

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

# WILDCAT NEWS



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## Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### School request for the 2019-2020 school year

For the 2019-20 school year, please use the school request site to request:

- A school for an incoming kindergartner
- A new school for a current K-11<sup>th</sup> grade student
- A middle school (only if your 5<sup>th</sup> grader wants to request a school other than the middle school pathway)
- A high school for all incoming 9th graders



The site is easy to use and requires your address with zip code to learn more about your school options. Please visit: <http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us> to submit your request(s).

**Requests are due by February 8th!**

### Waite Park Site Council

We will have the Site Council meeting on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00 pm. We will discuss next year's budget and programming. All are welcome to attend.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. You will be able to schedule conferences on-line again for this conference. Please be looking for more information from your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Rochelle McGinness  
Principal

### No School reminder

January 21- Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
January 24- Teacher Record Keeping Day  
January 25 - Teacher Professional Development Day

### After-school Activities

Session II After-school session  
begins Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Kindergarten

Kindergarten students had a wonderful time welcoming dads and other special adults for donuts, books and a craft project. We thank all the grown-ups for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time in kindergarten. We sure had a full house!!!

Winter weather brings its own special challenges to kindergarten. We try our hardest to stay out of mud, water and ice but accidents do happen. It might be a good idea to send your student with a pair of back up pants and socks just in case. Your child could leave the extra clothing in his/her locker or backpack. We are not able to send every student who gets wet to the nurse's office.

Soon we will attend our first field trip of the year to the Stages Theater! Look for information coming soon in your child's folder.



## PTA NEWS!

### BOOSTERTHON GLOW RUN!

We are so excited to bring the Boosterthon Glow Run to Waite Park this year! The PTA is heading this up, and hopes to earn \$8,000 which will go toward a Gaga Ball Pit, classroom field trips, and lots of other great things for Waite Park. The wonderful thing about this FUNdraiser is that everyone wins, even if a student earns 0 pledges. The Glow Run will take place Thursday, January 17th and all students will participate and earn a t-shirt.

Your student participated in a fun pep rally Monday and also received a pledge book which goes over what to do. Students have a daily challenges which are emailed out to families each day.

Volunteers are still needed and appreciated for this ongoing event! If you are interested, you can sign up here: <http://signup.com/go/uhdJexK>

### Family Dance Night / Book Swap



**Join us for our annual Family Dance Night and Book Swap - Friday, February 1st from 6:30 to 8pm.**

Shake your winter blahs away in the gym! Embarrass your kids with your best dance moves! While you're there, stop downstairs in the hallway by the cafeteria to grab some fresh reading material to last your kids the rest of the winter. Donations of used books will be collected in classrooms the weeks of January 21st and January 28th and will be sorted by reading level/age for your browsing convenience. Please note this is not an exchange program - you can bring books home even without donating.

### SAVE THE DATE!



Spring Social and Auction Save the date for the Spring Social and Auction, coming Saturday, April 13th!

More details to come in the months ahead, but as we enter the planning stages, we could use your help. If you have skills and/or interest in the areas of decorating, PR, food/beverage, we need you! If you're interested, please join us at one of our next regularly scheduled meetings: January 10 or February 14th from 6 to 7:30pm.

**Waite Park PTA is on FACEBOOK!**



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***Our next PTA meetings will be Thursday, January 10th and February 14th from 6pm to 7:30pm. Childcare is always provided, as are light refreshments. We'd love to see you there. Join us!***