

MCKINLEY SCHOOL

March, 2011

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From the Principal's Desk

REMINDERS: When picking up your child(ren) from school, please do not block the driveways of the neighbors around the school.

If your child goes to the Boys & Girls Club after school, we encourage them to ride Bus #78 from the Middle School to the Boys & Girls Club.

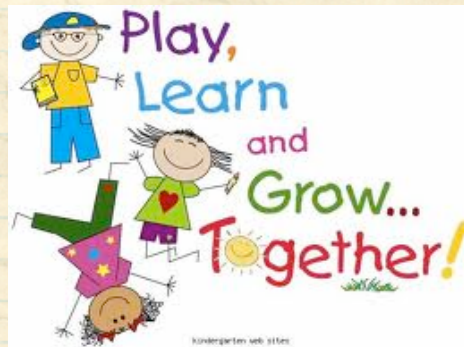
6TH GRADE INFORMATION ABOUT WATERTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Watertown Middle School will be having a parent's night for parents of 6th grade students on March 10th. The night will begin at 6:30 pm. WMS Principal Todd Brist, Assistant Principal Nancy Weber, and School Counselor Jason Buechler will be in attendance to provide valuable information to parents about their child's two years at the Middle School. We look forward to seeing you on March 10th!

Is your 6th grade student ready for Middle School? Mr. Buechler, WMS school counselor, will be going to each 6th grade class on March 9-11th to start the registration process. He will be providing students with information about scheduling, academics, and general daily life at the middle school. Students will be given a packet of information that all parents and guardians are encouraged to read. The registration sheet in the back of the packet will need to be signed by a parent or guardian to ensure placing each child in the correct courses. Please call Mr. Buechler or Mrs. Weber at 882-6370 for more information.

March Calendar

8th - 1st & 2nd Grade Music Program (1:30 & 6:30 pm)
16th - 12:30 Dismissal (AM Preschool & AM Kindergarten attend 8:30-11:30 am)
17th & 18th - NO SCHOOL
24th & 29th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
30th - 12:30 Dismissal (PM Preschool & PM Kindergarten attend 8:30-11:30 am)



PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Preschool screening will be at McKinley School on Friday, April 29th, and Friday, May 6th. It is for children who will be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2011, who reside in the Watertown School District, and qualify according to screening scores, and household income.

Please bring the following items with you to screening...

Certified Birth Certificate (not the hospital copy)

Immunization Records

To make an appointment, please call McKinley School at 882-6350.

WHEN IS SPRING BREAK? IT BEGINS MARCH 16TH AT 12:30 PM, AND CONTINUES MARCH 17 & MARCH 18

Social Work Corner

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources. Here are some resources:

Boys Town Common Sense Parenting Classes

A new session of classes will begin Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30-7:30 at the Boys & Girls Club. Classes run for six consecutive Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity to learn strategies to help make parenting more enjoyable. Call Louis or Linda to register at 886-6666.

PACH (People Against Child Hunger) Program

This is a new program being piloted this April and May in the elementary and middle schools. During the pilot program, approximately 25 students from each school will be able to receive food equivalent to two snacks and two meals that will be sent home from school prior to the weekend or break. Participants in the pilot program are taken on a first come basis. Applications have no eligibility requirements and are available at Hy-Vee, Salvation Army, Watertown Regional Library, County Fair, Department of Social Services, Boys & Girls Club, Lutheran Social Services, Watertown Resource Center, or on-line at www.watertownunitedway.org. They may be returned to Hy-Vee, The Salvation Army, turned in on-line, or mailed to P.O. Box 176 in Watertown.

Household Products

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, we have household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, deodorant, shampoo, etc to give to families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you get by, please contact your school social worker.

INVITATION TO PARENTING CLASS

WHAT: Common Sense Parenting Class
 WHEN: 6 weeks, beginning Tuesday, March 1st from 5:30-7:30 pm
 WHERE: Watertown Boys & Girls Club
 To sign up, please call Linda Schoepp at 886-6666. The cost is \$20, which includes a parenting book. (no one will be turned away; scholarships are available)



"Enhancing educational opportunities for students"
Arrow Education Foundation
 Office at Garfield School
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 (605) 882-6399

HARVEST 2011

October 8

Join in the Fun

Casual Evening @ Wtn Event Center

INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS to be Awarded in March

The Arrow Education Foundation has received applications totaling \$20,500 for **INNOVATIVE EDUCATION GRANTS** from teachers and administrators with creative and innovative ideas to enhance student learning. **Watch for results in the next newsletter!**

Class Reunions for 2011

Class reunions for the classes of '56, '61, '71, '81, '91, and '01 are being planned. Check the **WHS Alumni and Friends Newsletter** and our website for details. If you're a WHS grad OR member of the community and would like to receive the newsletter, please send us your current address.

Volunteers and Sponsors Welcome

The Foundation has opportunities for interested people in the community to help us fulfill our mission of "enhancing educational opportunities for students" in the Watertown School District.

❖ **Business Sponsors are needed for HARVEST and other events**

❖ **Volunteer projects might include**

- **Assisting with granting process**
- **Community outreach**
- **Marketing/advertising**
- **Newsletter preparation**
- **Office work**
- **Social networking**
- **Website updates**
- **And more...**

Please call if you have questions.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

Kindergarten screening will be at Garfield School April 13th, 14th and the morning of the 15th. It is for children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2011.

Please bring the following items along with you when you register your child for kindergarten.....

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.



A WARM CHRISTMAS GIFT

Kindergarten students got to wear pajamas to school! Why? Mrs. Elliott and her family decided that instead of buying each other gifts, they would donate an equal amount to Mrs. Elliott. She then purchased pajamas for both of her Kindergarten classes. The students received their pajamas, and had a designated “Pajama Day” and “Pajama Night”. When the students came to the school on “Pajama Night”, High School students volunteered their time to read to the kids. The students also enjoyed a bedtime snack.



Volunteers are needed to work during the McKinley Book Fair. (dates and times are posted at the left) If you are interested, please contact Shari Carbonneau, McKinley Librarian, at 882-6350. Thanks!

Unity in Diversity Event

The second Unity in Diversity Event will be held at the Terry Redlin Art Center, Saturday, March 26th from 10:00am-2:30pm. What is the purpose of such an event? This event celebrates unity in diversity within our Watertown Community. Last year's event at the Goss Theater was a grand success and the planning committee (Businesses, Watertown School District, and Benedictine Multicultural Center) hopes that this year's event will bring even more awareness of the many types of people that make up our community.

There will be speakers, booths, entertainment, art, and food. Multicultural story reading will take place in the Comforts of Home Cabin, throughout the event. Art pieces from the Watertown District Schools will be displayed in the lower level of the Redlin Art Center. Many multicultural and other booths will be dispersed throughout the center.

Guest Speakers and Entertainment

- 10:00 am Flag of Many Countries Procession and Middle School Jazz Band
- 11:00 am Jacob Clark (WHS Senior)
- 11:30 am Haiti (Lear family)
- 12:30 pm Empowering Women in Afghanistan (Mary Redlin)
- 1:30 pm Turkish Delight (Lynn Langner & Barb Miller)
- 2:30 pm Bill Dempsey (Bagpipes) and Flag Parade

This is a family event! Come and enjoy a unique awareness experience. Come and support all the people who are sharing their time with us.

For more information
 Contact Karen Jaskulka
 ESL/Migrant Instructor
 Watertown School District
 Office Phone 882-6370