

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

Native American Family Involvement Day

Next Thursday, November 16th we will be celebrating Native American Family Involvement Day (NAFID). Our families are invited for coffee and treats with the principal starting at 9:15 a.m. in the Media Center. You are then welcome to visit your student in the classroom.

Picture Re-take Day

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday, November 14. You can order pictures online at mylifetouch.com, or pick up an order form in the office.

Treats from Around the World – Celebrating Culture

How does your family celebrate their culture? Is there a special dessert you make around the holidays or family celebrations? All food is rich with history and tradition, so why not expand your horizon and share a slice of a different culture's life? In December you will have a chance to do so with your Waite Park School Community! We are excited to showcase the diversity of Waite Park through a "Dessert Potluck" that will be held during our annual Craftstravaganza (Friday, December 1st from 6:30-8pm). It's simple: Make your favorite treat, and bring it to share at the event. We will have tables set for you to share your treat, and will also have a form to fill out explaining the origin, history and ingredients of your dessert. You can even share the recipe if you like!



Interested? Please contact Amanda at 612/743-4810 or amanda.muenzner@mpls.k12.mn.us if you would like to know more.

Northeast Middle School Information Night

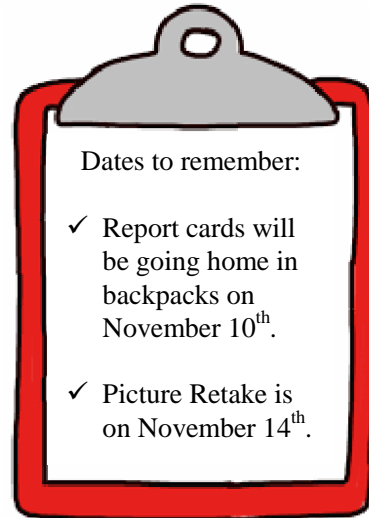
Northeast Middle School will be hosting an information night on Thursday, November 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. You will meet with current families and staff, hear a presentation from Principal Rowe, and tour the building. Northeast Middle School is located at 2955 Hayes St. NE. Please contact Erica Gates Routa at 612-668-1503 if you have any questions.

Holiday Break

School will not be in session Wednesday, November 22-Friday, November 24. Please take this opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends and give thanks for all we have. We will resume school on Monday, November 27th. Also, there will be NO After School activities the week of November 20th due to the Holiday Break.

Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness
Principal



Fifth Grade

November in the 5th grade classrooms is a busy time of year! In Math, we are currently learning about fractions. In Reading, we are using our new Benchmark curriculum to explore characters' relationships in fiction. In Science, we just finished our unit on Motion and Force. The students had a wonderful time exploring variables. And in Social Studies, we are learning about landforms. Next, we will begin learning about Native Americans and colonization. Coming soon for 5th graders this November: The students will be traveling to Northeast Middle School to shadow 6th graders to learn what to expect next year.



PTA NEWS

Fall Fundraising Update

Thanks to all the families and classroom sponsors who participated in this year's Coin Drive by sending change, bills and checks in with their students!

The PTA is happy to announce the results:

- Coins collected: \$3,201.54
- Classroom sponsorships: \$900.00
- Combined total: \$4,101.54

Ms. Beasley's class were the top gatherers with a total of \$481, and Ms. Morris' class a close second with \$461.



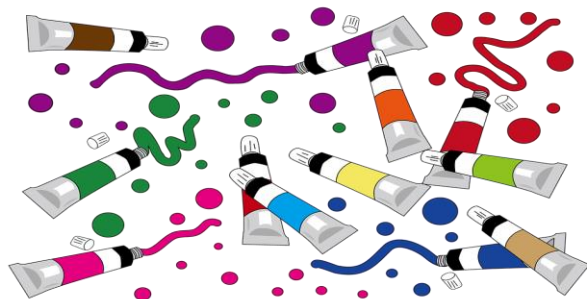
Give to the Max Day

If you missed your chance to donate during the Coin Drive, and are still interested in helping us reach our Fall Fundraising Goal, don't forget about Give to the Max Day! Give to the Max day was created in 2009 to launch GiveMN, a collaborative venture led by Minnesota Community Foundation and many other organizations committed to helping make our state a better place. Every year thousands of organizations and individuals generate donations and excitement for Minnesota causes that are working to improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans.

GiveMN links donors with organizations that are working to make Minnesota a better place. Its online giving website, GiveMN.org, enables charitable giving at any time and place, allowing people to donate with ease and enthusiasm.

This year's Give to the Max day is Thursday, November 16th, and the link for the Waite Park PTA site is: <https://givemn.org/organization/pta-minnesota-congress-246>

Please consider donating, and encourage your family and friends to participate via social media and word of mouth.



Save the Date!

Friday, December 1st, we will be hosting our annual Craftstravaganza!

Join us from 6 to 8pm in the gym to put little hands to work making seasonal crafts, enjoying refreshments (including the always popular cookie decorating station) and enjoying the company of our school community.

Craftstravaganza, and other PTA sponsored events, are made possible by the generous donations of time and resources of our Waite Park families.

Please consider staffing a table, sharing a favorite craft activity with your child's schoolmates, or just helping to set up and/or clean up. More information about how to sign up coming soon! Look for updates on our Facebook pages (Waite Park Community School Official Site and Waite Park PTA) or the PTA blog at <http://waiteparkpta.blogspot.com>

Upcoming PTA Meetings

The Waite Park PTA meets the second Thursday of each month from 6 to 7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room (enter the park building through door #2). Childcare and light refreshments provided.

Upcoming meeting dates: **November 9th and December 14th**

We hope to see you there!