

WAITE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,



Spring is coming!

I can't believe spring is almost here! The school year is already half over! As the year progresses, we continue to see great learning in our classrooms. We want to thank all of our families for their continued commitment to our children's success. In April our third, fourth and fifth graders will take the MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) to measure their proficiency and growth in math and reading grade level standards. Fifth graders will also take the Science MCA. More information will be shared regarding the assessment schedules in the April Wildcat. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

NE Band Festival

Please join us for the 4th annual NE Band Festival at Edison High School on March 22nd at 6:00 pm. It will be featuring various NE school bands from Waite Park, Pillsbury, Marcy and much, much more! Admission is free for everyone. Hope to see you there!



Spirit Week

Spirit Week is the week of March 26th. All clothing must be appropriate and be within school rules.

3/27/18 Tuesday: Dress Up Day (Wear things you like).

3/28/18 Wednesday: Spirit Day (Wear school colors (white and navy blue) or pink).

3/29/18 Thursday: Pajama day (Pajamas need to be full length pajamas, no wearing of slippers)

To participate in Spirit week, students must bring one canned or non-perishable food item for local food shelves the first day of their participation. Let's hear it for school spirit! Thank you.

School Patrol Safety and "The Waite Park Way"

Please use the crosswalks when you are crossing the street. As you approach the crosswalk, please wait for the school patrol on duty to lower the orange flag to stop traffic before entering the intersection. This helps teach our patrols proper safety procedures and helps



keep walkers safe. Keeping our students safe is a part of our school-wide positive behavior plan. At our school we have created an environment called "The Waite Park Way." Be responsible. Be respectful. Be safe. Please talk to your children about what this means and what actions they will take to be responsible, respectful and safe.

Indian Education Public Hearing & Parent Committee Elections

Are you or do you know someone who would be an incredible parent committee member? Nominations are currently being accepted. **Deadline is Monday, April 9th, 2018.** Nominees must be:

- A parent or legal guardian of an MPS students or
- A MPS high school student in good academic standing or
- A MPS employee

Please send nominations to Christine Wilson at 612-668-0108 or Christine.wilson@mpls.k12.mn.us or online at www.indianed.mpls.k12.mn.us.

Join us at the Indian Education Public Hearing and let your voice be heard! Come learn about Indian Ed updates, Title VI parent committee info and community feedback. Choose a site and date that works for you!

NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL

2955 Hayes St. NE.
Tuesday, April 17th
6-8 pm

ANISHINABE ACADEMY

3100 E. 28th St.
Thursday, April 19th
4-7 pm

FOLWELL SCHOOL

3611 20th Ave S
Thursday, April 26th
3-6 pm

Sincerely,

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Principal

Second Grade

In second grade we are finishing up a unit of point of view with our new Benchmark Advance reading curriculum. Our math curriculum is focused on solving story problems, emphasizing adding and subtracting of two and three digit numbers. We are coming to the end of our Balance and Motion unit in science and the students have had a lot of fun discovering where to put the counterweights to make an object balance. Social Studies has second grade spanning the globe with Google Earth, concentrating on geography.

We will have our field trip to the Children's Theatre to see Corduroy.

No School Reminder

There will be no school on March 30th for Teacher Record keeping day. Spring break will be April 2-April 6. Have a great break and see you back at school on April 9th.



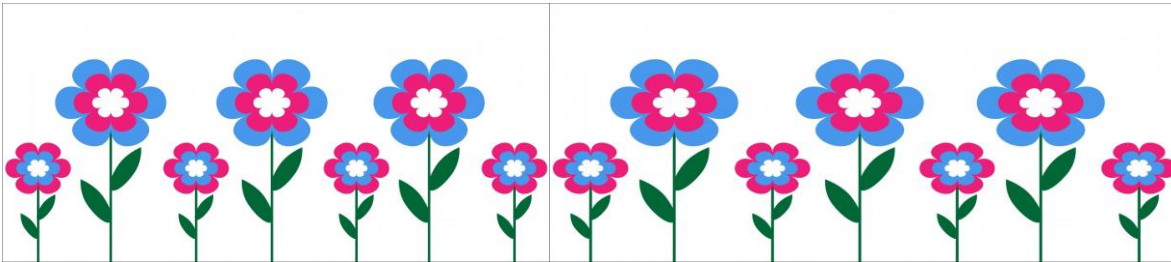
PTA NEWS

Spring Social - Saturday, April 28th, 2018

The Spring Social is coming soon! This fantastic adults-only event is hosted each spring by the PTA, and accounts for our biggest fundraiser of the school year. Invite your friends, family, neighbors... anyone who wants to help support Waite Park students!



- **Where /When:** The Social will take place back in Northeast at the Food Building, 1401 Marshall Street NE, from 6 to 11 p.m.
- **Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased in advance of the event online (see waiteparkpta.blogspot.com) or in person at the school office. Tickets can also be purchased at the door the night of the event.
- **What's Planned?:** The Social is a great opportunity for the school community to come together to enjoy an evening of delicious food and drink as well as live and silent auctions and other entertainment.
- **Child Care:** Remember this is an adults only event. Leave the kids at home and enjoy your night out! Child care is available through the Waite Park park site during the social if you're struggling to find child care or if your kiddos want to have their own party to look forward to. For more information, please call the Park at (612) 370-4959.



Silent Auction Baskets

Each year, the PTA asks that each classroom compile a themed basket to contribute to the Silent Auction. If you haven't seen the flyer come home in your child's backpack, or if it's gone missing, the theme list is below. Please send any items you're able to contribute to school with your child between March 19th and April 20th (earlier is better)!

- Room 112 (Neville): Chocolate and Coffee
- Room 122 (Schultz): Superheroes
- Room 123 (Swentko): Let's Cook
- Room 124 (Bauer): Day at the Beach
- Room 119 (Teeters): Family Fun Night
- Room 120 (Elian): The Arts
- Room 121 (Matthes): Legos
- Room 104 (Monson): Spa Day for Men and Women
- Room 001 (Allison): Spa Day
- Room 105 (Miller): Road Trip
- Room 107 (Morris): Life's a Garden
- Room 106 (Nelson): Pokemon
- Room 108 (Griesch): Legos
- Room 114 (Nolde): Gone Fishing
- Room 113 (Holm): Craftstravaganza
- Room 116 (Glocker): Outside Activities
- Room 111 (Beasley): Bookworm
- Room 115 (Harms): Sports
- Room 117 (VandeBerg): Camping/Picnic
- Room 103: (Meierding): Bookworm

The next PTA meeting will be held Thursday, April 12 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.