HUNGRY HUNGRY HUMANS 2018

By Lea Chiappetta

This year’s Hungry Hungry Humans was a HUGE success! The WCT’s LAP committee hosted its 2nd annual Hungry Humans competition on 2/23 at John Jay HS. Congratulations to the Ketcham Krazies, this year’s hungriest teachers! Many families from across our district came out to support their teachers and Sparrow’s Nest. We were able to raise over $3,000 this year thanks to everyone’s support.

The organizers of this event, Lea Chiappetta (Fishkill), Lea La-Susa (Fishkill), Marianna Golden (Fishkill), Lori Butler (Brinckerhoff), and Kristine Hyland (Brinckerhoff) want to recognize and thank Flip Gertler, who did an outstanding job as the night’s emcee. Thank you also to volunteers Jennifer Urciuoli, Noreen Loprinzo, Rena Finsmith, Kerri Roger, and Vicki Crane for helping out at the event. Thank you, Mandy Scalzo, for designing the flyers. The JJ radio club and our high school volunteers did a fantastic job at the game!

Thank you to teams from Ketcham, John Jay, Fishkill, Brinkerhoff, Fishkill Plains, Gayhead, Oak Grove, and Myers for showing true school spirit and their love for fun!! We couldn’t have done it without you!
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“Cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of women, causing 1 in 3 deaths each year. That’s approximately one woman every minute! But it doesn’t affect all women alike, and the warning signs for women aren’t the same in men. What’s more: These facts only begin to scratch the surface.” For more information visit: www.goredforwomen.org/
WCT GATHERING AFTER EDCAMP

On Friday, March 9, after an EdCamp Superintendent’s Conference Day, many members of the Wappingers Congress of Teachers gathered at the Double O. A raffle for a gift certificate to the restaurant took place and Norma Chlus from RCK was the winner! If you have not attended a WCT event, consider joining us at the next gathering.
RALPH & JANET CAPASSO SCHOLARSHIP

The WCT, in conjunction with the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers, is offering three (3) $2,000 scholarships to seniors presently enrolled in any public or private high school planning to attend college in the fall of 2018. To be eligible candidates must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member in good standing of the WCT.

The selection process for these awards will require the following:

- an application
- an essay
- a high school transcript (including senior year classes & grades)
- one letter of recommendation
- a personal interview for the finalists

Applications will be available in the WCT office on February 20, 2018. Please call 845-227-5065 to request an application or pick it up directly. To be considered, applications must reach the WCT office no later than 5:00 PM on April 6, 2018.

J.S. EVANS CITIZENSHIP CLUB ORGANIZES DONATION DRIVE

“Pasta for Pennies presented by Olive Garden: Kids making BIG change by collecting SMALL change.”

“Pasta for Pennies presented by Olive Garden is a service learning, character education, and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight against blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma.”

Under the organization of the Citizenship Club, James S. Evans Elementary School collected $1,238.69 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Ms. Longenberger’s first grade class earned a Pasta Party provided by Olive Garden for being the class with the greatest amount of money collected. Ms. Longenberger’s students raised over $345 for the cause. Way to go Eagles!
THIS MONTH IN LABOR HISTORY

http://www.unionist.com

7 March 2003—Musicians strike Broadway musicals and shows go dark when actors and stagehands honor picket lines. The strike was resolved after four days.

8 March 1908—Thousands of New York needle trades workers demonstrate for higher wages, shorter workday, and an end to child labor. The demonstration became the basis for International Women’s Day.

20 March 1908—The American Federation of Labor issues a charter to a new Building Trades Department. Trades unions had formed a Structural Building Trades Alliance several years earlier to work out jurisdictional conflicts, but lacked the power to enforce Alliance rulings.

21 March 1853 American Labor Union founded.

22 March 1998—A bitter six-and-a-half-year UAW strike at Caterpillar Inc. ends. The strike and settlement, which included a two-tier wage system and other concessions, deeply divided the union.

23 March 1932—Norris-La Guardia Act restricts injunctions against unions and bans yellow dog contracts, which require newly-hired workers to declare they are not union members and will not join one.

25 March 1911—A total of 146 workers are killed in a fire at New York’s Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a disaster that would launch a national movement for safer working conditions.

NYSUT’s Upcoming Social Justice All Year Round topics are:

- March: Women’s Rights (Women’s History Month; International Women’s Day, March 8, every year)
- April: Children’s Rights (Child Abuse Prevention Month; Global Youth Services Day, April 20-22, 2018; Bring your Sons and Daughters to Work Day, fourth Thursday in April every year)
- May: Immigrant Workers’ (May Day/International Workers Day, May 1, every year)
- June: Environmental Justice (World Environment Day, June 5, every year)
- July/August: Labor; Wage Equality (Labor Day, first Monday in September, every year)

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THE PRESCRIPTION & COPAYMENT/COINSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT WINDOW IS NOW OPEN.

You have until **March 31, 2018** to file your paperwork with Daniel H. Cook. Please refer to the Welfare Trust Fund Forms tab on the WCT website for forms and details on what to do.

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**WCT WELFARE TRUST FUND LEGAL & FINANCIAL DAYS 2017-2018**

**Apr 18, 2018**

**May 23, 2018**  **June 20, 2018**

*If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call the union office at 227-5065.*

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