

Dear Wildcats,

Happy New Year to you and your family. We hope your break was enjoyable and that you are looking forward to a wonderful 2010. Week #18 is wrapping up in fine fashion after a big week here at White Hill.

Some Things of Note:

White Hill Geography Bee - The Bee will take place this coming Monday and Tuesday. We have at least 9 students who have registered to show their stuff and the top performers will move on to the County competition. Stay tuned for the results of our WH competition.

White Hill Dance – It's Time To Glow! – Mark the date now and make sure your 6-7-8th grade son/daughter is in attendance at our 2nd school dance of the year – planned for February 5th from 6:30 – 9:30 PM. Approximately \$10.00 per student will get him/her admission and all the food/drink they can imagine. The theme will be Winter Glow as our gym will be fully illuminated with black lights to highlight the cool threads everyone is wearing while we dance the night away to the fun tunes played by DJ Exponent. This will be a night to remember! Details coming soon on how parents can help us make it a smashing success.

Chinese Foreign Exchange Students – We are thrilled to report that we have 33 families from White Hill who will be hosting 34 Chinese students from January 31 – February 13. This should prove to be a great experience for all involved and we can't wait to welcome these students to our campus and communities. Thanks to all the families who were able to host a child.

Race To Nowhere Follow Up – Drake High School will be facilitating some important discussions as a follow up to their screening of the film, Race To Nowhere. The first meeting will take place at the Drake High School Student Center on January 12th starting at 5:30 PM. Below are a few of the questions that arose following the movie. They may provide jumping off points for conversation...Ideally, what *should* students know and be able to do as a result of their high school education? How do we define success, for students and for adults? Are creativity and hard work contradictory values? How do we design a high school that works for both motivated students and unmotivated students? To what degree is a student's stress level dictated by parental pressure? Self pressure? Teacher pressure? Please consider joining others from our community at this event.

School Lunch Survey – Take it Today! - You have one more week to submit your feedback on our school lunch program. If you haven't done so already, please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KY3VDKT> today and take a minute to complete the survey regarding our lunch program. The survey will be up through this weekend and we really want your input – thanks!

That does it for this week. Welcome back to school!

Go Wildcats!

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