

## October 2016 Newsletter

Parents/Guardians,

Happy fall season from WHS! The 2016 – 2017 school year seems to be moving along faster than ever. It's hard to believe that the month of September is already behind us! The staff and students continue to work hard and to move forward to get the job done. Education is very important and I welcome any of our WHS family members to visit us at any time to see what wonderful things are taking place here at Willcox High School!

Success in school, at any level, depends on several things. One of the most important of these is the communication and collaboration that takes place between student's parents and their child's teacher. With this in mind, I would like to make you aware of several things. **The first is parent teacher conferences, which will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:15 pm.** Another great tool to help you keep on top of your child's progress is to check their grades on line. If you have internet capability at home or work, you can access this information on a daily basis. If you need help with this please call the high school office 520-384-8601. Another great tool is the teachers email or calling them.

Learning is both rewarding and satisfying, but it is also hard work. What students learn during their formative years is theirs for a lifetime, and that learning lays a very important foundation for a happier and more secure future. The school day is too short to "cover all the bases," hence the need to "crack the books" at home. Parents and guardians are role models for their children. As role models, you exert a powerful influence on your children's attitudes, characters, and values. Issues in school are ironed out because the students, staff, and parents comprise a TEAM, and teamwork means working together to struggle toward and to achieve goals.

Parents, please continue to reinforce good attendance habits with your child. Attendance and accuracy of attendance are extremely important in school, since excessive absences result in missed class work which may be difficult to make up, which may cause loss of continuity in learning, and also may produce an irresponsible attitude toward daily obligations, thus ultimately resulting in failure in school.

### **Congratulations to this year's Door Decoration Competition during Homecoming week:**

Each mentor class competed for most creative, spirited door using the theme "Time Travel".

- 1st Place - Mrs Sanborn
- 2nd Place - Mr. Pillai
- 3rd Place - Mr. Chaim
- 4th Place - Mrs. SLoan
- 5th Place - Mrs. Miller

Check out the winners on: <https://m.facebook.com/willcoxhighschool/>

### College Readiness Assessments

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, all sophomores and new juniors will take the PSAT (practice for the SAT) during the school day. Freshmen will take the ASPIRE (practice for the ACT) and the Juniors will take the ACT in the Spring. These practice tests provide valuable feedback on college readiness and the work necessary to prepare for college entrance exams.

Get an idea of what your student can do to prepare for the PSAT on October 19<sup>th</sup>:

<http://www.eprep.com/courses/psat/guide>

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice>

As always, if at any time we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us through the main office or e-mail. If you were unable to attend parent/teacher conferences, please contact the school if a conference is still needed with your child especially if your child is having problems in any class. Now is the time to address it.

I hope that you enjoy the upcoming fall season and all the events that will occur. I am sure you will agree with me when I say there is always something good going on at Willcox High School. **IT'S UP 2 US** to have a great school year!

Go Cowboys,  
Jeff Thompson