

# WTHS NEWS



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Winslow Township High School Newsletter

March 2019

## Shrek



The Winslow Township High School Drama Club and Stage Crew proudly announce "Shrek" as this year's spring musical! All are invited to experience the magical wonder and support WTHS students as they bring to life on stage a tale from the land of ogres, princesses and talking donkeys. Show times are as follows: Thursday, March 28th at 7:30pm, Friday, March 29th at 7:30pm, and Saturday March 30th at 2:00pm. Thursday will be student night with \$ 4.00 discounted tickets and a special character breakfast will be held in the cafeteria on Saturday, 30th, 2019. Attendees will be able to enjoy breakfast in the cafeteria with their favorite Shrek characters! Please refer to the details below:

\*STUDENT NIGHT PRICE (Thursday night only): \$4 (BRING ID)

General admission for students and seniors with ID is \$7.00 and \$10.00 for adults

Breakfast Admission Prices-Adults: \$10.00, children \$8.00



## Daddy-Daughter Dance

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted the first ever first Daddy-Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 9th, 2019. Two hundred and fifteen little girls in fancy dresses and tiaras, escorted by their fathers or father-figures, were in attendance. WTHS HSA donated a pasta dinner, bottled water, and cookies for the evening while the SGA provided desserts, music by DJ Isaiah Shaw, an alumni, face painting, and a complimentary picture of each couple. The night's overwhelming success ensures repeats in the future. The SGO also organized the winter pep rally which was held on February 22nd, 2019, and honored all the athletes who participate in winter sports. Finally, SGA Senate officers recognized the invaluable contributions made by each of the custodial, cafeteria, and grounds/maintenance staff members with a gift of hot chocolate and a sweet message of appreciation.

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# Soaring with Winslow



## Philadelphia Flower Show

Congratulations to Yassira Arciga, Alyssa Goldsboro, Jennifer Lopez, Karla Lopez (honorable mention), Heather McCarty, Kahlia Williams (honorable mention) and Daniel Wunschel (3rd prize winner) for representing Winslow for the first time in the prestigious 2019 Philadelphia Flower Show. The Philadelphia Flower Show has been an annual highlight during the spring for over a century. It is one of the largest, most prestigious flower shows in the United States. Under the guidance of Mrs. Rivard, these seven students worked diligently after school for a chance to enter an exhibit for the Pressed Plant Entry - Youth Category. Students had to learn how to press plants and then turn this material into art while following strict guidelines established by Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS), sponsor of the show. The PHS decided to jury the youth categories for the first time this year and thus raised the bar for creative artistic entries. There were a total of 150 initial entries to PHS, and with some collaboration with Mrs. Del Buono's photography class, all seven WTHS students made it through the first round of jury. Five of the forty-eight entries on display this year will showcase the artistic talent and potential found right here at WTHS. Students, parents, staff and community members are invited to view the WTHS student work displayed in such a respected and distinguished setting. The show runs from March 2, 2019- March 10, 2019.



## Growing Plants



On Feb. 8th, 2019, Leo club students along with their buddies in the special needs program received the gift of growing plants from James Sarappa of James Andrew Designs. Mr. Sarappa brought all the supplies and plants to WTHS and demonstrated the art of planting flowers. The pots he donated were colorful and just in time for extra special Valentine's Day gifts.

## Biliteracy Test

Once again, eligible 12th grade students took the Biliteracy Test in February. Students who are successful will receive a Biliteracy Certificate from the State of New Jersey stating they are bilingual in English and their respective World Language.

## Spanish & French Honor Societies

**Congratulations to the forty seven WTHS students who met the stringent requirement and were inducted into the Spanish and French Honor Societies on January 29th, 2019.** The evening's ceremonies began with an introductory song written by Diego Torres and titled "El Color Esperanza." The students then played a video with the theme "How Did We Arrive Here" or "Como Llegamos Aqui " made especially for their parents. It outlined their journey from level one to Advanced Placement. Mayor Wright was the guest speaker for the event and gave an incredible message about the importance of learning a second language and how he utilized his knowledge of Spanish to help others during his career as a police officer. Family, food and laughs followed the ceremony. Special gratitude goes to the following members who contributed to the success of the event: Andrea Dominguez, Braheim Richardson, Casey Cox and Adriana Mercado, Olivia Philips, Andrea , Eden Marose, Heiress Roundtree, Braheim Richardson, Lily Samoyan and Mikela Duclos. Additionally, thank you to Brandon Vasquez for creating four poster boards of personal artwork to display at the reception. He also helped design the logo for the Spanish Honor Society Club members' polo shirts and is currently working on a drawing for the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) poster contest. This year's theme is "Juntos Mas Fuertes" which translates in English to "Together Stronger." Please continue supporting the Spanish and French Honor Society students and teachers by purchasing "The World's Best Chocolate Bars." These delicacies may be availed by visiting or contacting one of the Spanish or French teachers.

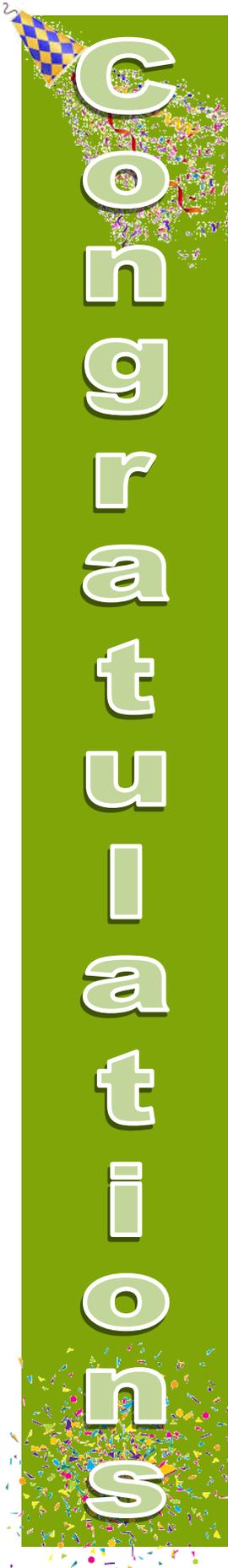
## Chamber Choir

**Congratulations to Carissa Fleenor, chamber choir member, who performed in the prestigious All-State Treble Chorus concert at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, New Jersey.** Winslow Township High School's three choirs continue to learn songs in preparation for the spring concert on May 21st, 2019. February's highlight was the joint concert featuring choir members from the district's upper elementary and middle schools. The concert included some of the songs that will be performed at each of the schools' own spring choral concerts. The experience proved to be an eye-opener for the younger ones and a teachable moment for the high school students.

## P.E. Students of the Month

**Congratulations to the following WTHS students who were chosen as students of the month by the Physical Education department: Jacob Mitchell, Sydney Sephes, Omar Diallo, Ashley Lewis, Bryan Dominguez-Quint, Jurielys Burgos, Ethan Fiore- Rideriuel and Kelis Kelly.** The award is based on grades, conduct, effort and true sportsmanship. Also, the Winslow Township High School P.E. Department is proud to showcase a variety of activities from 1st and 2nd marking periods; the seniors, under the guidance of Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Steinhauer, were engaged in team-teaching the "Ultimate Sports" of football, Frisbee, and handball. Juniors and sophomores, under the direction of Mrs. Gyurics, Ms. Marshall and Mr. Stokes, reviewed skills and participated in team sports such as soccer, volleyball and lacrosse. Mr. Custis and his freshmen worked hard on specific volleyball skills, "bump, set, hit," which culminated in a round robin tournament between classes. Ms. Gibson's freshmen were privy to a class titled "Family Life and Education" which focuses on preparing students in the art of making good choices while Mr. Stowell's sophomores are proud to announce that they are ready to start driving safely. Next month will highlight some of creative health projects from this year.

WTHS P.E. teachers thank and commend students and parents for the continued support of the P.E. uniform policy; Sweat pants/gym shorts and t-shirts (gray or dark green).



# A Day at Winslow High School

## Kindness Challenge

Students in Mrs. Easterling's Study Skills class participated in a week-long Kindness Challenge which culminated in meaningful, personalized compositions. The backdrop of their compositions is an inspirational quote from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: *"Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are the flowers. Kind deeds are the fruits. Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds. Fill it with sunshine, kind words, and kind deeds."*



Students were encouraged to perform acts of kindness in and out of the classroom and report back to the class. They also viewed motivating and inspiring video clips (some students created), and illustrated hearts of kindness for a selected individual. Below are two prominent examples:

### Thomas Reilly: Kindness Matters Composition

"Seek to do good, and you will find that happiness will run after you"

(James Freeman Clarke). This means that whenever possible, do good deeds and be kind to others and you will be happy. My definition of kindness is treating people the way you want to be treated. For example, kindness is when one of the students did not clean up the table after they ate lunch. I decided to clean up after them, so they did not get scolded; he didn't even know I did it for him. Also, I remember when I was impacted by kindness. I didn't realize it, but I left my wallet on the counter at the store after paying for my items. Before I got to my car, a stranger ran after me saying, "Sir, you left your wallet on the counter!" I felt total appreciation for that random act of kindness!

### Jackiem Turner: Smile

"A smile is the beginning of peace" (Mother Teresa). It means that smiling can make you feel better and can bring out the positivity in your life and the people who surround you. Smiling can make someone else smile and so on and so forth and just like that, it's contagious! Just the simple act of putting a smile on your face can make you feel actual happiness, joy, or amusement. Did you know kindness can increase energy, and lower stress, anxiety, and blood pressure? Kindness is important! Everyone should be inspired to show kindness and create a chain reaction. Start with a smile!