

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>

Oct. 4-10 is National 4H Week

Anyone interested in joining may contact: Henry County Extension at 385-8126 or Washington County Extension at 653-4811 for any information.

Crawfordsville 4-H Clover Kids is starting back up again. All K-3rd grade welcome. We meet once a month and the 1st meeting will be October 21st at 6:30 pm. Come join in for fun, friends and learning new things. We will be meeting at the new Crawfordsville City Hall/Fire Station. Any questions call Todd and Laura Schmitz 319-658-2412.

ATTENTION FOOTBALL FANS!!

Again this year Jo Eland is taking pictures at the games. She welcomes all to take a peek at: <http://jo-eland.smugmug.com>. These pictures are free for the viewing and free for the taking. Her address is: Jo Eland, 820 Bloomington Street, Iowa City, IA 52245-2604. Phone 319-351-7146

WACO Elementary's Project Wisdom theme for the week of 10/12-16 is:

"Doing What's Right: Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide."

WYAA AT WORK!

The newly formed WACO Youth Athletic Association meets the last Wednesday of each month. They are working to establish a strong sports program for our children. The winter basketball program for grades 4, 5, and 6 is next on the agenda. If you can help out in any way, give Amy Eubanks a call at Peoples Bank. We will also take on organizing a soccer program with new by-laws to offer that sport to our community. Next meeting is Wed., October 28 at 7:00 p.m. Plan now to attend and support this group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 9

7:00PM: Boys Varsity Football @ Danville

Monday, October 12

5:30PM: Girls F/S, JV, V Volleyball @ Lone Tree

6:30PM: Boys Fresh/Soph Football @ Danville

Tuesday, October 13

5:30PM: Girls Fresh/Soph Volleyball @ Wapello

Wednesday, October 14

School Event PSAT Test Date

1:40PM: School Event Early Dismissal

7:30PM: School Event Athletic Booster Club Meeting

Thursday, October 15

5:00PM: Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country - Pekin Meet @ Lake Darling

5:00PM: Boys Junior High Football @ Lone Tree

Friday, October 16

7:00PM: Boys Varsity Football - Cardinal
(Band Extravaganza) (Parent's Night)

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

ELEMENTARY CONCERT

Please be advised that the 4-6 grade concert was accidentally left off the school's printed calendar. The concert will be held on October 22nd at 7 pm at the Crawfordsville Elementary. Please make sure you put the date on your calendars and plan to attend if you have a child in fourth, fifth, or sixth grade.

AEA HEARING CHECKS

Thursday, October 22 the AEA will be performing hearing checks at the Elementary for students Pre-School through Third and rechecks for some of the other students. The checks will begin at 9:00 AM here. After finishing at the Elementary building, they will go to the Secondary building to perform hearing checks there. Thank you.

Absentee/Tardy Calls To Elementary

Parents, please remember to call the school each morning that your child will be gone or late. This helps us to mark attendance as excused with the reason you have given us for their absence or tardy. It also helps us to be sure that you know they are not at school that day. Thank you.

Notes from the School Nurse

Please read the following information from the CDC.

The CDC recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100° F [37.8°C]), or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Don't send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are sick at school will be sent home. If your child is sent home from school with a fever they need to remain home at least the following day. They may only return when they have been fever free for 24 hours without a fever reducing medication. Staying home when sick will allow your children to rest and allows you to monitor their health closely. Keeping your sick child home is the responsible thing to do. It protects fellow students and school staff, especially those who are at higher risk of severe illness from the flu.

Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

Fever-reducing medications, that is, medication containing acetaminophen or ibuprofen, are appropriate for use in individuals with influenza-like illness. Aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) should not be given to children or teenagers who have influenza; this can cause a rare but serious illness called Reye's syndrome. The determination of readiness to return to school, businesses, or other community settings should be made when at least 24 hours have passed since the ill person's temperature first remained normal without the use of these medications.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:

1. Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

2. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.

3. Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). They may return **ONLY** after being fever free for 24 hours. Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

4. Get your family vaccinated for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

Thank you for your attention to this important health matter.

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For more information please check
the following websites:

www.cdc.gov or www.flu.gov

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