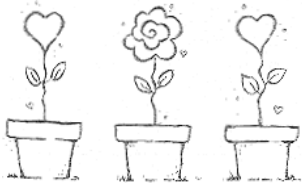


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From the Principal's Desk



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

6th-PTO Meeting-12:00 pm

13th-5th & 6th Grade
Concert @ DD Miller
Auditorium-7:00 pm

16th-Midterms coming
home!

17th-NO SCHOOL-Vacation
Day

20th-NO SCHOOL-
President's Day

23rd-5th-12th Grade
String Festival
Performance @ DD
Miller-7:00 pm

29th-Early Dismissal-12:20
pm-AM Preschool & AM KG
attend 8:30-11:30 am

*March 1st-5th Grade
swim unit begins

Busy days, work schedules, and after-school activities can have an impact on family time. Many of us don't settle down until later in the evening, making it difficult to set an early bedtime. Experts say school-age children roughly need about ten hours of sleep. This being said, bedtime should be around 8 or 9 o'clock. Research has shown that lack of sleep can affect a child's temperament, behavior, alertness, and ability to learn.

What can you do to make sure your child gets enough sleep to function at their best?

Stick to a routine. A bath, pajamas, brushing teeth, and read a book. Whatever your nighttime routine is, be sure to stick with it so your child knows what to expect each night.

Limit the electronic stimulants. Don't let your child use the computer, play video games or watch TV at least an hour before bedtime. Engaging in these activities can stimulate children and interfere with falling and staying asleep.

Keep the bedroom comfortable for sleeping. Bedrooms that are quiet, dark and cool are best for a good night's sleep.

Curb the caffeine. Watch out for caffeine lurking in foods and drinks that you may not suspect such as chocolate and sodas.

Watch your child instead of the clock. The amount of sleep each child needs really does depend on the individual child. Look for signs of sleep deprivation such as hyperactivity, crankiness and memory or concentration problems.

Jen Bollinger, Principal



SCOUT PACK 206

Order forms will be coming home soon to order your 2011-2012 soft cover school memory book. If you want your child's information omitted, please contact us at 882-6350.

“Are Parents smarter than a 5th grader?”

On Feb 24th 2012 6:30pm-7:30pm, Detective Sgt Tim Toomey and Detective Chad Stahl along with Watertown Healthy Youth Prevention Specialist Kelli Rumpza would like to invite all parents of Grade school kids to come to a short **DASH** presentation at the Watertown High School lunchroom while your kids are at the Elementary School Fun Night.

DASH stands for **D**rug Free, **A**lcohol Free, **S**afe and **H**ealthy. Since 2008 Watertown youths' drug and alcohol use has increased significantly. The WPD wants to stop this trend and change the social norms that “teenagers will be teenagers”.

The presentation will last about 1 hour and there will be a question and answer session afterwards.

Looking Ahead

March, 2011

14th - **NO SCHOOL** - Comp / Vacation Day

15th & 16th - **NO SCHOOL** - Spring Break

20th - End of 3rd Quarter

28th - Early dismissal (PM PS & PM KG attend 8:30-11:30 am)



“Enhancing educational opportunities for students”

Arrow Education Foundation
PO Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201
www.arrowfoundation.org; 605-882-6639

FRIDAY, FEB. 3rd
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
at the WHS CAFETERIA

Before the Watertown-Aberdeen Boys' Basketball game
GODFATHER'S PIZZA,
Hy-Vee SALAD & COKE Product



\$6 – Adults \$3 - Children 10 & under \$20 per Family

All proceeds support the Arrow Education Foundation, a non-profit organization, in
“enhancing educational opportunities for students”
in the Watertown Schools.

What: Elementary School Fun Night sponsored by the Watertown Police Department: Inflatable's, Games, Dancing and Food

When: February 24th 2012, 6:30-9:00pm

Where: Watertown Senior High Civic Arena

Who: all 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in the Watertown School District

Come and join your friends, and officers from the Watertown Police Department for a night of fun, food and games for a good cause, proceeds will go to the **Watertown Police Department K-9 Unit** and to help support the **Watertown Police Department/Watertown School Districts Safety Patrol**.

Music Provided by Greg Hanson Entertainment

Food by Dominos Pizza

Beverages provided by Coca Cola and Culligan Water of Watertown

Inflatable's provided by the South Dakota National Guard

Cost: \$3 per student

Food: \$2 for slice of pizza, \$1 for can of Coke or bottle of water



Happy
Valentine's
Day!

Social Work Corner

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources.

Here are some resources:

PACH Program

This program provides meals and snacks for students who may need additional food over weekends during the school year. There are no income requirements. All children are eligible. Applications are available at the school.

Household Products

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, there are household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and shampoo etc available for families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you, please contact Paula Davis.

Winter Gear

Snowpants, coats and snowboots are still available to children in need. Please contact Paula Davis.

If you have any questions or need more information, call me at 882-6350 (McKinley) or 882-6360 (Roosevelt) or e-mail me at paula.davis@k12.sd.us

Child Find Notice

The Watertown School District has an ongoing "Child Find" system, which is designated to locate, identify and evaluate any child residing within its geographical boundaries who may have a disability and be in need of Special Education or 504 services. This includes children who are not in school; those who are in public, private, or home school; those who are highly mobile such as children who are migrant or homeless; and those who are advancing from grade to grade, who may need but are not receiving Special Education or 504 services.

The Watertown School District will make sure any child enrolled in its district who qualifies for Special Education or 504 services will be no cost to the parents of the child.

If you know of a child who lives within the boundaries of the Watertown School District, who may have a disability, and may need but is not receiving Special Education or 504 services, please contact Jennifer Heggelund, Director of Special Services, at 882-6399.

"Child Find" activities will continue throughout the school year. As part of these efforts the Watertown School District will use screening information, student records, and basic assessment information it collects on all children in the District to help locate those children who have a disability and need Special Education or 504 services. Any information the District collects through "Child Find" is maintained confidentially.

Notice of Non-discrimination

The Watertown School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Lesli Jutting, Superintendent
P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201
605-882-6312

Darrell Stacey, Assistant Superintendent
P.O. Box 730, Watertown, SD 57201
605-882-6312

For further information on notice of non-discrimination, see list of Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforcement offices for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-(800)-421-3481.

BAND PRACTICE @ WMS-3:30-4:30

5th Grade = Feb. 13 & 27

6th Grade = Feb. 6

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten screening will be at Garfield School the afternoon of April 18th, all day April 19th and 20th. It is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2012.

Please bring the following items along with you to the screening:

CERTIFIED BIRTH
CERTIFICATE (not the
hospital copy)

IMMUNIZATION
RECORDS (must be
current before the 1st day
of school in August)

To make an appointment,
please call Garfield School
at 882-6399.