

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSBITE



IMPORTANT DATES

03.25.24 TO 03.27.24	6th Grade Camp Fairview Trip
03.28.24	EARLY DISMISSAL Spring Recess
03.29.24 TO 04.07.24	SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Recess
04.08.24	School Resumes
04.11.24	Family Literacy Night
04.15.24 TO 04.19.24	Abilities Week
04.15.24	PTO Meeting @ 7pm
04.16.24	Disability Acceptance and Inclusion Presentation @ TBA
04.18.24	2nd Grade Field Trip Philadelphia Zoo
04.19.24	Abilities Week Station Rotation @ TBA
04.29.24	Board of Education Meeting

IMPORTANT LINKS



Counselor Doran's
April Newsletter

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

THURSDAY APRIL 11TH, 2024
@ WEST AMWELL SCHOOL

Join us to listen to a read-aloud, play BINGO for Books, participate in activities that promote literacy across content areas (PE, music, art, math, science, history), and more! We are also excited to be giving away OVER ONE THOUSAND BOOKS!!!



SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

PLACE!

GREAT JOB, WILDCATS!



Congratulations to the West Amwell Science Olympiad Team and Elementary Enrichment Teacher Martha Kubik for earning 2nd Place Overall at the 2024 Science Olympiad Tournament held at South Hunterdon Regional High School on Thursday, March 21st.



♥ 2024 KIDS HEART CHALLENGE & GENEVIEVE HARE'S HEARTFUL STORY ♥

Written By: Victoria Marley & The Hare Family

On Friday, March 22, West Amwell School participated in the Kids Heart Challenge. We used short and long ropes, followed foot patterns, and jumped in and out of "the river". Thank you to all of those who donated and supported the American Heart Association. One of the reasons we do this program is to help people like our very own kindergarten student, Genevieve Hare.

A week after Genevieve was born, her pediatrician found that she had a heart murmur during her routine checkup. Genevieve's pediatrician referred her to a cardiologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), and an echocardiogram revealed that Genevieve had a congenital heart defect called Atrial Septal Defect (ASD). ASD is a hole in the heart in the wall between the upper two chambers, and often these holes can close on their own within a couple of years. However, during her routine echocardiograms at her cardiology appointments, it became clear that Genevieve's hole was becoming larger as she grew and she would eventually need surgery to close the ASD.

The ASD was putting increased stress on her heart and causing one side of her heart to become enlarged, and her cardiologist recommended that Genevieve should have the surgery in the next couple of years. Depending on the size of the hole, there was a possibility that she would need to have open heart surgery. Luckily, Genevieve's ASD was able to be closed with a device through a catheter in her liver. Her surgery was performed in February this year, and her recovery is going perfectly so far! The device closing Genevieve's ASD is shaped like two flowers, and she loves that her superhero name is Flower Heart!

The Hare family is extremely grateful to the doctors and surgeons at CHOP, who took excellent care of Genevieve during this whole process. They are especially grateful to her pediatrician, Dr. Riggall, who diagnosed the heart murmur so early in her life. Since it had gotten much harder to hear Genevieve's heart murmur after a few months, had he not heard it at her first appointment, there could have been a chance that she would have not been diagnosed in time to repair it.

