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Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

Head of School Message:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! We were so excited to see returning and new families that attended Open House and look forward to connecting with everyone in the next few weeks. This is going to be a wonderful year with several exciting learning experiences for students. We will also continue to focus on the needs of students and work towards our objectives within our Strategic Plan.

We truly welcome families to be involved in the education of children. Here are some ways you can get involved:

- attending Governance Council meetings
- supporting Parent Connect events
- registering online to be a Volunteer

We extend a sincere thank you to the warm welcome that has been provided to new staff. Our team of Guides, Paraprofessionals and Support Staff are enthusiastic about serving your families this year!

Breakfast:

It is important to have a balanced-nutritional breakfast every day to help students grow and learn! Any children having breakfast at school must be here at 7:45am.

Newsletter Changes: This will be the only PRINTED newsletter the school will be sending out this year. The rest of the newsletters will be sent via email. If you desire a paper copy to continue coming home, please send a note with your student's name requesting such to the office.

Snack Policy

By now, you should have received your child's classroom snack policy. Please follow the information you have received to ensure the safety of all students.

Thank you!

Each day at lunch, students are able to bring a cold lunch that can be heated in microwaves. Not only are students able to heat up their favorite meals from home, but also build practical life skills. Students are responsible for bringing the carts to the cafetorium and cleaning up after meal time with loading/starting the dishwasher. We would like to send out a warm THANK YOU to the families that donated these microwaves for our use!

Message Board

Please check the website for the most current calendar of events. If there are any changes, they will be made there first!

If your student is going to be absent, late or has to leave early, please call Ms. Kris at 715-261-0795 or email her at kbusch@wausauschools.org. Teachers don't always have a chance to give her updates.

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Calendar

September 19	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
September 29	Virtues Assembly, 8:30 am
October 2-6	Winter Clothing Drive (2/3 Service Project)
October 4	Drama Club, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
October 5	Winter Clothing Swap, 3:00 - 3:30 pm
October 5	Fall Walk, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
October 11	Drama Club, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
October 12	Parent Connect Meeting, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
October 17	Governance Council Meeting, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
October 18	Grand Theater - "My Father's Dragon" Grades 2-6 at 9:30 am, Grades KG-1 at 12:30 pm
October 23	Wilkie's Farm - Grades K-2
October 24	Wilkie's Farm - Grades 3-6
October 25	Virtues Assembly, 8:30 am
October 25	Harvest Game Night, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Safety & Security

Safety and security are high priorities at WAMCS. Please help our drop off/pick up area run smoothly and quickly. For the benefit of every student and staff member on our shared campus, we would like to review our morning and afternoon procedures.

- Drive slowly through the drop-off/pick-up zone and follow the staff members' directives.
- Drive up as far as possible before dropping off the student.
- Be prepared for a quick drop-off. Please have all conversations finished before dropping off and have items ready.
- If more time is needed for drop-off/pick-up or you need to enter the building, please park in the parking lot and proceed to the sidewalk.

Morning

Students should be dropped off at the curb area in front of our playground, when our two staff members are ready to receive them at 7:45am. All students should be exiting the vehicle onto the sidewalk, to avoid moving traffic.

If you would like to walk your child to the playground, you will need to park your car.

We will line up at 8:05am. All students will be in the building at 8:10am. If you arrive after this time, you need to enter the building through the front doors of Horace Mann to receive a tardy slip.

Afternoon

Several parents arrive early to pick up our students. We are asking that you do not park in between the Horace Mann buses, as this becomes a safety issue for the middle school students. Please wait patiently until the buses have exited the parking lot before pulling forward to wait for your child.

We have a "closed playground" during pick-up from 3:15pm-3:30pm. It allows the afternoon duty staff to safely monitor students during this time.

All students should be entering the vehicle from the sidewalk, to avoid moving traffic. If you would like to walk to the playground to pick up your child, you will need to park your car. No students will be permitted to walk across the parking lot to meet their parents.

As a reminder, NO UNATTENDED VEHICLES IN THE DROP OFF/PICK UP LANE

Welcome New Staff!

Hello, all! I am Mrs. Sarah Miller Nehring - 4-6 Guide. I am a second career teacher and I've been subbing and/or teaching in the district for the past 7 years. I've also subbed and taught long term in DCE and Edgar. I grew up in Oshkosh, but I've lived with my husband, Paul, in Wausau since 2001. Paul raises grass-fed beef (you may see his stand at the Wausau farm market), We don't own a farm. We rent farmland, instead, and live in town. We have a cat and two boys (grades 8 and 6) and a few chipmunks that eat all our birdseed. We love the Wausau area because of all the opportunities to be out in nature. Maybe we'll see you out on the river or hiking up Rib MT or Eau Claire Dells!

Hey all - I'm a Courtney Gross, a Wisconsin transplant, originally hailing from South Dakota. In June of 2017, I became a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV) after having served as a primary literacy volunteer in Jamaica. And even more recently, I became a mother to 6 fish and a shrimp: Percy, Cory, Gibbous, Powerful, Mr. Nelson, and Zissou. I love plants, green spaces, painting, analyzing films, running, making and listening to music, and a whole heap of other things! I'm so very excited to be a part of the Montessori community!



Hello Parents, Guardians, and Friends of Montessori! My name is Jena VanderLogt, and I am the new school counselor at Montessori. I am new to the Wausau School District and Wausau Area, with my last position in the Little Chute Area School District. My fiancé and I have a home in Weston, and are currently busy planning our wedding for March of 2018. I am very excited to continue to get to know each of your children and support them in any way I can. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email (jvanderlogt@wausauschools.org) or phone (715-261-0725 EXT 22173) with any questions or concerns.

Hi there! My name is Mrs. Lacy Gildenzoph. I am the music teacher here at our school, and also at Franklin Elementary. I just moved to the area from Green Bay, where I was previously teaching general music, band and choir for students ages 3 to 14. I have also taught general music in Stevens Point, WI. So far, I am loving teaching here! Our 4th, 5th, 6th grade students have reviewed what music knowledge they have already, and are now working on setting some music goals for our year long time capsule. Our 2nd and 3rd grade students have sang, danced, and created, in music so far this year. We are working to create xylophone color compositions as a community, and then performing them for one another. Finally, our 1st and kindergarten students have sang, danced, listened, and moved while we learn about singing high/low and fast/slow. We are moving scarves to music, as we experiment with slow and fast movement in music. I am looking forward to a great year in music! Please feel free to contact me with any questions. lgildenzoph@wausauschools.org



News from the Classroom

Ms. Molle's Classroom
A Great Start to a New Beginning
by **Ms. Molle on September 12, 2017**

The school day has just begun as the students are peacefully walking into the classroom to “sit on the line”. They wait for the classroom guide to ring the chime, which tells them it is time to be silent and listen for any directions. The guide chooses a greeting, perhaps a hello in Chinese or Sign Language, and begins the welcome chain that continues around the rug of students. Then, it is time to share. “What is your favorite sport?”, the guide says. Students take turns sharing about themselves, boasting with pride. Finally, it is time for Calendar and Numbers.

This is a typical Morning Meeting in our classroom. It is a time to develop a community, practice routines, and review information. Our classroom of students thrive on this daily consistency in their schedule. By the end of the year, I foresee them running the show on their own, while I stay on the sidelines guiding them. Setting up our students as independent workers who are part of a helping community is a goal of the Montessori classroom. We are off to a great start!

Parent Connect

Parent Connect is our school's version of PTO. We are a group of parents responsible for planning many of our special events both during and after school and organizing all of the school's fundraising. We are always looking for volunteers to join in the fun! If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to: wamcsparentconnect@gmail.com

Our meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm at Montessori. Feel free to join us!



Council Corner

A hearty hello from the Governance Council!

With school now in full swing, we thought we'd share what we'll be working on in the coming months. Over the last couple of months, we've streamlined our committee structure, trimming the number of committees with ongoing duties down to two: Strategy & Tactics (S&T) and Facilities and Fiscals (FF) Of course, as with all things, some deviation and additional tasks are to be expected, but here's our main foci at present:

The S&T committee will be giving our Strategic Plan an intensive examination, with our new Head of School taking an active part. The Strategic Plan is where the school's direction and objectives are spelled out and prioritized, and we will be constantly tweaking and updating it as a living document.

In the FF committee, our optimal setting is being formalized with eyes on the future. The idea of attaining an improved space has been with us for quite some time, and the FF committee will be exploring options and actively searching for an environment where we can reach our full potential.

If you'd like to help on one of those committees, we will certainly take you up on an offer; the more heads that we can clunk together, the better! Also, if you have a question about anything GC-related, send it along. We'd love to hear from you!

We can be reached at all hours of the day at: WAMCSgov@gmail.com

Have a great day!



Just a reminder, volunteer opportunities will be posted online throughout the year. (This is for volunteering in the classrooms.)

If you already have a volunteer account, log in at myvolunteerpage.com, select the opportunity you are interested in and sign up. (If it is full/locked, you have the option of being put on a back up list.)

If you haven't created an account yet, visit tiny.cc/WSDONE and click the "For Volunteers" tab on the left.

Complete Step 1 and Step 2 (if the opportunity requires a criminal background check)

Remember, volunteering in the classroom and going on field trips requires a criminal background check. They do take time to process so please PLAN AHEAD.

For questions or to learn more contact Roxane Hagedorn, rhagedor@wausauschools.org (preferred) or 715.261.0584.



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"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

~Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

Lit. 101:

Building a Foundation for Literacy

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Longfellow Administration Center

Reading is the foundation for all learning. So what is the best way to help a child learn to read and understand what they are reading?

Lit 101: Building a Foundation for Literacy is a FREE two hour training for Wausau School District volunteers who are working with students (or who want to work with students in the future) on reading at the elementary level. You'll learn key things to listen for and important questions to ask students. The training will assist you in understanding how to best help the students you are volunteering with.

- ❖ **Wausau School District United Way RSVP volunteers will receive first priority for registration. All volunteers welcome.**
- ❖ **Training will be limited to first 25 registrants.**
- ❖ **Deadline for registration is October 13, 2017.**



Our Network for Education
WSD's Volunteer Program

United Way
RSVP of Marathon County
Connecting Volunteers 55+ to Community Needs

To Register Email (Preferred) or Call:

Roxane Hagedorn
Volunteer & Community Involvement Coordinator

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<http://www.wausauschools.org>
Departments>O.N.E.-Volunteer Network

WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

2017 - 2018

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND PUBLIC

This notice has been written to comply with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) regulations requiring yearly notification of asbestos activities within the Wausau School District.

An Asbestos Management Plan was developed in 1988 and has been continually maintained and updated since that time. The Management Plan is available to anyone for viewing by visiting the Maintenance and Operations Building during normal business hours.

Abatement of asbestos containing building materials is performed when necessary by accredited persons prior to disturbance during scheduled renovation or construction projects. During the summer of 2017, asbestos abatement was performed prior to construction or maintenance activities at: John Muir Middle School, Maine Elementary, and the Maintenance and Operations Building.

Any future asbestos activities will again be published along with the annual written notice. If you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact Larry Cihlar, Director of Buildings and Grounds.