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## Upcoming Events

### October

17th - 21st

Book Fair in the LMTC

18th - 6:30 PM

PTO Meeting in LMTC

25th - 1:30 PM

Birthday Sundaes

26th - 7 AM

Early Riser Reader

**Volunteer for, or find out more about, any of these events by contacting either co-president.**

## Looking Ahead

### November

4th - 6-8 PM

Fall Harvest Family Event and Dance

### December

16th - 7 AM

Early Riser Reader



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## **Big Thanks!**

We want to say a big "Thank You!!" to everyone that attended our meeting in September. We had a GREAT turnout! Thanks also to every-

one that baked for our bake sale during Open House! We had a very successful evening. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped behind the table at the bake sale as well.

We also sold several cookbooks! Please keep these in mind as you are considering your holiday shopping. They make fantastic gifts and benefit your PTO!

## **Harvest Dance**

The Fall Harvest Dance is right around the corner! The PTO is sponsoring this great FAMILY event. Come dressed in your costume and get another chance to show it off! Friday, November 4th from 6:00-8:00 PM we will have fun activities in the gym and cafeteria. There will be treats, games, and a DJ to dance the night away! We are asking \$5 per family for a night of fun. Family pictures will also be available for \$1.00 or a 2-item donation to the Waunakee Food Pantry. Please feel free to RSVP and pay in advance OR just join us that night and pay at the door!

We would like to recognize, and thank, Sara Whitley and Stacey Langheim for their hard work in planning and organizing this fun event for everyone! SEE YOU THERE!

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

There are so many chances to help behind the scenes. We thought it might be helpful to remind you of a few upcoming events that we are seeking volunteers for.

We have a couple of fantastic volunteer coordinators that are in charge of lining up people to help at all of our many events. Thank you

go out to Jill Leland and Stacey Langheim for all their dedication and hard work!

We are still looking for help at our book fair this month. It is open every day from October 17th through the 21st.

Early Riser Reader is a great opportunity to get in some volunteering before heading off to work! Of course, it's a great time with the kids too!

Birthday Sundaes are held every month and if

you'd like to help during your child's birthday month (or any other!) we'd welcome you to contact us.

We also have a great cooking opportunity coming up. Our staff appreciation committee is organizing an "Oktoberfest" theme for the staff to eat during P/T conferences on October 17th. If you have a favorite German recipe you'd like to make please contact us to learn how you can help!



## Who is Mrs. Appleton?



I have taught first grade for six years, and kindergarten for six years. I love school! One of my goals is that your child wants to come to school each day. I want our classroom to be a place where your child feels safe, is allowed experiences with new materials and new friends, and a place to have fun!

I live in Waunakee with my husband Jerry, and our puppy named Abe. I like to be outdoors in each of the four seasons! I like boating, skiing,

walking in the woods, and spending time with my family and friends.

## Why teaching?

Well this is an easy one... I've wanted to be a teacher since I can remember. My grandmother and aunt were both teachers and I have felt a strong influence on education all my life. When I started school my first grade teacher, Mrs. Thomas, helped me know that I wanted to be a teacher. The way she taught made me feel comfortable and at home while at school. I have never questioned my career as a teacher. I have enjoyed school from kindergarten through my graduate work. Now being a kindergarten

teacher, each day is fresh and exciting. I love the honesty and the innocence of kindergarten kids. I love how something as simple as pudding, or some extra time outside noticing a change of season can make a child so genuinely happy.

## If you weren't teaching what would you be doing?

I would really love to write children's books. Somehow though I think I can still be a kindergarten teacher and do that :)

## What's the one thing you've heard a child say that caught you off guard?

Oh the kids say so many fantastic things! Here are some I'll never forget;

"Your pants are too tight."

"How about you and Old McDonald get together and have a farm."

"I wish I could marry a little bit of you and then you'll never go away."

"Lady I love you so big my arms won't even go that big... I don't even know what word to say that's big enough."

## What is the most memorable bit of knowledge you've had the pleasure of imparting on your students?

Learning to read! The growth kids make from the start of kindergarten through day 180 is amazing! It is such a feeling of accomplishment when a child becomes excited at learning to read!

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