

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>

WACO Fall Invitational Vocal Festival

This coming Tuesday, October 21st, high school vocalists from 4 area schools will participate in the WACO Fall Invitational Vocal Festival. Area choirs will travel to Wayland for an afternoon of rehearsals with guest conductor, Dr. Timothy McMillin, Director of Choral Activities at Simpson College and will together present an evening concert beginning at 7:00 PM in the Wayland Gym. They will give a performance of Robert Ray's "Gospel Mass", a unique setting of the traditional mass text, sung in gospel style and accompanied by piano, bass guitar and drums. In addition to the 200-voice massed choir, each school will give individual performances on the evening concert. Participating schools are: Winfield-Mt. Union, Harmony, Van Buren and WACO. Admission to the evening performance will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Millie Youngquist

Library Book Fair

We will be sending home book fair flyers next week. These flyers will list some of the books that will be on this year's book fair. We will have books for all ages at both the Elementary and Jr/Sr High. We have planned a good selection of new books at both fairs and hope to see you there. We will be open during regular school hours Oct. 27 - 30. We will also be open during parent teacher conferences on Tuesday Oct. 28th and Thursday, Oct. 30th. This will be an excellent opportunity to purchase educational gifts for the coming holidays. All proceeds from the book fair are used to purchase new books for the WACO libraries.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up.

Elementary: Tues., October 28 and Thurs., October 30.

Watch for the sign-up slips to come home with your children soon. We are looking forward to seeing you.

High School: Mon. October 27 and Thurs. October 30.

Southeast Iowa

Symphony Orchestra

The Southeast Iowa Symphony Orchestra will be performing their fall concert on Sunday, October 19th at 7:30 p.m. at the Sondheim Center in Fairfield (the Iowa Wesleyan Chapel is being renovated and is not available). The concert will feature piano soloist, Spencer Myer. The orchestra will be performing music by Beethoven, Debussy and Shostakovich. Free student tickets are available from me. If you are interested, please let me know next week! It should be a great concert!

Denise Freyengerger

Financial Aid Presentation

WACO High School will host a financial aid presentation at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 27, in the high school computer lab. A representative of the College Planning Center will present information on different types of financial aid and applying for those. It is an informative and beneficial presentation.

October 27 is the 'high school only' parent/teacher conference night. All parents of seniors are encouraged to come early to visit with teachers and plan to stay for the financial aid presentation.

If there are any questions, please contact the counselor's office at 256-6200 or by email, vsyton@wacohs.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 17

Football - Varsity (Cardinal) 7:00 pm (Away)

Saturday, October 18

Volleyball (New London)

Volleyball Coaches Mtg. 9:00 am (Away)

Monday, October 20

Volleyball - Varsity Regionals - 1st Round TBA
Football - Fresh/Soph (Cardinal) 6:30 pm (Away)

Tuesday, October 21

Vocal Music HS Vocal Festival 7:00 pm (Home)

Wednesday, October 22

School Calendar: End of 1st Quarter
Volleyball - Varsity (Keota) Regionals - 2nd Round
School Calendar: Early Dismissal 1:40 pm

Thursday, October 23

Cross Country District Meet TBA
Music Department 4th - 6th Concert
(Crawfordsville) 7:00 pm

Friday, October 24

Football - Varsity (Lone Tree) 7:00 pm (Home)

Saturday, October 25

Music Department All-State Music Auditions
ACT Test

Elementary Events

Thank You Dr. Pusey!

A special thank you goes to Dr. Robert Pusey who found time in his busy schedule to complete dental exams on our 3rd & 6th grade students. Dr. Pusey has generously offered his time to WACO students for several years as a part of our dental sealant program. This school-based dental sealant program is offered FREE of charge through Washington County Public Health. Each year this program is responsible for the pre-school dental varnish and 3rd & 6th grade dental sealant application. A dental sealant is a plastic like coating that is applied to the chewing surface of permanent molar teeth providing a protective barrier, preventing tooth decay in these surfaces. Special thanks also to Sheila Temple, dental hygienist with Washington County Public Health for bringing this program to WACO Elementary. Many thanks.

Jenny Kaufman, R.N

Crawfordsville Clover Kids

Pre 4-H

Clover Kids is a FUN 4-H program for children in kindergarten through third grade. Children participate in hands-on activities designed to build lots of different life skills! Come join us for fun and games, you might just learn something new!

The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday October 22nd, at 6:30 pm at the Crawfordsville City Hall.

Laura Schmitz

Calling All Children in the WACO District Ages Three to Four Years Old Not Already Attending the WACO Preschool

WACO Elementary is sponsoring a Child Find on Friday, October 31, if there is enough participation, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parents are invited to bring their children, three to four years of age who are not already attending WACO Preschool, to the elementary school for free hearing, speech, vision and cognitive development screening. Parents, please call the elementary building at 658-2931 by Monday, October 27 to make your appointment time. This program is being sponsored by the WACO Elementary School, Great Prairie AEA, and the Crawfordsville Lion's Club.

It's Apple Cider Season (Safe cider & juice consumption information)

Whether choosing apple juice or apple cider, consumers are recommended to select shelf-stable, frozen or other fruit juices and ciders that have been pasteurized or appropriately heat-treated for safety. The majority of fruit juices such as apple juice are pasteurized. Like milk, when a fruit juice is pasteurized it means that it has been heat treated to help it last longer and to kill bacteria that may have occurred prior to or during processing. Nutrients and flavor are generally not affected by pasteurization. If a juice or cider has not been pasteurized, the Food and Drug Administration requires that it be labeled as such to inform consumers.

These warning labels are part of a series of steps FDA is taking to enhance the safety of juices. If a packaged juice has not undergone pasteurization or a comparable treatment, consumers will see this warning statement: "WARNING: This product has not been pasteurized and, therefore, may contain harmful bacteria that can cause serious illness in children, the elderly, and persons with weakened immune systems."

Parents of children in day-care centers and schools that serve cider and juice may want to ask if the products are pasteurized or otherwise treated to reduce or eliminate illness-causing microbes. Also, parents of children on field trips to apple cider mills or farm markets should be aware of FDA concerns about untreated juices and cider. Please be aware at roadside stands, apple cider may or may not be pasteurized. Consumers who are concerned about the possible bacteria in unpasteurized apple cider should check the label before purchase.

This information is provided by the Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Legion Halloween Costume Party

The American Legion Post 593 will be hosting a Halloween Costume Party at the Elementary building in Crawfordsville on Friday, October 31 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers through adults are invited to this party. There will be a costume class for the Preschool through Sixth grade and Seventh grade through Adult. Coffee, milk and donuts will be served afterwards.

Crawfordsville city wide Trick or Treat time will follow the party. While you are out trick or treating, please put safety first.

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Please submit to:
Carole Martins, Art Room
WACO High School
cmartin@wacohs.com

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