

**WAITE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

# **WILDCAT NEWS**



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**MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL**

## **Principal's Corner**

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### **LAST WILDCAT OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

I cannot believe this is the last edition of the Wildcat for the 2016-2017 school year!!! I hope everyone has a safe summer, and we will see everyone in the fall.

### **MAP TESTING**

First and second graders will participate in MAP testing May 15<sup>th</sup> –June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The MAP test measures student growth from fall to spring. Teachers use this assessment data to drive their instruction.

### **MAY 26<sup>th</sup> MUSIC CONCERTS**

All music concerts will be performed in the auditorium.

THIRD GRADE at 10:00 am

FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE at 2:15 pm



### **JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> BAND CONCERT**

The fourth and fifth grade band will be performing at 2:00 pm in the auditorium.

### **MAY 29<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL**

There will be no school on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.



### **JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup> CARNIVAL**

This year the carnival will be held on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the flyer in the PTA section of the newsletter. We will also be hosting a Buy 1 get 1 free book fair during the carnival. The Book fair will also be open on June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12-3:30 in the Media Center.

### **JUNE 13<sup>th</sup> FIFTH GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY**

We will celebrate our fifth graders and all of their accomplishments on Tuesday, June 13th. We will start at 1:00 pm in the classrooms with student diorama presentations. At 2:00 pm our completion ceremony will be held in the auditorium. We will end our celebration with cake and punch in the lunchroom.

### **REPORT CARDS and ROOM ASSIGNMENTS for 2017-2018**

Your child (ren) will bring home their last report card of the year on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will also send home room assignments for the 2017-2018 school year.

**JUNE 14<sup>th</sup> TRACK AND FIELD DAY and THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!**

On Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> all of our students will participate in track and field day. The event will start at 9:30 am and run until about 12:30 pm. Please return the attached form if you would like to volunteer for the event.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

May 19<sup>th</sup> is the last day students will be allowed to check books out from the Waite Park library. All books should be returned by May 26<sup>th</sup> to allow for end-of-year inventory, although they will be accepted through the last day of school. Students who have lost books must find their book or pay the fine by their last media day in order to participate in their class reward time. If you have any questions please contact Media Specialist Carly McEathron at [carly.mceathron@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:carly.mceathron@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness  
Principal

*Fifth Grade*

Spring in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms is a very exciting time of year! With the completion of MCA testing, the students will begin work on their diorama projects in Social Studies. In Writing, they are completing their autobiographies. In Math, we are currently working on rational numbers. And in Reading, we've been discussing literary devices and poetry. Coming soon for 5<sup>th</sup> graders this Spring: The Northeast Middle School counselor will visit to help the students prepare for middle school next year.



## **2017 WAITE PARK TRACK & FIELD DAY!**

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

**TIME:** 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Waite Park Community School and Park

**WEATHER:** If we need to cancel due to rain, students will continue on like a normal school day.

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD PREPARED FOR TRACK AND FIELD DAY! STUDENTS SHOULD WEAR APPROPRIATE CLOTHING, TENNIS SHOES, HAT, SUNSCREEN, ETC.**

**ENCOURAGE: DOING THEIR BEST, SPORTSMANSHIP AND HAVING LOTS OF FUN!**

If you are interested in volunteering, please cut and return the attached portion of this page to Kammie Tollefson Jackson by Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you prefer, you may contact me by e-mail ([kammie.tollefson@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:kammie.tollefson@mpls.k12.mn.us)). Please arrive on Field Day in the gym at 9:15 AM! There will be a complete written description of events and you will be assigned with a staff member along with other volunteers at that station. Thank you so much for helping out and making this event possible!

-----CLIP AND RETURN-----

Helper Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_ Room#(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## PTA NEWS

### **Waite Park Carnival - June 2nd**

The last PTA fundraising event of the year is nearly upon us! The Waite Park Carnival is a fantastic way to celebrate the end of the school year with friends and neighbors.

### ***The Details***

The Carnival will take place Friday, June 2nd from 5:30 to 8pm, and will go on rain or shine.

Look forward to carnival games, food and drink, music and time to socialize with neighbors and friends - not to mention the announcement of the winners of the top raffle prizes (see below)!



### ***Raffle Tickets***

Look for more information to come home soon with your child about raffle tickets - prizes include everything from gift certificates for local businesses to bikes (generously donated by Stinson Automotive), a tablet and a summer season family pass to Jim Lupient Water Park!. The drawings for some items will be held prior to the Carnival, with the winners of the top prizes to be held on June 2nd at the carnival, but you need not be present to win.

Thank you for supporting Waite Park Community School!

### **Volunteers Needed**

Great events like the Carnival (and the spectacularly successful Spring Social) don't happen all on their own. It takes dedicated parent volunteers like you to bring your talents and spirit! Help is needed in several ways to make this end of year celebration one your kids will be talking about all summer long, including: set up, clean up, ticket sales, and games coverage. We also need 2 liter bottles of soda pop and baked goods donated as prizes for the Ring a Pop and Cake Walk games.

Please look for details to come regarding how to lend your time and talents on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WaiteParkPTA/>. Thanks in advance for your help and support!

### **Spring Social Recap**

The PTA's annual Spring Social was held Saturday, April 22nd and was a huge success! We raised nearly \$15,000 to support our students and school - thank you! A gigantic thanks to all the volunteers, donors and sponsors, including Larson Dental, Village Orthodontics, Empower Therapeutic Support Services, Northeast Bank, Shaw's Bar & Grill, 514 Studios and Perfect Circle Creative.

**The June PTA meeting will be held Thursday, June 8th from 6 to 7:30 pm**