

# 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>

### Book Sale

During Parent Teacher Conferences March 30- April 2 there will be a book sale in the WACO School Library. There will be new books for all ages at both the Elementary Library in Crawfordsville and the High School Library in Wayland. Proceeds from the book sale will be used to purchase new, updated books to support the new High School DEAR ( Drop Everything And Read ) program and reading activities at the Elementary. The book sale will be open during regular school hours, as well Parent Teacher Conferences. Hope to see you there.

*Bert Miller, Librarian*



### April PTO Fun Fest!!!

On **Saturday, April 18th**, the WACO Elementary PTO is sponsoring April FUN FEST from 1:00-3:00 at the elementary school. The cost is 0-2 yrs. free, 3 yrs.- 6th grade \$3.00. Prior to this event we will be selling Fun Fest t-shirts with a WACO emblem on them. Elementary students will bring home a envelope order form. All orders are to be returned by Friday March 13th. Wear your t-shirt and get in FREE! Come and enjoy games, prizes, and snacks. We hope to see you and your family there for an afternoon of FUN! PTO

### Summer Sports Registration

Registrations for summer sports of T-Ball, Softball and Baseball have gone home with each child in the 1st thru 6th grade. Check those book bags!!

Also, please note: NO Late registrations will be excepted this year. If you fail to send in your child's registration from, your child will NOT be allowed to play. These forms are due back to the elementary office by **March 20, 2009**.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00PM: School Event Elem. Strings Recital @ Crawfordsville

**Friday, March 20**

School Event: End 3rd Quarter

**Tuesday, March 24**

5:00PM: Coed Varsity Academic/ Servic - SEISC Quiz Bowl @ Columbus

**Wednesday, March 25**

1:40PM: School Event Early Dismissal

**Thursday, March 26**

6:30PM: Coed Varsity Fine Arts - Elem. Art Show

7:00PM: School Event K-1 Concert

**Friday, March 27**

7:30PM: Coed High School Drama - Spring Muscial

**Saturday, March 28**

7:30PM: Coed High School Drama - Spring Musical

**Monday, March 30**

3:40PM: School Event HS Parent / Teacher Conf.

**Tuesday, March 31**

9:00AM: Coed Varsity Fine Arts - SEISC Art Workshop @ IWC

3:40PM: School Event Elem. Parent / Teacher Co

### WACO Orchestra News

The Elementary Strings Recital will be held on **Thursday, March 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school gym in Crawfordsville. Approximately forty orchestra students, grades 4-6, will be performing solos and/or duets. The concert is open to the public and there is no charge for the performance, but music boosters will be accepting donations. Participating students need to meet in the music room by 6:40 p.m. for tuning.

Another upcoming event is the Southeast Iowa Symphony Spring Concert on **Sunday, March 22nd** at 7:30 p.m. at the Heatilator Center in Mt. Pleasant. Guest soloists will be violist Christine Rutledge and violinist Kathy Wolfe who will be performing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante K. 634. Free student tickets are available. If you are interested, please contact me. *Denise Freyenberger*

### Senior Parents: After Prom Meeting

WACO Senior parents our next after prom meeting will be **Wednesday, March 25th** at 6:30 pm at the High School. In order to have a successful after prom all the parents are welcome to attend and help with this event. If you can not attend the meetings but would like to help in any way please contact Marti Baker at 319-759-2661. Thank You.

### WACO Youth League

The next meeting of the WACO Youth League will be held on April 1, 2009 at 7:00pm in the HS Library. Please join us to see the plans for the future of youth sports at WACO. *Thanks, Amy Eubanks*

WACO Elementary's  
Project Wisdom theme for the  
week of 3/23-27 is:  
"Respect: Respecting Yourself  
and Others."

### WACO JH Track

WACO will host two junior high track meets this season. The dates are **April 24th** and **May 8th**. The field events will begin at 4:30 pm with the running events starting around 5:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help with the field events and as timers and pickers for the running events. If you would like to help contact Brad Shettler at WACO High School 256-6200, at home 256-8455, or email me at bshettl@wacoohs.com.

### Ireland Trip

The WACO Community Schools is sponsoring an educational tour of England, Ireland and Wales during the summer of 2010. All high school students, teachers, parents and WACO community members are invited. This will be an amazing trip with visits to Shakespeare's birthplace, Castles, Oxford University, Dublin, Killarney, a bog village and much more. Program fee includes round trip airfare, ground transportation, all motels, breakfast and dinner daily, 24/7 tour guides and all attraction fees and tickets. The price of \$2,657 for students and \$2,992 for adults is good for all participants who register by March 31, 2009. For more information please see Mr. Miller or Mrs. Weir.



### Elementary Evening of the Arts

WACO Elementary will host its annual Evening of the Arts on Thursday, March 26th. Evening of the Arts will begin at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Mills will have student art in grades K-6 displayed throughout the building. The K-1 Concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary gym. Please plan to join us for an evening of art and music.

Vicki Reynolds  
Elementary Principal

### Attention all 1st & 2nd graders: Bucket Calf Show

New this year to the Henry County Fair, there will be a non-competitive bucket calf show. Pre-registration forms (calf need not be owned at time of pre-registration) returned by **May 22, 2009** will receive a free rope halter courtesy of Henry County Farm Bureau.

Calf should be in possession by Memorial Day. No entry fee. Participant is encouraged to participate in Henry County Only. This IS NOT AN EXTENSION event. This is a Henry County Fair Board event sponsored by Henry County Farm Bureau. All questions should be directed to Kendall Graber at 257-3430 or Nancy McGohan at 254-2287.

Registration packet available at: Henry County Farm Bureau, after March 18th. 1010 East Washington Street, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641

### We Need Teen Books!

Beginning 4th quarter, all WACO 7th through 12th grade students and staff will be called to "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR Time) at different times during the week. This is a fun program meant to encourage reading for enjoyment. Everyone will be expected to always carry something they want to read but we know there will be times that someone gets caught without a good book. We are accepting donations of 'gently used' books that are appropriate and interesting to teenage readers so we can build an emergency box for each classroom. We also welcome cash donations so we can purchase some teen books from book orders and second hand stores. Donations can be dropped off at the High School office. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make every student a proficient reader. WACO Secondary Staff



### WACO Elementary Calling All Incoming Kindergartners

We would like to update our list of children who will be attending kindergarten at WACO Elementary School next year (2009-2010).

If you have a child, or know of a child, who will be 5 years of age before September 15, 2009, please call WACO Elementary School at 658-2931 to register your child as soon as possible. Parent's names, address, phone number, child's name and birth date are needed to update our files. We appreciate your assistance as we update our records.

Our Kindergarten Parent Orientation informational meeting will be held on **Monday, April 6** at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school library at Crawfordsville. The agenda for the evening will include the completion of required forms, an explanation of the upcoming Kindergarten Round-Up and other program information. This meeting is for parents only. Please bring your child's immunization records, birth certificate, and social security number with you.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please phone the school at 658-2931 to make alternate arrangements for registering your child. Thank you again.

Vicki Reynolds, Elementary Principal

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

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