

January 4, 2018



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Wausau Area Montessori Charter School

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You are cordially invited to attend our

Governance Council - Annual Meeting

January 16th, 2018

6:00 pm Pizza Dinner - Cafetorium

6:30 Meeting - Large Group Room

Please join us for a light supper and our annual business meeting. We will be reviewing Governance Council activities year to date, updating families on our committee work, and recruiting parents to join us as we work to write the next chapter in our development! Child care will be provided for families in attendance in the Cafetorium as we meet next door in the large group room. A big thank you to the students from the Wausau East Key Club as well as a few WAMCS Alumni who have offered their services! We are asking that families RSVP no later than Wednesday the 10th of January to help us plan for food. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Family Name _____

I plan to attend ___ # Adults ___ # Children ___

I cannot attend but I would like to be contacted to help with:

Facilities and Finance Committee___ Strategies and Tactics Committee___

Governance Council Seat___ Parent Connect Volunteer___

Classroom Volunteer ___

Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

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.

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

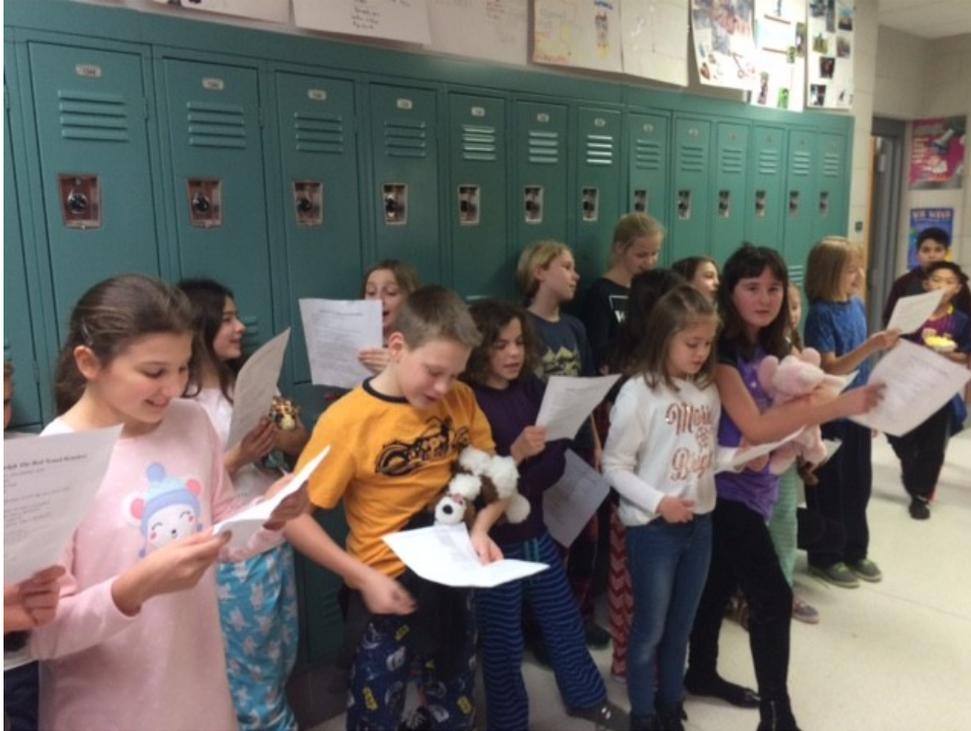
Calendar

January 9-12	Art Cluster
January 10	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Humans - KC, Sunny, Jade & Westerly
January 11	Parent Connect Meeting, 2:00 pm
January 11	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
January 12	Family Bowling Night, 5:30 pm
January 16	Governance Council Meeting - 6:00 pm (Annual Meeting)
January 17	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - All Werewolves
January 18	Book Bowl Practice, 3:30 - 4:45 pm
January 18	Open House, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
January 19	EARLY RELEASE - 11:15 am
January 22-23	NO SCHOOL - 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 31	Musical Rehearsals, 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Oozy, KC & Sunny
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 10	Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
February 12 - 16	Jump for Heart Week
February 12	Grades 2-6 to Grand Theater, 9:30 am

From the 4-6 Classroom

A family that plays together stays together!

Here we are caroling the Middle Schoolers in our Pajamas the day before Winter Break. Many middle schoolers sang along to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer". Teachers enjoyed hearing "Rusty Chevrolet" (gotta teach the youngsters the classics!)



Next, we created 6-sided marshmallow snowflakes based on the physics of ice crystal formation: the water molecule that is 2 parts hydrogen to one part oxygen makes a 6-sided snowflake - or even 12-sided!



Attendance

Regular attendance is a state expectation for children age 6 and older. It is the obligation of parents to call and provide written explanations for absences. Wisconsin state statute (118.15) allows 10 days per school year for parents to excuse their students (for illness or parent days). After 10 days, the school can require a medical note to excuse any future absences.

Please be advised that Wisconsin State Statute 118.15 indicates that after five (5) unexcused absences for part or all of a school day in a semester, or ten (10) unexcused absences in a school year, a student is considered habitually truant.

The statute also indicates that fines up to \$1,000 or imprisonment up to 90 days or both may be applied when truancy issues become severe. When a student becomes habitually truant, the matter is turned over to the local law enforcement officials and citations are issued.

Parents are reminded to be mindful of their child's school attendance.

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 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.



Council Corner

Hello WAMCS families and friends, and a very happy new year to you all! Oh, this weather makes it so hard to get back in the groove of early wake up times, packing lunchboxes, carpools, and extra curriculars. I'm just thinking to myself that it won't be long before the robins are back and the tulips are poking up... 4 months from now... Sigh. Until then, let's be sure to send the little ones with extra kisses and mittens to keep little hearts and hands warm!

The cold hasn't stopped the Governance Council from keeping the wheels of progress going! In fact we have our Annual Meeting coming up on January 16th when we get to share all the great stuff that we've been working on. Please come! You'll find an invitation in your child's backpack and in this newsletter. We hope you take the time to fill out the RSVP and return it to your child's teacher, even if you're unable to attend. There is also a section that you can fill in for volunteer opportunities. And let's face it, we need you! A school like ours depends on parental volunteerism to govern, plan social events, and support the classrooms. And, as an added bonus, this is a great opportunity to be a superhero to your kids and their school! Please consider any way you can help. We look forward to seeing you all there!



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.

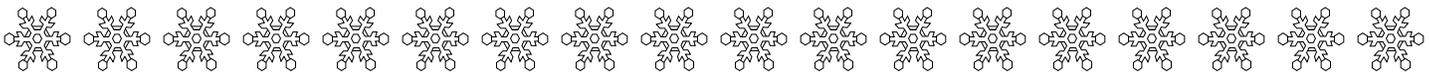
WAUSAU SCHOOL DISTRICT GIFTED & TALENTED STUDENT NOMINATION PROCESS

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.

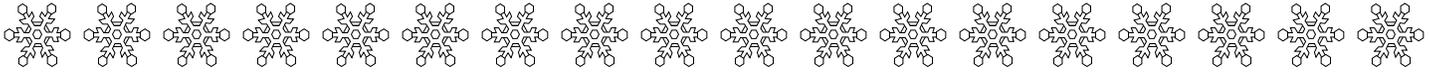


School Closing or Cancellation due to Weather

The decision to close or delay school is made by the Superintendent of schools. Closing announcements will be made between 5:15 - 6:15 am whenever possible. Announcements will be made through School Messenger (phone call and email) as well as on local Radio and TV stations. Closing school during the day will be announced in the same way. We are notified at the same time you and the radio and TV stations are contacted. Please listen to the radio or TV stations if weather becomes a concern. Please DO NOT call the school and ask if we are closing.

Please be sure that we have any updated contact information, include phone numbers and emails.

Thank you!



Is your student ready for recess?

Now that we have cold weather and snow, please remember to send your student to school properly dressed. Students are outside for recess for at least 20 minutes. We go outside for ALL recesses unless it is raining or the temperature (with wind chill) drops below zero. Students need to wear winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats and mittens to play in the snow. Without the proper gear, students will need to stay on the blacktop and will not be able to play in the snow. It is very helpful if you label your child's clothing - it's easier to return if lost. Please help your student have fun at recess!



If you need help with any winter gear, please contact Jena VanderLogt, School Counselor, at 715-261-0725 EXT 22173 or jvanderlogt@wausauschools.org.



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.**