

WACO

PARENT LETTER

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"The mission of the WACO Community School District is to develop responsible, productive citizens who view learning as a lifelong process. WACO's educational environment encourages continuous improvement, problem-solving, measurable outcomes, and community involvement."

FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

LINK TO WACO CLASSES, TEACHERS, GRADES, ASSIGNMENTS, MORE:

<http://powerschool.wacohs.com>

Fall Pictures

On Friday, October 16 starting at 8:00 AM, Life-touch photographers will be at the Elementary and Jr/Sr High schools for student fall pictures. Order envelopes will be sent home with your child(ren) prior to this date. Before picture day, Please send in with your Elementary student, your order envelope marked appropriately with your payment sealed inside. If you do not your child will not be able to place an order. Thank you

Late Starts

Just a reminder that on late start days breakfast is not served. Please be sure that your child has eaten before he comes to school on those days

Fund-raising time

This week, students from the WACO Music Department, Grades 5-12 are beginning their annual fund-raiser with Partytime Fundraising of Carroll, Iowa. Items available for purchase include: wrapping paper, candy and nuts, gift items and frozen pizzas, rolls, cheesecakes and pies. Our sale started on September 15th and will continue until Monday, September 28th. Students need to return their completed form and money for their orders to their music teacher on Monday, September 28th. Make all checks payable to the WACO Music Boosters. All items will be delivered to the schools on Monday, November 9th and the student who took your order will be delivering them to you that day.

Students are raising money for equipment for the band, chorus and orchestra at both buildings and to build funds for future music trips. Buy several items - stock your freezer, fill your Christmas gift list and help to support music in our school at the same time! If you have questions, please contact your child's music teacher. Thanks for your support!

Amy Langr, Elementary General Music, 5th Grade Band
Denise Freyenberger, Orchestra, Grades 4-12
Tom McNamar, Instrumental Music 6-12
Millie Youngquist, Vocal Music 7-12

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, Sept. 18

ACT Registration Deadline

7:00PM: Boys Varsity Football @
North Mahaska

Saturday, Sept. 19

9:00AM: Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Keota

Monday, Sept. 21

4:30PM: Girls Junior High Volleyball VS.
Maharishi

6:30PM: Boys F/S Football VS.

Eddyville-Blakesburg

Tuesday, Sept. 22

4:45PM: Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country @
Mt. Pleasant

5:30PM: Girls F/ S, JV, V Volleyball VS. Pekin

Wednesday, Sept. 23

1:40PM: School Event Early Dismissal

Thursday, Sept. 24

4:30PM: Girls Junior High Volleyball VS.
Van Buren

5:00PM: Girls Varsity Volleyball - Conference
Tournament

5:00PM: Boys Junior High Football VS.
New London

Friday, Sept. 25

7:00PM: Boys Varsity Football @ Highland

Saturday, Sept. 26

5:00PM: Girls Varsity Volleyball - Conference VB
Finals

Athletic Booster News

WACO Pocket Calendars are sold again this year. They have lots of information in them including athletic events, music & drama events, "no school" days, snow make-up days, ACT test and registration dates, and much more. They are sold at both the indoor and football concession stands for \$2.00 each. They are also available at the high school office.

The Athletic Boosters also has stadium chairs available. These are navy with columbia blue writing. These are \$35.00. Please contact Jeff & Diane Miller. 256-6011 (leave message) if you are interested.

**WACO Elementary's Project
Wisdom theme for the week of
9/21-25 is: "Choices: Doing Your
Personal Best."**

We Need You!

Dear Parent or Guardian,

WACO Community School District is working with public health officials to decrease the spread of flu at our school. We are taking these measures to help our students stay healthy. We need your help. Influenza spreads most easily in the early stages of the illness. To protect your child, as well as any other child, we will be more sensitive to the symptoms of influenza and will send your child home if ill.

Following these recommendations will help to prevent illness in your child and his/her classmates.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu can include fever (oral temperature of 100 F or greater), cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home. You should begin to plan how you will provide care for your sick child if you are not able to stay home with them.

Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone. If you give your child fever reducing drugs, like ibuprofen, ensure your child has not had a fever for 24 hours after the drugs have worn off.

Teach your children the flu is spread from person-to-person. Teach them to cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw the tissue in trash. If a tissue is not available, teach them to cover their cough or sneeze using their elbow or sleeve instead of their hands.

Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing happy birthday twice), especially after they cough or sneeze. If soap and water is not available, an alcohol-based hand gel can be used. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

Teach your children not to share personal items like beverages, cups, food, unwashed utensils, or toothbrushes.

Get your family vaccinated for seasonal influenza soon, and novel influenza A (H1N1) when it becomes available.

We appreciate your help in keeping our students healthy.

Sincerely,
Greg Ray
Superintendent, WACO Community Schools

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Please submit to:
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