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# Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

## Council Corner - January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Hello WAMCS families and friends! In case you missed it, the Governance Council held their Annual Meeting this past Tuesday. First, a big thank you to Parent Connect for the pizza and to the East Key Club and WAMCS alumni for providing child care!

About the meeting... for us, it's more than an opportunity to meet with families and share a meal. Our annual meeting provides parents and attendees an accounting of our goals and their status, school accomplishments, and an outline of things to come. It's one more venue parents have to communicate with Council Members, HOS, and Administration to share thoughts and vision to help shape our school's future. The annual meeting also provides us with an opportunity to recruit potential new Council members, and as it happens, we currently have 2 Council seats open! Applications can be obtained from Kris Busch, our School Secretary, or on our school district web page, <http://montessori.wausauschools.org/> under the Governance drop down menu. If you wish to review the meeting notes, you will also find them there along with past agendas and minutes from previous council meetings. And, If you have any questions, as always, please contact us via the [wamcsgov@gmail.com](mailto:wamcsgov@gmail.com) address. You will receive a response from one of our two Co-Presidents, Bill or Jenny, promptly. ( Psssst...Hey, over here! You can even use that email address to express interest in a council seat... hint, hint! )

And one final push for your involvement... As a charter school, we rely on parents to help govern and support our school. I cannot say it enough. We need you, and your talents. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE VOLUNTEER in any way you can. So much of the extra stuff we offer is the direct result of parent commitment and volunteerism. Think about the school musical that is being produced and directed by Hillary Hastings, or our super awesome Book Bowl Team that is fully supported and staffed by Kristine Zarins. Erin Noll and her Parent Connect team make all those fun family nights as amazing and well attended as they are. These high quality extra-curriculars would not be possible without the support of really amazing and dedicated parents! We want to do all we can to encourage your participation. Please get in touch with us to let us know where you can help!

[montessori.wausauschools.org](http://montessori.wausauschools.org)

# 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](mailto:kbusch@wausauschools.org). Teachers don't always have a chance to give her updates.

School attendance is very important. Refer to the WAMCS Family Handbook on our website for detailed information about our attendance policy

## Pictures for Yearbook

If you have any pictures from the various events you have attended this school year, please email them to Mrs. Channel or Ms. Busch to possibly be used in our 2017-2018 yearbook!

## Book Bowl - Dates

Make sure you take a look at our adjusted calendar as we prepare for our competition in the next few weeks!



# Calendar

January 19	<b>EARLY RELEASE</b> - 11:15 am
January 22-23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Staff Inservice
January 24	Grades 4-6 to School Forest
January 24	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Tar, Far, Sunny & All Vampires
January 25	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
January 29	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
January 31	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Oozy, KC & Sunny
February 1	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
February 2	Virtues Assembly, 8:30 am
February 7	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - All Cast Members
February 8	Parent Connect Meeting, 2:00 pm
February 8	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30- 4:45 pm
February 10	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
February 12 - 16	Jump for Heart Week
February 12	Grades 2-6 to Grand Theater, 9:30 am
February 15	Book Bowl @ GD Jones, 4:00 pm

# From the 4-6 Classroom



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1) Sledding season has started! (but will it last through the heat wave?!)

We've all been waiting for it, now it's finally here! We can now sled at recess. We want to have fun and be safe. As long as all the students follow the safety rules, we will. Please send your child with the proper clothing: snow pants, boots, mittens, hat, coat. We have 16 sleds, all in working order from last year. Thank all of you who contributed to the sled supply and thank all students who have used them responsibly over the years.

2) School Forest for grades 4-6: Jan. 24th -( the day after two days off of school!) Students will be at the forest all day - much of it outside. They **MUST** wear full winter clothing gear (snow pants, coat, hat, mittens, boots)

3) Caroling/visiting our neighbors down the hill at Forest Park Village: Grades 4-6 will bring some joy to our neighbors on Thursday Jan 25. We'll be taking a bus around 1:40 and returning around 2:30. Thank you to our Music teacher, Mrs. Gildenzoph who organized this.



4) Big thank you for after school traffic cooperation!: We are proud to report that after school, we manage to safely send about 90% of our students home in about 10 minutes. Wow!

To keep the flow moving and crossings safe, please remember the following:

- 1) no parking/stalling at the curb, vehicles need to be able to move smoothly after collecting their children at the curb. You may be asked to park in the lot if your vehicle is causing a blockage.
- 2) If parking in the lot, parents/guardians **MUST** cross over to meet your children, then walk them back across to your vehicle
- 3) Be patient and understanding - we all have to share the same space. Thank you

# Reminder:

# NO SCHOOL JANUARY 22-23



## 2018 – 2019 Open Enrollment

The open enrollment application period for the 2018-19 school year is from February 5 – April 30, 2018.

The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2018.

Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.

For more information [click here](#)

Parents may apply at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/oe> starting February 5, 2018

This summer, students will have the opportunity to attend Summer Learning at the various neighborhood sites around the Wausau School District.

Due to Montessori training being completed by our new Guides, we will not be able to offer Summer Learning at our site for this year.

More information is forthcoming in the next few months regarding availability for your Summer 2018 planning purposes.

## Parent Connect

Parent connect meetings happen monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 pm. Even if you can't attend there are plenty of ways to get involved! Email [wamcsparentconnect@gmail.com](mailto:wamcsparentconnect@gmail.com) for more

[Physical Education News](#) from Mr. Zielinski. This link is updated monthly, so check back often to see what's happening in PE class.

### WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENT NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are now being accepted from parents and teachers of second through fifth grade students in need of gifted and talented evaluations. Parents and teachers are welcome to nominate students who are currently achieving at a high level in mathematics and/or reading, approximately at the top 5% of the class. Teachers have already nominated some students for these evaluations. If you have already completed a *Permission to Evaluate for Gifted and Talented Identification Form*, no further steps need to be taken. Students who are already identified as gifted and talented do not need to be re-evaluated.

Parents whose second through fifth grade child has not been previously nominated as gifted and talented and who feel that they have a high achieving child may pick up a *Permission to Evaluate for Gifted and Talented Identification Form* with the *Parent Inventory Form* on the back from the school office. **Nominations from parents are due by January 30, 2018.**

When the completed parent forms are returned to the school office, each student will be scheduled for several assessments. These will be done sometime during the school day. These assessments, along with other test data, will provide the district with a student profile. This profile will help determine whether or not a child meets the District's guidelines for gifted and talented identification. The assessment review is expected to be completed in May and the results will be shared before the end of the school year.

The Wausau School District recognizes that appropriate instructional challenge is needed for all students regardless of ability. The GT identification process is one way to help us provide for the educational needs of high ability students. Should you need further information, please contact your building's GT Learning Resource Teacher or Tammy Steckbauer, Coordinator for Gifted and Talented, at 715-261-0220.





# The “flu” is bad this year!!

Influenza (“the flu”) is a very serious health condition that affects millions of people every year and kills thousands. This year’s season started early and appears to be more severe than usual. It is NOT the “stomach flu” that also is common at this time of year. Symptoms of influenza are:

- Fever.
- Cough and sore throat.
- Runny or stuffy nose.
- Muscle or body aches and chills.
- Headaches.
- Fatigue.



Symptoms come on suddenly and are severe.

## Prevention

The best way to prevent influenza is to get an annual flu shot. You may have heard that this year’s flu shot “doesn’t work.” There are many different viruses that can cause influenza. This year’s vaccine is less effective because the type of virus causing the flu changed this year after the vaccine was made. It still provides some protection against influenza.

(Think of it this way: if you were able to buy a car for 25-30% off, you’d take it!) Though it is not 100% effective in preventing the flu, it will decrease the severity of it if you do get it. And getting vaccinated is not just about protecting yourself. It also protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions. *It is not too late to get a flu shot!*



Public-health officials offer other safety tips in addition to getting a flu shot:

- Wash your hands often with soap and hot water for at least 20 seconds to protect yourself from germs and avoid spreading them to others.
- Carry an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to use when soap and water are not available. Choose a product with at least 60% alcohol.
- If you have symptoms of the flu, stay home! Do not spread the virus to others!
- Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. Instead, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough in your elbow. Wash your hands after using a tissue.
- Wear a mask to prevent spreading the virus if you have to be out in public.

## Treatment

If you suspect you have influenza, contact your doctor within the first 48 hours of symptoms to see if you should get medication. This is especially important for young children and those with asthma or other respiratory problems.

According to the Mayo Clinic, if you do come down with the flu, these measures may help ease your symptoms:

- **Drink plenty of liquids.** Choose water, juice and warm soups to prevent dehydration.
- **Rest.** Get more sleep to help your immune system fight infection.
- **Consider pain relievers.** Use an over-the-counter pain reliever, such as acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others), to combat the achiness associated with influenza. Don’t give aspirin to children or teens because of the risk of Reye’s syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal condition.



Wausau School District  
Elementary Students and Parents/Guardians

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
9:00AM-1:00PM



Wausau School Forest  
2340 County Rd KK  
Directions – [Wausau School Forest](#)

***TOBOGGANING  
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING  
SNOWSHOEING***

(EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AT THE FOREST)

- \* Students, bring your parents/guardians for a fun filled morning of outdoor winter activities. You can try all three or just do one.
- \* See what fun you can have as a family. Equipment is available at the Forest. You may bring your own snowshoes or cross-country skis, but please no sleds or toboggans.
- \* Warm up by the fire; enjoy a free cup of hot chocolate. Other food and beverages will be available for purchase from the Wausau West Environmental club.
- \* While warming up in the lodge feel free to visit the Museum.

This FREE activity is part of the Wausau School District's commitment to the health and wellness of our students and families. One of the goals of the District is to provide opportunities and activities for families that encourage active lifestyles.

***Registration: In Bannerman Hall when you arrive***

**In the event of extreme weather conditions or  
lack of snow this activity may be canceled.**



# Wausau School District

2018-2019 4K Registration  
for 4K Learning Academies  
and Community Sites

## 4K Registration Begins February 5, 2018

Registration for the free, half-day 4K Program is a two-step process for all eligible children (four years of age on or before September 1, 2018)

### STEP 1: ONLINE REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 5, 2018

Please visit <http://wausauschools.org> and click on the 4K Registration tab. Complete and submit the online form. You will receive an electronic confirmation following the completion of Step 1. **The online registration indicates your interest in 4K and preferred site of attendance; however, the paper registration must be completed before your child is fully registered and assigned to a site.** If you do not have computer access, you may register at the 4K & Early Childhood Programs Office at G.D. Jones Elementary School (1018 South 12th Avenue) on or after February 5, 2018, or during a 4K informational meeting. Please contact Sarah Fisher at 715-261-0265 for assistance.

### STEP 2: PAPER REGISTRATION BEGINS AFTER COMPLETION OF STEP 1

You will need to complete a paper registration packet. **Please bring your child's birth certificate if possible.** Please complete the paper registration forms at the 4K & Early Childhood Programs Office at G.D. Jones Elementary School, 1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau WI 54401 between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Completion of these forms will finalize your child's 4K registration.

Please plan to attend a 4K Informational Meeting at one of these sites:

#### WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT 4K LEARNING ACADEMIES

**February 12, 4-6 p.m.**  
G.D. Jones Elementary School  
(4K & Early Childhood Programs Office)  
1018 South 12th Avenue, Wausau WI 54401  
715-261-0950

**February 13, 4-6 p.m.**  
Riverview Elementary School  
4303 Troy Street, Wausau WI 54403  
715-261-0030

**February 20, 4-6 p.m.**  
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School  
500 W. Randolph Street, Wausau WI 54401  
715-261-0175

**February 22, 4-6 p.m.**  
Hawthorn Hills Elementary School  
1600 Kickbusch Street, Wausau WI 54403  
715-261-0045

#### WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY 4K SITES

**February 12, 5:30-7 p.m.**  
Mountain View Montessori\*  
1500 Merrill Avenue, Wausau WI 54401  
715-298-3832

**February 13, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Newman Catholic, St. Michael\*  
615 Stark Street, Wausau WI 54403  
715-848-0206

**February 13, 4-6 p.m.**  
Wausau Child Care - West\*  
505 N. 28th Avenue, Wausau WI 54401  
715-848-1437

**February 15, 4-6 p.m.**  
YMCA\*  
707 3rd Street, Wausau, WI 54403  
715-845-2177

**February 15, 4:30-6 p.m.**  
Wausau Child Care - East\*  
721 Franklin Street, Wausau WI 54403  
715-848-7221

\* Child Care Offered



PLEASE NOTE: 4K Learning Academy attendance is based upon home address and/or child care address. Wausau School District Kindergarten placement will be at your neighborhood school regardless of where your child attends 4K.

Please call the 4K & Early Childhood Programs Office at 715-261-0265 with questions.

Kara Rakowski - 4K Principal-Early Childhood Coordinator  
Sarah Fisher - 4K & Early Childhood Administrative Assistant

Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus, thov hu, 715-261-0265.  
Si usted requiere de servicios de traducción por favor llame al teléfono 715-261-0265.