

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>

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills

Students in the secondary building will be participating in Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Iowa Tests of Educational Development beginning November 6. Seventh and eighth graders take the ITBS while students in grades nine, ten and eleven take the ITED. Seniors are excused from the tests and do not have to be at school during the testing times. Tests will be scheduled from 8:10 to 10:10 on November 6, 10, 11 and 13.

Families can help students by encouraging them to take the tests seriously and have a good attitude during the testing. Also, students need enough sleep to do their best. Attendance is vital. Students who miss school on a test day will have to make up the tests plus keep us with classes.

Please contact the counselor's office if there are any concerns or questions.

ORCHESTRA NEWS

The Southeast Iowa Symphony will be presenting their Annual KIDSYPHONY on Saturday, Nov. 8th at 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pleasant. The orchestra will perform Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev.

This concert is designed especially for families. It's fun, educational and entertaining! Mark your calendars now! Some complimentary tickets will be available, so let me know if you are interested.

Mrs. Denise Freyenberger

Picture Retakes

Lifetouch will do retakes on Friday, Nov. 14 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Elementary then going to the Jr/Sr. High.

If you do not wish to purchase your child's first picture packet, send it in to the school office right away so that your child can have pictures taken again for a new packet. Lifetouch will not take a picture for retakes unless they have the first packet returned. If your child was absent on the first picture day, please be sure you have your order envelope and money sent to the school office with your child before retakes on Friday, November 14.

This is the last chance for pictures this year until the spring photo date on Friday, March 6, 2009. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 30

- School Calendar:
HS & Elem. Parent/Teach Conf. 1:40 pm

Friday, October 31

- Volleyball - Varsity (Regional Finals) TBA
- School Calendar: No School - P/T Comp Day

Monday, November 3

- Varsity Football (1st Round Playoffs)

Wednesday, November 5

- School Calendar: Early Dismissal 1:40 p.m.

Thursday, November 6

- ITBS and ITED begin

Friday, November 7

- ACT Registration Deadline

Last Day for Library Book Fair

Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Library Book Fair. The last day will be October 30th. We will be open during regular school hours. We will also be open during parent teacher conferences from 1:40 until 8:00 p.m. 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. So far our sales were good and with our proceeds we will be getting many new library books for students to read. Thank you! *Bert Miller*

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 Pre-school 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.

Marketing Class Participates in International Exchange Day

On October 10th the marketing class went to Indian Hills Community College to an International Exchange Day. There were over nineteen countries represented. We were lucky enough to represent two of those countries. Our foreign exchange students this year Zesheng "Shane" Qian is from China and Rastislav Copic from Serbia. Our morning began with a brief introduction of all nineteen countries. Next, the students were assigned to groups where they experienced various activities including: cultural bingo, idioms, open panel interview with IHCC students from Brazil and learning native languages from the foreign exchange students. The marketing students are continuing to apply their cultural learning to our class.

Renee Lauer & Heather Applegate

Elementary Events

Child Find Cancelled

The Child Find that was scheduled for Friday, October 31st at the elementary school has been cancelled. It will not be rescheduled for this school year. If you have questions, please call the elementary office at 319-658-2931.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills

Students at the elementary school, in grades 2-6, will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) November 3-14. These tests measure a child's ability to perform in such basic areas as reading, language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. Iowa Test scores not only measure each child's growth in essential skill areas, but can be used to compare the achievement of students across the state and throughout the nation. Iowa Test results are used to help guide instruction and are also one indicator used to determine student success on district Standards and Benchmarks. Because the Iowa Tests are so important, we ask that students get plenty of rest during the week, have a good breakfast each day, and that they come to school on time and ready to work! Thank you for your support.

Urgent: On-Line Survey

Elementary Parents: If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the online survey offered at the Parent/Teacher Conferences. It only takes about 5 minutes to complete and it will in turn give us valuable information to better serve our students. If you have internet access, go to this address: <http://tinyurl.com/5hq6bs> or you can find the survey on the WACO webpage www.wacohs.com. Click on the Curriculum link on the left hand side of the page. Next click on WACO Elementary Parent Survey. The survey site will be active until Friday, November 7th.

If you do not have internet access but would like to take the survey, just send a note to your child's teacher and we will send you a paper copy of the survey.

Tina Whalen, WACO Curriculum Coordinator

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Please submit to:
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WACO High School
cmartin@wacohs.com

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Recorders:

Just a reminder that if you have a recorder that you no longer want, bring in to Ms. Hunt to send to Honduras. The children there will be greatly appreciative. ¡Gracias!

Month of: November 2008 LUNCH MENU

WACO Community Schools K - 12th GRADES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Sausage Pizza Lettuce Salad Oranges Milk	4 ELECTION DAY Ham & Noodle Casserole Cooked Carrots Pears H.S.-P. Butter Sandwich Elem.-Bread & Butter Milk	5 Chicken Tenders Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Applesauce Milk	6 Toasted Ham & Cheese/ Wheat Bread Tomato Soup or Chicken Noodle Soup Peaches Cinnamon Roll Milk	7 Taco Salad: Beef, Cheese Tortilla Chips Refried Beans Cinnamon Apples Frosted Brownie Milk
10 Grilled Chicken/Bun Potato Chips Baked Beans Pink Applesauce Milk	11 VETERAN'S DAY Swiss Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Country Gravy Mixed Vegetables Pineapple Milk	12 Popcorn Chicken Baked Potatoes (Cheese or Sour Cream) Green Bean Casserole Pears Milk	13 Breaded Pork/Bun Potato Smiles Fruit Cocktail Milk	14 Chili Hot Ham & Cheese Croissant 5 Cup Salad or Fruit Applesauce Cake Milk
17 Brd. Chicken/Bun Crisscut Fries/Cheese Strawberries or Apples White Cake Milk	18 Sloppy Jo/Bun Cheddar Munchers Jello or Fruit Milk	19 Pizza Casserole Corn Peaches Bread Sticks Milk	20 Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Green Beans Pears Milk	21 Hamburger/Bun Baked French Fries Grapes or Bananas Milk
24 Wh. Grain Southwest Pizza or Wh. Grain Cheese Pizza Lettuce Salad Fruit Cocktail Lowfat Chocolate Pudding Milk	25 Vegetable Beef Soup Oven Roasted Turkey Sandwich Cranberry Fruit Salad or Applesauce Frosted Pumpkin Milk	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	28 NO SCHOOL