



Wasco School News

February 9, 2018

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NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 19-President's Day
Offices closed

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...Barbara Stokke

I hope today's unexpected snow day has been an opportunity for families to have a fun day! The snow may be treacherous to travel in but is a wonderland to play in! Enjoy the day and all of the joy that it brings!

LAST CALL for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Girls: Chick Chat, an awesome event for girls to learn how to navigate adolescence! When? Saturday, February 24. Registration ends Mon., Feb. 12. See attached flyer for details. To register, follow [this link](#).

Campton Hills Winter Wonders Event-Saturday, Feb. 10 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Campton Hills Community Center 5N082 Old La Fox Road. See flyer for details.

2018-2019 CUSD 303 Community Preschool Program Lottery

General Information

For the 2018-2019 school year, District 303 will offer a five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program.

The program will be open to 3-5 year old children who reside within the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2018. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2018 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285 per month. A \$100 annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required. **Tuition and registration and materials fee pending board approval

Enrollment Procedure-A proposal regarding elementary boundaries was presented to the School Board on January 18. The School Board is expected to consider the recommendation for approval at the February 12 School Board meeting. Early Childhood will post information regarding the Community Preschool enrollment lottery after that date. Please check the main district website at www.D303.org after February 12 for details.

Wasco Baseball Winter Camps-see attached flyer for details.

North High School invites you to join them for **Project Dance Unite** on Feb. 24, 1-5 p.m. at North High School. See attached flyer for details.

One School, One Book, One Community in progress: Feb. 5-16th

This month, our school is inviting all students, K-5, to participate in One School, One Book. Every family has received ONE free copy of the book Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary. We are encouraging everyone in the Wasco Community to follow the same reading schedule each night- which you received last week along with your family's copy of the book and a student bookmark.

One School, One Book is a unique program because students in all grade levels will be reading and listening to the same book (K-5). Reading professionals recommend reading material out loud that is beyond a child's independent reading level. We also believe that you can, and should, continue reading chapter books with your older children, even when they are able to read by themselves. We have selected a title that can be followed, understood, and enjoyed by younger students, but that will still captivate and stimulate older children.

Reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares students to be effective readers and listeners. It is also a fun, worthwhile family activity. We aim to build a community of readers at our school. Everyone- students, parents, teachers and support staff- are invited to participate in this optional event.

How does it work?

- On Monday, February 5, Mrs. Stokke read aloud chapter 1. That day, the youngest or only child in each family took home one copy of the book and the reading schedule.
- During the Wasco Family Math and Literacy Event on Tuesday, February 6th, guest readers read chapter three. If you were unable to attend, chapter three is also posted on the Wasco Website (wasco.d303.org) to listen to at home, or you can read it as a family on your own.
- Nightly readings are posted on the Wasco website (wasco.d303.org) read by a different member of our staff each day. This provides students the opportunity to have a shared reading on any internet device in the event that reading aloud as a family is difficult on a given night.
- In school, your child will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage active listening and participation.

Thank you for your support with this exciting event!!

Sincerely, Mrs. Bradley & Mrs. Furlong, LRC Directors, Mrs. Helland, Reading Specialist

"There is no such thing as a kid who hates reading. There are kids who love reading and kids who are reading the wrong books." James Patterson

D303 Kindergarten Registration Feb. 28 9:30-2:30 (Wasco School) Flyer attached.

Upcoming February D303 Parent Universities

February 19, 2018-Parent University brought to you by Centennial Counseling

6:00-7:00 p.m. – Arcadium Coffeehouse (Please note the time and location change)

[Depression, Anxiety & Suicide Awareness: Supporting Children to Improve Resiliency](#)

District 303 Middle and High School Student Services Team Staff members will hold a panel discussion on depression, anxiety, and suicide awareness efforts taking place in the District. The discussion, in partnership with Centennial Counseling, will also include ways parents can support their children to improve resiliency and keep conversations about mental health issues going.

February 28, 2018-Parent University

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wredling Middle School Cafeteria

[Social Media & You: A Parent's Guide](#)

Have you ever wondered what your children do on their phones? How are they communicating and with whom? What's a streak? Do they need both an Instagram account and a Snap Chat account? How can you monitor their use and keep them safe? How much screen time is too much screen time?

District 303 has assembled a panel of local experts to help answer these questions and more. The evening will include the basics of social media outlets being used by teenagers, tips on how to monitor your child's use of social media, legal ramifications with inappropriate use of social media, as well as student's perspectives. Social media can be overwhelming for parents and it's important for you to understand what's available to students and how they're using it.

Panel members include:

Circuit Court Judge Clint Hull
Chuck Pierce, SCPD
A parent
D303 High School students

Rich Wistocki, retired Naperville PD and national speaker
Representative from the State's Attorney's Office
Megan Mkrtshjan, D303 Assistant Director of Curriculum
Carol Smith, D303 Director of Communications and Community Relations

*****NOTE RESCHEDULED DATE*****

If you have not yet attended a PTO meeting, please join us on Monday March 5 at 6:30 at Wasco School. Kelley Galt, Chief Academic Officer for D303 will be our guest speaker who will share a presentation on how the Department of Instruction supports students and staff across our district and will answer parents questions about curriculum, instruction, and assessment. An link was emailed to all families to collect parent questions prior to the presentation. Questions can also be forwarded to me Barbara.Stokke@d303.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Back by popular demand...Wasco 2nd Annual **"Empowering Families"** night, **Tuesday, March 6th 5:30-7:30**. New this year, this is a family event, **DINNER IS PROVIDED FROM 5:30-6:00**, childcare provided for school-aged children. Session this year include: Executive Functioning, Childhood Anxiety and Positive Social Interaction. Registrations will be sent home soon! We hope you can join us!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PARCC Assessments April 2-20

All D303 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will participate in the 2018 PARCC Assessments **April 2-20**. Please mark your calendars to avoid scheduling conflicts such as vacations, appointments and other absences. Students benefit from testing among their peers within their own classroom environments. Students who miss testing will be scheduled for make up tests which are administered in an alternate location and during classroom instructional periods. Please let your child's teacher know if your child will miss any part of the PARCC assessment.

A Note from the Nurse:

****Please note that when calling in a student who is sick, parents should provide details of symptoms the child is experiencing and if he/she has been diagnosed with the flu by a doctor.****

The winter months are upon us and flu season is here. If your son/daughter complains about a headache, sore throat, ear ache and/or stomach ache please check their temperature before you send them to school.

If your child is at school with a fever of 100+, you will be contacted to pick him/her up from school. School policy recommends your son/daughter to be fever-free without medication for 24 hours before returning back to school. This policy is strongly encouraged to prevent the spread of germs to the rest of the students and staff.

For sore throats and coughs without a temperature, students will be encouraged to perform a warm salt water gargle and/or will be given a peppermint to help soothe their throat. If you would like your child to have cough drops while in school for their sore throat or cough they need to bring the cough drops to the Health Office. A cough drop is considered a medication (but not one I require a doctor's authorization for) and a choking hazard and the students need to be monitored by myself or the teacher.

For colds, sniffles and runny noses without a fever, students are encouraged to drink water and rest in the Health Office for 5-10 minutes. They usually feel better after that amount of time. If you tell your child 'if you don't feel good, go to the nurse and have her call me,' **PLEASE** follow that up with an email to the student's teacher and/or me. You can contact me at christine.ahrens@d303.org or 331-228-2904.

Kindly, Tina Ahrens, RN, Wasco School Nurse 331-228-2904 Christine.ahrens@d303.org

Have a wonderful weekend,
Barbara Stokke, Principal