.
- Don't punish yourself, this will actually give you more stress. The joy of eating with your family and friends will be so much more if you are conscious that the food you are eating is becoming a part of you.

#### Some Interesting Thanksgiving Facts

- Just 53 pilgrims celebrated the fall harvest, an English tradition, in the New World in 1621. In 2018, some [22.8 million people](#) in the U.S. reported English ancestry. The number in Massachusetts was 607,612.
- The first Thanksgiving included 90 Wampanoag Indians. The 2010 Census counted 6,500 members of the Wampanoag American Indian tribal grouping.
- Turkey City, Tx, Turkey Town, NC, Cranberry Township, PA, Mayflower Village, CA, and Pilgrim, MI are just a few places in the US that remind us of Thanksgiving.
- In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday. Sara J. Hale (known for her poem Mary Had a Little Lamb) lobbied in the 1840s for Thanksgiving to become a national holiday. Her dream came true in 1863.
- In 1989, President George H.W. Bush pardoned the first White House turkey.
- The average US person consumes 3000-4500 calories on Thanksgiving. A pound is 3500 calories.

#### Reminder about Early Dismissal

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, is an early dismissal for students. This year, all employees are excused after students have cleared the building and your assigned duties are completed. Hourly employees should make sure usual hours are noted on your time sheet in order to be paid for the complete scheduled day.

### Renfrew Christmas on the Farm

Christmas on the Farm at Renfrew held Dec 6-8. They are including a warming circle with a fire pit this year, and hope to have some volunteers read Christmas stories a few times during the event. The event hours vary each day, so if you can, email Bobbi Blubaugh if interested. She will set up a schedule for the volunteers. Thank you for your consideration to help this community event!

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### The New WellSpan Clinic

Located at the high school in the new Early Learning Center, the WellSpan Walk-In Clinic.

#### **Hours starting October 28<sup>th</sup>:**

- **Monday and Friday- 7am to 11am.**
- **Thursday- 3pm to 6pm**

### Being Thankful for Who You Are

Munsters

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_v0WBaSCHw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_v0WBaSCHw)

### From Our P3 Initiative Team

Hello All!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with distributing books at the Waynesboro Tree Lighting Ceremony last Friday. On behalf of our Prenatal to 3rd Grade Initiative, Be the Village distributed

237 books!

We have officially place our first stand at Mont Alto Borough Office in Mont Alto square. Be the Village stands will provide consumable activities for children as well as resource papers to help families who are looking for additional support services. More villages will be placed throughout the community and announced in the near future.

It takes a village to Be the Village- and I am looking for 2-3 volunteers per grade levels (kindergarten, first,second, third) who would be interested in helping to share ideas with our community through a Be the Village Facebook page. Your commitment in time would be very small- but VERY beneficial to our families. Please email me, Erica Nemzek, if you are interested.

Thank you and have a wonderful thanksgiving and break with your loved ones



### A Challenge for You

Why do school board members sometimes abstain from voting?

### Piece of the Puzzle

This week's Piece of the Puzzle is Jason Wetherald. Jason Wetherald, the assistant principal at WASHS has had a very busy first semester at WASHS. Due to appointments and conferences, he has had the responsibility of managing WASHS on several days on his own. He has successfully balanced the needs of students, teachers, parents, and personnel changes in a building of 1,200+ students. The WASHS counseling department has two new counselors and he is frequently working in a mentoring capacity helping with student issues. In addition, he has taken a lead role in developing the career clusters for the 2020 roll out and assisted with STEM curriculum development. He also has worked very closely with the WASHS pride pack and assisted with the Trunk or Treat events in October. Congratulations Jason for wearing many hats at WASHS and for your commitment in managing a very busy high school office. If you see Jason today, congratulate him for being the Piece of the Puzzle!

### Challenge Answer (Important to Know)

Board members may abstain due to conflicts of interests. A form must be completed, so to verify the reason.

### Final Thoughts

- *No one has ever gotten fat eating kale--Anonymous*
- *My hobbies include eating and complaining I eat too much weight.*
- *I either eat too much or starve myself. I sleep for 14 hours or an incoherent. Fall in love or hate passionately. I don't know what gray is. I never do.*
- *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Enjoy the rest of your week!

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