

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

Fall Conferences

I can hardly believe we are in our seventh week of school! This Thursday, October 13th will be the first fall evening conferences. We will also have evening conferences next Tuesday, October 18th from 4:00-7:45 pm and also on Wednesday, October 19th from 8:00 am-11:45am. If you have not signed up for a conference you may visit our webpage and follow the conference sign-up link.



State of the School/Site Council

On Monday, October 17th I will hold the State of the School address from 4:00-5:00 pm. We will meet in room 111 and I will review the School Improvement Plan and the Family Involvement Plan. All parents/guardians are invited to attend this informational meeting.



No School

Please remember there is no school Wednesday, October 19th- Friday, October 21st. School will resume on Monday, October 24th. There is also no school on Thursday, November 3rd for teacher professional development and Friday, November 4th for teacher record keeping day.

No After School programs

There will be no after school programming the week of October 17th.

October 31st (Halloween)

Out of respect for the diversity of our school community and in order to adhere to our District Food Policy, please do not send candy or other food items for your child to pass out to their classmates on Monday, October 31st.

November 8th

On November 8th voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operation referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-2017 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. The request would authorize the referendum

for nine years and be annually adjusted for inflation. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes. Learn more here: www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.

Sincerely,

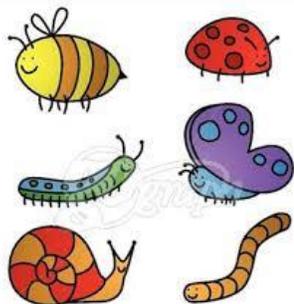
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Principal

Second Grade

We're off to a great start in second grade!

Our first reading unit is designed to help students build independence as they emerge as readers and writers. We're developing good habits for reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students are learning how to take care of books, choose books, and build reading stamina in reader's workshop. In writer's workshop we're learning rituals and routines, building writing stamina, and beginning to write about personal life experiences.

In math, students are solving basic facts to 20 with counting strategies. They are representing numbers to 100 as groups of tens and ones in multiple ways. We are solving addition and subtraction problems.



In science we are investigating a number of insects. After the insect is introduced, students observe structures and behaviors, discuss their findings, and ask questions. Students will observe life cycles of these insects and compare the stages of metamorphosis exhibited by each species using their new science notebooks.

In social studies we are creating fair classroom rules. We're differentiating between rights, responsibilities, and equal opportunity. We're studying the characteristics of a fair vote.

We went on a field trip to the Children's Theatre and enjoyed the play "Elephant and Piggy Were Having a Play." Special thanks to Target for paying for the bus and tickets.

PTA NEWS

PTA Kicks off 2016-2017 Coin Drive

Each year the PTA raises funds to support many activities that enhance and enrich our children's education at Waite Park School. More details on what the dollars fund below.

What you need to know about the Coin Drive:

- Our goal is \$3,000
- Coins will be collected from October 10th-31st
- The classrooms that bring in the most \$ will be recognized by the PTA
- We accept paper money in addition to coins



What These Dollars Support

The Waite Park PTA raises money each year to support measures that enrich our students' time at Waite Park, including:

- Field trip buses
- Field trip admission assistance
- School-wide assemblies
- After School Program grants
- Safety patrol
- Classroom Grant program
- Band scholarships
- Track & Field Day
- Staff appreciation luncheons
- School Directory
- Winter Craftstravaganza
- 5th Grade Recognition
- Book Swap

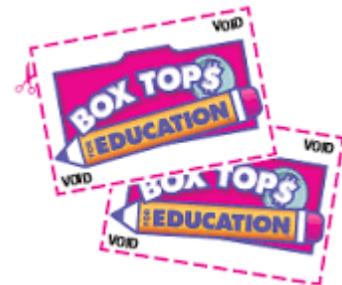
As we continue the Coin Drive, be sure to ask your children which classroom is in the lead at the end of each week (and who Chester is)!

Thank you for your support!

Box Tops for Education

Looking for another way to support our school? Look for and clip Box Tops for Education from the package of General Mills food boxes/labels and drop them off in the drawers outside the school office. This is an easy way for our school to earn money from the products you're already buying, without a lot of extra effort. All that's required is a pair of scissors... You'd be surprised how all those little labels add up!

Please trim as much of the excess box/label as possible (reduces extra weight when calculating postage to send them in), collect them in a plastic bag or paper clip, and drop them in the drawer. We'll take care of the rest.



If you have questions about the program, please visit their website at www.boxtops4education.com

October PTA Meeting

Our October meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th, from 6:00 to 7:30pm in the Waite Park Multi-Purpose Room (next to the gym in the park building). Parent/Teacher Conferences are also being held this night - if you're already in the building, this would be a great opportunity to drop by and see what the PTA is all about. As always, free childcare and light refreshments will be served. We'd love to see you there!

Family Dinner Thanks

A special Thank You for everyone who took part in the PTA Family Dinner and Flu Shot Clinic on October 6th, especially all the organizers, volunteers, and staff! And thanks to the brave souls who took the opportunity to get a flu shot - you're helping to keep our school community, and yourselves, healthy this flu season. We had a great turn out!

There is still time!

WAITE PARK SCHOOL PATROL FUND RAISER

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Don't miss out!

The Waite Park PTA donates a generous amount of dollars to the Waite Park Patrol program, however, it doesn't cover all of the expenses. In an effort to raise the additional money needed we have chosen to sell Chinook coupon books as our fund-raiser. These unique family coupon books feature hundreds of discounts at over 1,000 merchant locations in the Twin Cities area.

You'll enjoy saving at more than 400 of your favorite merchants!!! Check out the flyer on the back of this form.

The popular Chinook Book print edition will sell for \$22.00, the Chinook mobile edition sells for \$15. If you would like to purchase either of these, please fill out the order form below and return it to Waite Park with the appropriate amount. Checks should be made out to Waite Park School.

We will send the items home with your child unless you request us not to do so. In this case, we will contact you to arrange pick up or delivery of your books once we receive your order.

Thank you for supporting your school patrol!

Roxanne Beasley Teacher/Patrol Supervisor
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ORDERS AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 16TH

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