

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

Wildcat Newsletter Going Paperless!

We are going paperless! This Issue will be our last printed version. However, a few paper copies will be available in the office. The Wildcat will continue to be issued on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and will be posted on the Waite Park Community School website. The Weekly Update will continue to be posted on the website as well.

Great start to the school year!!

We have had a fabulous start to the school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff, families and community members for being a huge part of our success!

Conferences

Fall conferences will be held on Thursday, October 12th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, Tuesday, October 17th from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm and Wednesday, October 18th from 8:00 am -12:00 pm. This year, we will continue with our on-line conference sign up. You can access the form on the front of our webpage. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or are unable to sign up through the website.

Site Council and State of the School

On Monday, October 23rd we will host our first Site Council meeting of the 2017-2108 school year. The purpose of the Site Council is to represent students, parents, staff and community interests in the decision-making process governing the affairs of Waite Park Community School. Each council member represents the entire Waite Park community and works toward the common goals and mission as stated in the School Improvement Plan. If you are interested in joining the Site Council, please contact Karen in the main office.

On the same evening, I will host the State of the School address and all families are welcome to attend. The meeting will be held in the Media Center from 4:00-5:00 pm. I look forward to meeting our new families!

Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness
Principal

Picture Day is on
October 11!

Quick Reminders

1. After School Programming begins Sept. 25 – please return registrations as soon as possible!
2. PTA Family Night, Flu Clinic and Literacy Curriculum Night on October 5th.
3. Support Waite Park Patrols – purchase a Chinook coupon book for \$22 or a Chinook coupon app for \$15! See a Patrol or Ms. Beasley. Thank you!

PTA NEWS



What is the PTA?

PTA = Parent Teacher Association

The purpose of the Waite Park Community School PTA is to promote the health and welfare of children and youth and promote collaboration between parents, the school, and the community. We do this by organizing family activities, coordinating volunteers, and planning and hosting crucial fundraising programs and events that support school activities and initiatives. Our Waite Park Community School PTA is organized under the authority of the Minnesota Congress of Parents, Teachers and Students (Minnesota PTSA), a branch of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers (National PTA).

When does the PTA meet?

The PTA holds monthly meetings during the school year. In 2016-2017, these meetings are on the second Thursday of the month, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Waite Park Rec Center Multipurpose Room.

Who is on the PTA?

The PTA is made up of families and school staff – all are welcome to attend. There are four (4) PTA officer positions that are elected annually. These positions are responsible for working with the school staff and PTA volunteers to set priorities and oversee the business of the PTA. The positions and their roles are as follows:

- **President** – The PTA president presides at monthly meetings, helps to develop and serve as an Ex-officio member on all PTA committees, and coordinates the work of the officers and committees.
- **Vice-president** – The PTA vice-president acts as aide to the president and performs the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve.
- **Secretary** – The PTA secretary records the minutes of all meetings, keeps a current copy of the bylaws, maintains an up-to-date membership list, and performs other duties as assigned.
- **Treasurer** – The PTA treasurer manages the PTA funds, keeps accounting of expenditures and makes payments in accordance with the budget, and presents a financial statement at the monthly PTA meeting.

What can I do?

PTA success is dependent on family and staff involvement. There are many opportunities to get involved. In addition to the monthly planning and business meetings, there are committees to help plan activities, promote school and community events, raise funds and make funding decisions. To be sure you are aware of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, follow Waite Park Community School news!

- Waite Park Wildcat Newsletter
- Waite Park Community School online
 - Website – <http://waitepark.mpls.k12.mn.us/>
 - Facebook – Waite Park Community School Official Site & Waite Park PTA
- Waite Park PTA blog - <http://waiteparkpta.blogspot.com>

Waite Park Community School - PTA Calendar 2017-18

Events

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| ❖ Wednesday, Sept. 6 | <i>Hi-5 & K-1st Grade Play Date</i> |
| ❖ Monday, Oct. 2 | Kindness in Chalk (National Bullying Awareness Month) |
| ❖ Wednesday, Oct. 4 | International Walk/Bike to School Day |
| ❖ Thursday, Oct. 5 | Family Night + Flu Clinic |
| ❖ October/November | Fall Fundraising Coin Drive |
| ❖ Friday, Dec. 1 | Craftstravaganza |
| ❖ Friday, Feb. 2 | Family Dance Party/Book Swap |
| ❖ March 30 – April 6 | Spring Break |
| ❖ Saturday, April 28 | <i>Spring Social and Silent Auction / Parents Night Out</i> |
| ❖ Friday, June 1 | Carnival |

2017-18 PTA Meetings - 6-7:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month

- Sept. 14, 2017
- Oct. 12, 2017
- Nov. 9, 2017
- Dec. 14, 2017
- Jan. 11, 2018
- Feb. 8, 2018
- Mar. 8, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- June 7, 2018* (*One week early because last day of school is June 12*)

Dine Out for Schools Night at Parkway Pizza (2851 Johnson St NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418)

3rd Monday of each month, Parkway Pizza donates 5% of revenue those nights to Waite Park School

2017 Dates

- July 17
- Aug. 21
- Sept. 18
- Oct. 16
- Nov. 20
- Dec. 18

2018 Dates

- Jan. 15
- Feb. 19
- Mar. 19
- Apr. 16
- May 21
- June 18