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Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

Head of School Message

Thank you to all of the family members who attended our first Virtues Assembly! Our 4th graders did a great job!

We are thankful to all parents that are working diligently to adhere to our Drop Off/Pick-Up Procedures. We are always looking out for the best interest of our students.

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.

Planners:

We are using conventional planners. Please make sure you see your child's planner on Friday, sign and send back on Mondays.

Lunch Menu:

The daily lunch menu is available on the district website under the "Families" tab.

Headphones/Earbuds:

Please send in a pair of headphones or earbuds for your child to use for multiple learning experiences this year. Make sure they are labeled with your child's name and Guide's name.

Family Handbook:

As we move towards reducing our use of paper and providing all important information on our district website, you will find the 2017-2018 Family Handbook under the "School Information" tab beginning on Monday.

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.

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!

Calendar

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
October 26-27	NO SCHOOL - Staff Inservice

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.

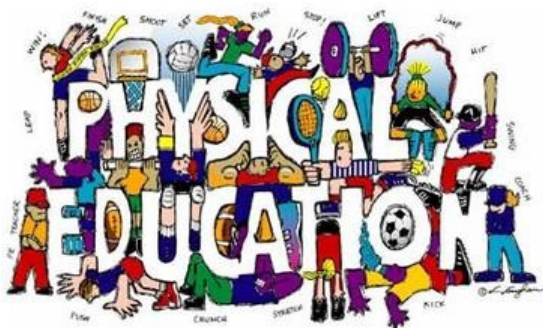
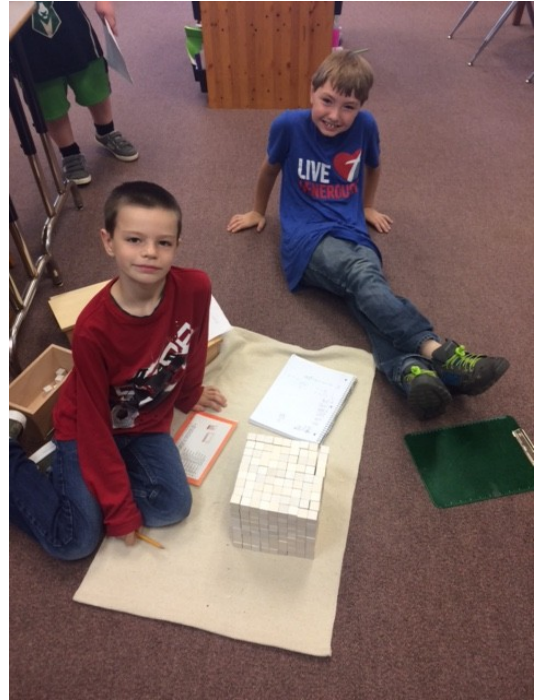
All students should be entering the vehicle from the sidewalk, to avoid moving traffic. If you would like to walk to the playground to pick up your child, you will need to park your car. No students will be permitted to walk across the parking lot to meet their parents.

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

News from the Classroom

Math and Geometry are well underway! Here, the boys (Braedyn and Dylan) are demonstrating volume of a 10 x 10 cube. It took a lot of patience, but they did it! They, and many others, now know that the volume of a cube is length x width x height. Other concepts that are being discovered daily are: angles adding up to 360 degrees in a circle, long division with and without remainders, factors and multiples of numbers, and the many different names of polygons. Students are careful to share and respect the manipulatives and they are also respecting each other's space. What a great group to be a part of!

Mrs. Miller Nehring
Ms. Gross
Mrs. Channel



Physical Education classes have been off to a fast start. Students have been participating in cooperative/team building games and have been learning how to work together to be successful as a team. We have been talking about good communication, listening, sharing ideas, and how to be a good teammate. Students have done a wonderful job excelling with these challenging activities. As the year moves ahead, please help your child remember to have proper footwear for PE class, so they can participate safely with the class.

If you have any questions or concerns as the year moves along please contact me at jzielins@wausauschools.org.

Mr. Zielinski

Council Corner

Hello WAMCS Families and Friends! Kathy Sponder here. I'd like to introduce our most recent additions to the Governance Council, Jessica Huggenvik and Sarah Miller Nehring. Jess joins us as a fairly new WAMCS parent and brings a wealth of professional experience in Human Resources to the position. Sarah is one of our most recently hired Guides, working with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students and she is also a WAMCS parent. Welcome Jessica and Sarah!

Each month council members will take turns writing an article for the newsletter. We hope this will give you a bit of insight to who we are, and all the good stuff we are working on. First a bit of introduction to our current council. We are a 9 member board: Our Co-Presidents are Bill Conway and Jenny Peaslee. Secretary – Kathy Sponder, Staff Representative – Sarah Miller Nehring, the remainder of the Council is filled by Stacey Paradowski, Kevin Keefe, Mark Johnson, and Kim Casey. Also participating as a representative is Elizabeth Channel, our Head of School, and Andrea Sheridan, our School District Representative. We come together monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 in room 240. We would love to see you at a meeting and all are welcome to attend!

Our committees are up and running! If you would like to have a hand in shaping the future of our school please consider attending a committee meeting. We have 2 committees currently. Strategy and Tactics meets on the 4th Thursday 6 pm at Wausau on the Water. They will be addressing our Strategic Plan, evaluating and revising as necessary, and addressing other special projects as they come up. Then there is Facility and Finance, which meets the 1st Monday of the month at 4:30 pm in room 240. They will be investigating and working to secure an improved Montessori environment for our school and reviewing and analyzing non day to day financial matters.

If this sounds like a lot of meetings, it is. And that's why your participation is so important! Please, Please, Please, do not underestimate the ideas, skills, and talents you could bring to our school! We need you! If you have questions about our committees and our endeavors please contact the council at wamcsgov@gmail.com. We'd love to talk with you!



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



**WE
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YOU
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VOLUNTEER**

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.