

**OCTOBER 2010***Ashley R. leads the White Oak students**The students learn about global poverty***WHITE OAK STANDS UP!**

Last month, on September 17-19, events of all types were organized around the globe to bring attention to the worldwide crisis that we all face – poverty. Millions of people around the world “Stood Up and Took Action” to demand that world leaders end poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. The Millennium Development Goals are a global plan aimed at eradicating extreme poverty, reducing child mortality rates, fighting disease epidemics such as AIDS, and developing a global partnership for development by 2015. 50,000 people die everyday as a result of extreme poverty and the gap between the rich and the poor is getting wider. Together, we stood up and spoke out to make governments honor their promises—promises to end poverty, inequality and hunger, promises to stop children dying from preventable diseases, promises to ensure basic education for all children, particularly girls, promises to stop women dying during pregnancy and childbirth, promises to provide water and sanitation, and promises to protect the environment. Together as a school community we have raised well over \$1,000 towards combating global poverty around the world. We have given hope, education, and resources to those who need it most, enabling them to better their lives, their health, and their community’s prosperity. Each tack in our Difference Map, represents the impoverished people and communities that we as a school have helped over the last few years. Together we can and will continue to help out as many impoverished countries as possible. On that day and every day, we will stand up and speak out against poverty. We will continue the fight against poverty and inequality, standing together to say, no more excuses - make poverty history now!

# CLASS NEWS!

## Middle School News

*Advisors: Mr. Marshall & Mr. McGovern*

The middle school welcomes all the new students and everyone else back to school! Our first class meeting was Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and we discussed possible fundraising and class trip possibilities. Any suggestions would be appreciated!

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisor: Mr. Schindel*

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mr. Schindel and I am the 9<sup>th</sup> grade advisor. This is my first year teaching at White Oak, and I am excited to be the ninth grade advisor. Throughout the course of the year, the ninth grade will be participating in volunteer activities, fundraising activities (to raise money for an end of the year activity and class trips throughout high school), and class activities. During the months of October and November, the ninth grade class will be participating in their first volunteer activity. The class will be collecting items to be sent to the Aviation Task Force at Camp Buehring, Kuwait for Thanksgiving. Items should include, but are not limited to, new or used DVDs, magazines, single-serving boxed/package cereal, single serving cookies, individual powdered drink mix packets, individually wrapped candy, travel-sized shampoo and soap (liquid or bar) and tissues. All items should be dropped off by November 19, 2010. Any questions, please contact Mr. Schindel @ 562-9500 X291, or a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade class.

*READ ABOUT A VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL  
STUDENTS IN THE 9<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE NEWS ABOVE!!!*

## 10<sup>TH</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Mrs. Carey & Ms. Walsh*

Welcome back to school! We kicked off the year with a great camping trip! Thank you to all who made the trip a wonderful experience. We look forward to the year ahead of us. Please encourage each other to get involved and try new adventures. Keep an eye out of community service opportunities and fundraising ideas.



*Ashley, Mike & Nick work hard to put up a tent for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade camp out!*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Mrs. Sherry & Mrs. Dombrowski*

Happy fall everyone! The Juniors are off to a great start! Last month the juniors held a car wash at Denardo Auto Sales in Westfield to benefit their class and made \$180.00! Thank you for all of you that participated in this event! The juniors are also selling snacks and water at the White Oak Soccer games. Come to the home games hungry and thirsty! Tune in next month to see what the juniors are up to!

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade News

*Advisors: Mrs. Chalero & Mrs. Fickett*

We started our year with a class breakfast at Bickford's restaurant where we shared great food, good laughs & excitement for a fantastic year! Watch for exciting fundraisers & class trip info!



**SPIRIT WEEK IS COMING!** Show your school and class spirit! There will be prizes given each day for the person showing the most spirit for that day's theme & ice cream for the class with the most participation throughout the week!

### **Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Class Colors Day**

YOU MUST BE IN DRESS CODE! Here are your class colors:

- \* Middle School (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades)- GREEN
- \* 9<sup>TH</sup> Grade – BLACK
- \* 10<sup>TH</sup> Grade – ORANGE
- \* 11<sup>th</sup> Grade - RED
- \* 12<sup>TH</sup> Grade – BLUE



### **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Sports Team Day**

Wear your favorite team t-shirt or jersey! You can wear a shirt from a professional team or your own sports team. You may wear a hat IF it matches your shirt. YOU MUST BE IN DRESS CODE FROM THE WAIST DOWN!

### **Wednesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> – “Twins Day”!**

Find a friend (or 2!) and dress alike! You can choose to wear the same outfit (for example: black pants & red shirt) or dress as the same person (for example: Elvis or a Red Sox player). YOU MUST BE IN DRESS CODE – NO BLUE JEANS!

### **Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Decade Day**

Dress for a time period: 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's (going to a sock hop?), 60's (flower child?), 70's (Disco king or queen?), or 80's (fluorescent break dancer?!). You must be part of one of these decades, not the current one! NO JEANS!

### **Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – Costume Day!**

Be creative! Here are the rules: You may not wear a mask or paint your face. All costumes must be school appropriate. No weapons as costume props. If you take your costume off, you must be in dress code. NO BLUE JEANS AS PART OF YOUR COSTUME.



## **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

White Oak School continues to collect Box Tops For Education. As a result of last year's collection, new pencil sharpeners were added to all of the classrooms this fall! Please submit your Box Tops to Mrs. Lynch. Thank you!



### Helping Hands

By Kate Chamberlain

This month Helping Hands will be doing the Rays of Hope Walk on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Rays of Hope Walk is a walk for breast cancer research. It is taking place at Forest Park in Springfield, MA. The walk is five miles around the park. Feel free to make a donation! Every bit counts! If you would like more information or to donate, please contact Mrs. Sherry or Ms. Walsh at 562-9500. Thank you for your support!

THERE WILL BE A DRESS DOWN DAY TO BENEFIT THE RAYS OF HOPE WALK ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>. FOR AT LEAST A \$2 DONATION, STUDENTS MAY WEAR JEANS, SNEAKERS AND A SCHOOL-APPROPRIATE T-SHIRT. NO HOODIES OR RIPPED JEANS PLEASE!



### ***BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY!!***

Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>  
The bus will leave White Oak at 8 AM and leave NYC at 6 PM.

Spend the day your way! Seeing a show, skating in Rockefeller Center, shopping for the holidays, or visiting Times Square are just some suggestions.

\$45 Per Person

This trip benefits the Senior Class!  
To reserve your seats, please send in a check payable to White Oak School Class of 2011 with your name and # of seats to Ms. Michalski

***DON'T MISS OUT – RESERVE YOUR SEATS TODAY!!!***



## **SOCCER SEASON IS HERE!**

The White Oak Wolfpack is back on the soccer field! Coaches Ms. Daley and Mr. Marshall are excited to welcome a team of both returning and new students. The White Oak community is encouraged to cheer on their team during home games! Need a schedule? Visit the White Oak School website:

[www.whiteoakschool.org](http://www.whiteoakschool.org)

Click on Extracurricular and then soccer for the schedule  
Students staying to watch a game must let Mrs. Ricco know (front office of A Building) and be picked up at 5:15 PM

**GO WOLFPACK!**