

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# WILDCAT NEWS



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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

## Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### School request for the 2017-2018 school year

The online school request site is now open. Requests are due by February 4th!

For the 2017-18 school year, please use the school request site to request:

- A school for an incoming kindergartner
- A new school for a current K-11<sup>th</sup> grade student
- A middle school (only if your 5<sup>th</sup> grader wants to request a school other than the middle school pathway)
- A high school for all incoming 9th graders

The site is easy to use and requires your address with zip code to learn more about your school options.

For elementary and middle school requests please visit: <http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us>

For high school requests please visit:

<http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us>



### Future Tommie Night Friday, February 10th

Friday, February 10, 2017 starting at 5 p.m. Join us for a FUN Family Night with Tommies basketball & entertainment! If you enjoy Timberwolves and Saints games, you are in for a real treat! Take part in fun family activities while cheering on our Tommie boys' basketball teams as they take on the Southwest Lakers. Future Tommie Night is held at Edison High School located at 700 22nd Ave. NE.

### Waite Park Site Council

We will have the Site Council meeting on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 pm in room 111. We will discuss next year's budget and programming. All are welcome to attend.

### Parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 7:45 pm and on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm. You will be able to schedule conferences on-line again for this conference. Please be looking for more information from your child's teacher.

## **YUM POWER**

We started the YUM Power fitness challenge this week with an exciting Try for 5 Veggie Taste Testing. The Yum Power Team visited each classroom and encouraged students and teacher to try each veggie and vote for their favorite. Make sure to ask your child which veggie they enjoyed the most. This 3-week challenge has one simple goal-inspire kids to Try for 5 with fruits, veggies and physical activity in a fun and exciting way. Over the next three weeks your child will track (at school) the fruits and veggies they eat each day. By participating in the Health Partners Yum Power School Challenge, our school will earn dollars to be used for wellness supplies, materials or equipment that helps promote better eating and physical activity at our school. You can check out the web site at <https://www.healthpartners.com/yumpower/index.html> for more fun ideas for your family.



Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness  
Principal

### **No School reminder**

January 16- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 27- Teacher Record Keeping Day  
January 30- Teacher Professional Development Day

# PTA NEWS

## **Family Dance Night / Book Swap**

Join us for our annual Family Dance Night and Book Swap - Friday, February 3rd from 6:30 to 8pm.

Shake your winter blahs away in the gym! Embarrass your kids with your best dance moves!

While you're there, stop downstairs in the hallway by the cafeteria to grab some fresh reading material to last your kids the rest of the winter. Donations of used books will be collected in classrooms starting soon and will be sorted by reading level/age for your browsing convenience. Please note this is not an exchange program - you can bring books home even without donating.

Volunteers are needed to help sort books - if you're able to help, please contact Elaine Tucker (elainybug@gmail.com) or April Holen (aprildewing@hotmail.com).

## **Spring Social and Auction**

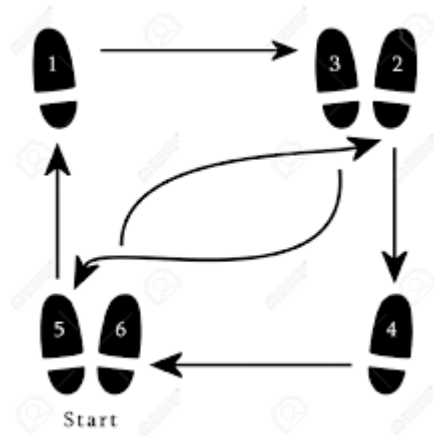
Save the date for the Spring Social and Auction, coming Saturday, April 22nd. This year's location will be 514 Studios, located at 514 N 3rd Street in the North Loop. Northeast goes Downtown (again)!

More details to come in the months ahead, but as we enter the planning stages, we could use your help. If you have skills and/or interest in the areas of decorating, PR, food/beverage, we need you! If you're interested, please join us at our next regularly scheduled meeting, February 9th from 6 to 7:30pm.



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**Our next PTA meeting will be Thursday, February 9th - Join us!**