



from the **Principal's Desk**

ASK THE PRINCIPAL

- Q:** The year is almost over. When will we find out if our child is promoted?
A: Report Cards will be sent home on the last day of school (June 13th). There is a box that indicates promotion on the Report Card.
- Q:** Is there anything we can do to help our child be ready for the end of the year tests?
A: Yes. Your support is essential to your child's success. The teacher will send home review materials that students should study or practice. On the day of the tests, make sure your child has had a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Also, please encourage them to do their best.
- Q:** Can my other Ward children attend the 5th Grade Ceremony?
A: Yes. Just check with the office when you get to school.
- Q:** Is it too late to register a child for Kindergarten?
A: You may register anytime school is open.
- Q:** Should I let you all know if we'll be moving and not returning to Ward?
A: Yes, please do.
- Q:** Is Ward open in the summer?
A: For 9 weeks in the summer, Henrico Schools are closed on Fridays. For the other days of the week, schools stay open for extended hours.
- Q:** When is Teacher Appreciation Week?
A: May 5 to May 9th.
- Q:** Have the results of the Parent Survey come back yet?
A: Not yet.

Thank you for your support.

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from the PTA President

Hello Parents and Friends of Ward PTA!

Welcome Back!!! I trust that you enjoyed your spring break and am now ready to finish the final leg of this school year!! We are almost there . . . !

Your Ward PTA continues to be busy working, planning and advocating on your student's behalf. Recently, the PTA applied for and was granted a matching funding grant which would allow us to purchase four (4) of the needed Promethean Boards for our academic classrooms. We are so thrilled about this project accomplishment, however, we won't stop there! We are still in need of an additional two (2) boards, which we hope to purchase next year..But we will need your help to make this a reality, by supporting our final Spirit Night fundraisers (Chick-Fil-A on May 14th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. & Sweet Frog, May 23rd, 5-8:30 p.m.) and again with our fall fundraiser. Also, thank you for your continued support of our efforts with the Box Tops for Education program! We are yet counting the many box tops that were received during our challenge. We are still working to determine our winner.

As we embark on the month of May, let us all prepare ourselves to recognize and show our deepest appreciation for our teachers, teacher assistants and educational support staff during **National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5th-May 9th**. You will receive additional information in your students' folder in the coming days regarding some fun ways/suggestions for your special teacher! J

The PTA NEEDS YOU! We are still looking for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles to assume roles within the PTA. If you are interested in helping, but prefer not to hold an office, we have capacity for YOU! Just send your contact information to WardPTAPres@gmail.com and let's talk about it!

We have come to that special time of the year, where we say "good bye" to our beloved 5th Graders as they prepare to make their mark on the world of middle school. We are indeed excited and proud of them and look forward to celebrating them and all of their accomplishments over the years on June 13th during our Annual Moving On Ceremony. As they move from our building, but never our hearts, we encourage them to continue to be a part of the PTA and its many programs that challenge and celebrate them. Next school year, the PTA will work even harder to encourage membership among our parents, students, and extended families and community partners. It truly does take a village to help in the support of our students and we want to stand as that vehicle that gets it there. So, watch for several membership drives in the coming year!! If you want to pay your dues now for next year, we would gladly accept them.

As this year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to everyone who has supported OUR PTA this year! Your support is essential for the accomplishment and success of our many programs and we just could not have done it without each and every one of you! YOU ROCK!! I am looking forward to even greater things and successes next year and with your support I just know we are going to do it! Until then . . .

May your arrows fly straight and your aim be true,

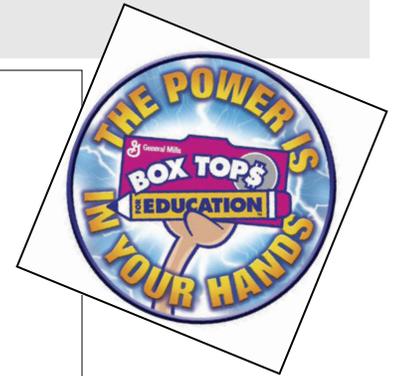
Angela Clark Greene
President, Ward PTA



BOX TOPS CONTEST WINNER IS.....

Mrs. Moore's 3rd Grade Class!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to enter the contest and send in those Box Tops!



SOLS ARE COMING SOON!

As we approach the time of year that we begin end of the year testing we wanted to motivate the students to really do their best! In order to do that we are having a

SOL Spirit Week (MAY 5TH—9TH)!

The dress up days are listed below and a letter we be coming home from the school! Please encourage your student to dress up all week no matter their grade level! Each grade has end of the year tests and all students need to be ready!

Monday 5/5 - College Day

Tuesday 5/6 – Dress to Impress

Wednesday 5/7 – Genius Day – Dress like a Genius (Teacher wear Jeans)

Thursday 5/8 – Super Hero Day! – Dress like your favorite superhero

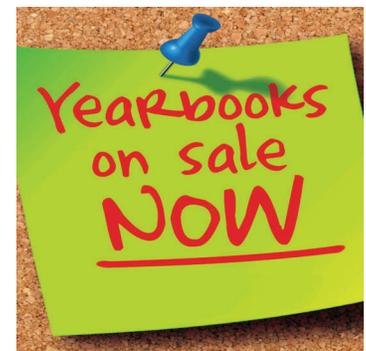
Friday 5/9 – Spirit Shirt for Field Day!

Testing actually begins May 14 and goes through June 6th! Please be sure to encourage your students to study for their upcoming tests! During the testing window help ensure your student does their best by getting them to bed early and having them at school on time. Parents you are just as important during testing as the students and teachers! Thank you in advance for you support!

YEARBOOK NEWS!

THE DEADLINE FOR BUYING YEARS BOOKS HAS BEEN EXTENED TO MAY 5TH!

Yearbooks are \$15 and can be ordered with the cash/ check envelopes or they can be ordered online at Strawbridge Studios.



from the Family Advocate

Wow! The school is getting close to the end of the 2013-2014 school year, but still a lot of excitement with students, parents, family members and staff.

4/21/14 - we had a very successful Man Up strategy meeting with dads and staff present, a lot of good ideas for parent involvement was discussed and new ideas shared for the upcoming school year. Big Thank You to everyone who attended this meeting.

Will be accepting phone calls until May 2nd to continue scheduling appointments through May 16th, for Pre-k applications for 2014-2015 school year. If you have a child or know of someone who has a child that will be four before September 30th, 2014 please contact your Family Advocate.

**After May 2nd you can contact the Family Advocate for additional information.

Many ideas being discussed for workshops for the new school year! If you have any suggestions or great ideas, we will have a SFEC meeting, Coffee Break for Parents to discuss all the ideas at a later date! You will also have the opportunity to vote for the SFEC Chairperson, Secretary, Pre-K Representatives and HFPAC Representatives for your school.

I have tremendously enjoyed my First Year here at Ward as your Family Advocate and want to Thank everyone for all your support to the Family Advocate and the Ward Family! There has been a lot of exciting things happening and many parent volunteers giving a lot of hours in many different ways. I am looking forward to the New School Year with a lot of success and Family Engagement with community partners.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance in any way.

I hope everyone will have a wonderful and safe summer break with family fun and many hours of laughter together with reading and family events.

Your Family Advocate
Ellen Vaughan



*Teacher
Appreciation
Week*



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

MAY 5TH — MAY 9TH!



There are many ways to stay connected with your PTA this school year.

- Follow our blog to keep informed with the latest Ward PTA updates!
- From the blog, click on the Newsletter tab and sign up to receive our PTA monthly newsletter via e-mail!
- Facebook fans can also follow our *Henry Ward Elementary PTA* Facebook group.



WARD SPIRIT NIGHTS!!



SWEET FROG (WHITE OAK)

Friday, May 23: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm



CHICK-FIL-A (WHITE OAK)

Wednesday, May 14th: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm