

Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.

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### **WRH Observes Earth Day**

WRH will observe Earth Hour on March 28th from 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Earth Hour began in Sydney, Australia in 2007 when 2.2 million people and thousands of businesses turned out their lights. It is meant to reduce carbon emissions world-wide and bring awareness to the issue of climate change. All staff are asked to participate and shut off any non-essential lights during this hour.

#### Important Town Hall Meetings to be Held April 3, 2009

There will be three opportunities to attend a Town Hall meeting on April 3, 2009—7 am, 10 am or 2:00 pm. The meetings will feature special guest, John Sexton, the former Director of Utilization Management at the Toronto East General Hospital. Patient Navigation and Utilization Management is a proactive, interdisciplinary team process in which a health care facility continually works towards maintaining and improving the quality of care through the effective and efficient use of resources. This will impact all clinical units/departments. Town Hall meetings will take place at the Met Auditorium or Classroom C at Western.

## **Clean Hands Saves Lives and Provides You With an Opportunity to Win**

Hospital Acquired Infections are running notably higher for more than seven weeks now and all staff are asked to do their part in bringing this back under control. To encourage compliance, a 'secret spotter' will be visiting various units and departments this week during all shifts. If the spotter sees any staff member (employees, volunteers and physicians) washing their hands either in a public area or before entering a patient's room, they will receive a commendation in the form of a card. 250 cards will be distributed and 50 of these cards will have a \$5 Blockbuster gift certificate inside—that means you have a 1 in 5 chance of winning. Hand Hygiene has a direct correlation to the transmission of Hospital Acquired Infections. Be a part of the solution.

#### WRH Staff Safety Expo Coming Soon

WRH will host several Safety Expos for ALL staff starting Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Staff will have the opportunity to participate in a series of interactive activities related to infection control, de-escalation, safe handling, incident reporting and many more! Attend and have an opportunity to win a GPS!

# **Diversity Committee to Host Display**

On March 24th, 2009 from 4 pm to 7 pm, the WRH Diversity Committee encourages everyone to view the projects of the students from the University of Windsor School of Nursing "Health Issues and Care of Diverse Populations" class poster presentation. The displays will be in the Met Campus lobby.

#### Did you know?

Child Life Week is March 23rd through 27th. Child Life Specialists are members of the medical team who work with children and provide therapeutic play and preparation for surgery and special tests.

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