

WAITE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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MRS. ROCHELLE MCGINNESS, PRINCIPAL

## Principal's Corner

Greetings Waite Park Families,

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm- 7:45 pm, Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm-7:45 pm and Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> we will host our first Site Council meeting of the 2016-2107 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,

Picture Day is on  
October 12!

Rochelle McGinness  
Principal

### Quick Reminders

1. Academic After School Programming begins Sept. 26 – please return registrations as soon as possible!
2. Enrichment After School Programming begins Oct. 3 – registrations coming soon.
3. Coffee with the Principal on Friday, October 7 at 9:15-9:45 am (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month).
4. 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

### **Get Involved with the PTA!**

The first PTA meeting of the 2016-2017 school year was held Thursday, September 8th. It was very well attended, with a great mix of rookie and veteran Waite Park parents! The PTA presents a great opportunity for you to get involved in your family's school (and your community) in a wide variety of ways, with as little or as much time as you can spare.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Park building. . Free childcare is always available at the meetings, and light refreshments are served.



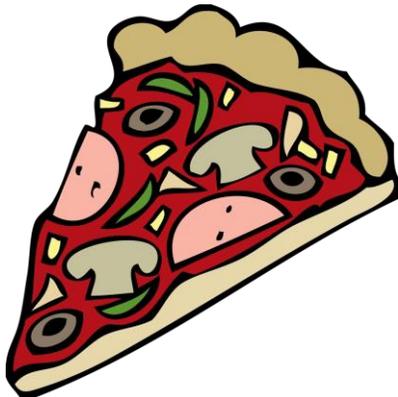
If you like to plan ahead, the dates for this year's meetings are:

- October 13 (yes, during conferences... If you're already in the building, why not stop by and see what it's about?)
- November 10
- December 8
- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8

### **Can't Make a Meeting in Person?**

You can still be connected to all that's happening with the PTA, and get details about the events we're promoting, by visiting our Facebook page, reading our blog or checking the school's website:

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



### **Support Waite Park by Eating Parkway Pizza**

The third Monday of every month, Parkway Pizza on Johnson Street donates 5% of its sales to Waite Park! Mark your calendars for the next Waite Park night on Monday, September 19th.

### **Family Taco Night and Flu Shot Clinic**

Join us in the gymnasium on Thursday, October 6th for the return of Family Taco Night! We've got dinner covered. Once you've had your fill, hop across the hall for a quick stop in the annual Flu Shot Clinic (or reverse the order... you know your child best).

The event will be from 6:30pm to 8pm, look for more information in the coming weeks.

Events like these always go more smoothly for all involved if there are plenty of hands on deck - volunteers are always welcome, and it's a great way to get to know your fellow Waite Park families. If you're interested in helping out, please contact PTA Presidents Megan Murphy-Sparks and/or Jed Van Zee ([mmurphysparks@gmail.com](mailto:mmurphysparks@gmail.com), [jedvanzee@gmail.com](mailto:jedvanzee@gmail.com)).

