

WAITE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# WILDCAT NEWS



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## Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### LAST WILDCAT OF THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

I cannot believe this is the last edition of the Wildcat for the 2017-2018 school year!!! I hope everyone has a safe summer, and we will see everyone in the fall.

### FAST TESTING

First and second graders will participate in FAST testing May 14<sup>th</sup> –May 18<sup>th</sup>. The FAST test measures student growth from fall to spring. Teachers use this assessment data to drive their instruction.

### JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> MUSIC CONCERT

All Music Concerts will be performed on June 1<sup>st</sup> in the Auditorium.

Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be performing at 10:00 am-11:00 am.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be performing at 2:15 pm-3:15 pm.

### MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NO SCHOOL

There will be no school on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.



### JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> CARNIVAL

This year the carnival will be held on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the PTA section of the newsletter for more details.

### JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup> FIFTH GRADE COMPLETION CEREMONY

We will celebrate our fifth graders and all of their accomplishments on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will start at 1:00 pm in the classrooms with student 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 2018-2019

Your child (ren) will bring home their last report card of the year on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We will also send home room assignments for the 2018-2019 school year.

### JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> TRACK AND FIELD DAY and THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!

On Friday, June 8<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.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS**

All books should be returned by May 21<sup>st</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).

### **LOST & FOUND**

Please check the table in the hallway by the main office for lost & found items. There is a large assortment of coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and even boots/shoes. Leftover items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year.

Please check with the main office if you have lost small items such as glasses, keys, earrings, etc.



Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness  
Principal

## *Physical Education*

The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment. So many things have been learned around fitness, skills, and teamwork in Physical Education this year. We will be celebrating and demonstrating some of these activities during our Waite Park Track and Field Day on June 8<sup>th</sup>, the last day of school. Please keep an eye out for more information and ways to make that day successful for everyone!



## PTA NEWS

### **Waite Park Carnival - June 1st**

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 1st from 5:30 to 8pm, and will go on rain or shine.

Look forward to carnival games, food and drink, music and entertainment from Kids Dance 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) and other exciting items to be determined. The drawings for the winners of the top prizes will be held on June 1st 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. 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 28th and was a huge success! A gigantic thanks to all the volunteers, donors and sponsors, including Larson Dental, Castle Building and Remodeling, The Draft Horse, Northeast Dental Wellness, Northeast Kiwanis Foundation, Inc., Village Orthodontics, Empower Therapeutic Support Services, Northeast Bank, Sarah Jane's Bakery, Indeed Brewing Company, Chankaska Creek Ranch & Winery and Barley John's Brew Pub.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

Join us for our last meetings of the 2017-2018 school year! Meetings are regularly scheduled the second Thursday of each month from 6 to 7:30pm in the multipurpose room in the park building (enter through door #2). Child care and dinner available.

On Thursday, May 10th, we will be accepting nominations for board members for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested in becoming more involved? Join us and declare your interest!

Elections will be held on Thursday, June 7th, at the last meeting of the year.

We look forward to seeing new faces and beginning to plan for next year!