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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

National African American Family Involvement Day (NAAFID)

Please join us in celebrating NAAFID on Monday, February 13th. We are hosting a Principal Coffee at 9:15-9:45 am in the Media Center. Parents/guardians are also invited to stay and have lunch with their children and/or visit their classrooms. Please contact Amanda at 612-743-4810 if you are interested and would like to know more.

Site Council regarding 2017-2018 Budget

Add your voice to the conversation about the 2017-18 Budget! Please join us on Monday, February 13th at 4:00 pm in room 111. Please RSVP to the main office if you are planning on attending 612-668-1600.

Valentine's Day

Students will be allowed to exchange Valentine cards if they wish. Please DO NOT send candy or other food items for students to pass out. We have a lot of students who have severe food allergies and/or other health concerns and are susceptible to allergic reactions and/or medical reactions. Thank you for your cooperation!



Parent-teacher conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 16th from 4:00 pm to 7:45pm and on Friday, February 17th from 8:00 am to 4:00pm. You will be able to schedule conferences on-line. Go to the Waite Park homepage and click on the winter conference link. The book fair will also be open during conference in the Media Center.

No School

School will not be in session on Friday, February 17th due to conferences and on Monday, February 20th due to President's Day.

Safety Drills

We are required to conduct a certain amount of safety drills each year. In the coming weeks we will practice our code yellow and red drills. In the spring, we will practice our evacuation and fire drills. Our teachers discuss proper procedure for each drill so our students know what to expect.

Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness
Principal



First Grade

The students have enjoyed learning the features of a fairy tale, through listening and reading many classic fairy tales. As a class we are reading nonfiction stories this month. We are reviewing nonfiction features and learning new ones.

- I can use text features in an information book
- I can make connections between text and my own life.
- I can make predictions and inferences.

During the month of February, the students will be studying important men and women in history.

In math, students can identify multiple combinations of a number, tell time on the hour and half hour, and identify the value of combinations of coins.



PTA NEWS

Spring Social - Saturday April 22nd

The Spring Social is the PTA's biggest annual fundraiser. It's an adults only event (Rec Plus offers childcare so that parents can join us), and it's open to the whole Northeast Minneapolis community.

Ask anyone who's attended in the past: there's nearly endless food, plenty of drinks, and an amazing silent auction where you can bid on anything from local art to tickets for city-wide events. The funds go straight to the PTA, benefitting your kids, their school and our community by supporting classroom field trips, academic projects, the school safety patrol, assemblies, etc.



Where: 514 N 3rd Street, Suite 101, Minneapolis, MN 55401

When: Saturday, April 22nd, 6-11pm

Childcare: Register with Rec Plus at ActiveNet or in person after school (**please note this is an adults only event**)

Tickets are available in the school office, on the PTA blog or at the door on the day of the event. Advance tickets are \$20 each, tickets at the door are \$25 each.



How You Can Help

Events like this don't happen without a lot of help from our school community. There are numerous ways to help, big and small...The workload is broken down into committees and is quite manageable with many hands. We'd love to see some new parents get involved, particularly as some of our seasoned event planners age out to middle school and beyond...

- **Classroom Baskets**: Each classroom puts together a classroom basket for the silent auction around a designated theme. This allows each family a chance to contribute by sending an item to school to add to the basket, and gets the kids excited about participating in some way. Stay tuned for details on your classroom's theme.
- **Donate Auction Items**: Do you know someone who would be willing to donate art, jewelry, gift cards, tickets or even cash to help us purchase silent auction items? Perhaps you're a business owner, or know of one, who would like to donate goods and gain some great neighborhood exposure at the same time? We'd love to hear from you! In the past, families have donated cabin trips, catered dinner experiences, and handmade items. All donations can be coordinated through Megan Sparks (mmurphysparks@comcast.net), Jill Pearson-Wood (jill.pearsonwood@gmail.com) or just leave them in the school office and we'll pick them up!
- **Volunteering**: There's lots to do to plan and prepare for this event, from decorating, sourcing food and drink, PR/communications, entertainment, and on and on. If you want to help, please contact Megan or Jill (see above) to learn more.

Thank You!

A big thanks to all the families who came out Friday the 3rd for the annual Family Dance Night and Book Swap! Events like this are made possible by the fundraising efforts of the PTA, as well as your donations of time and money. Thank you!

The February PTA meeting will be held Thursday, February 9th from 6 to 7:30 pm. The March meeting will be Thursday, March 9th. Childcare is always available, and light refreshments are served. Please join us!