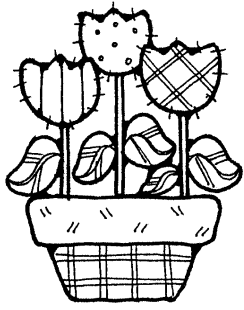
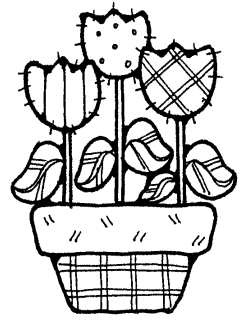

Arboretum Elementary School



Together We Learn! Together We Grow!

April 2011

Ms. Sheila Weihert, Principal



Courage

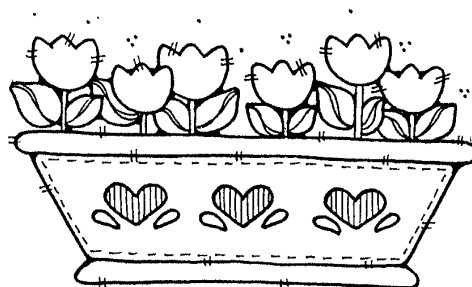
**Do the right thing and don't follow the crowd,
even when it is difficult.**

In April students and staff at Arboretum Elementary will be focused on the character trait courage. Parents can talk with their children about courage to reinforce what we are doing at school. We ask children to have the courage to invite others into games during recess or stand up for someone that might be excluded. It takes a lot of thought and courage for an elementary student to stand up for themselves or others. Ask your child about how they use courage at school, home, and out and about with friends.

Character Assembly

Tuesday, April 12 at 7:50 a.m.

Gym



Summer School

Summer School for grades K through current grade 3 will be held during two, three week sessions: Monday-Thursday, June 20-July 7 and July 11 through July 28 from 7:50 a.m.—11:15 a.m. at the Heritage and Intermediate Schools. Remedial classes run for six weeks; enrichment classes run for three weeks.

Summer School for current grade 4 will be held for one six week session: Monday-Thursday, June 20-July 28 from 7:50 a.m.—11:15 a.m. at the Heritage and Intermediate Schools. Remedial and enrichment classes will run for six weeks.

Summer School for Camp Kindergarten will be held during two, three week sessions: Monday-Thursday, June 20-July 7 and July 11 through July 28 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at your child's school of attendance. This is for children entering kindergarten next year.

Ready Set Go will be held for six weeks at your child's school of attendance. Ready Set Go will be held Monday-Thursday, June 20-July 28 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Students must receive a teacher recommendation.

There are no summer school classes on Monday, July 4.

Bus/Shuttle Service for Camp Kindergarten and Ready Set Go for Arboretum and Prairie: If a child is bused to school from their home residence for the regular school year, then s/he will be bused to Heritage/Intermediate and shuttled to the program site. Staff will be present to assist "shuttlers." Parents/guardians have the option of transporting their child to the school site if desired.

Summer School Online Registration

Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.—Saturday, April 30

http://www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/ss_registration.cfm

The computer lab at the Arboretum Elementary School is open April 4 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for those in need of computer assistance.

Walk-in registration will be June 1 - 3. Online registration will reopen during this timeframe as well.

*Summer School and
Swim Online Registration
begins April 4 at 6:00 p.m.
and ends April 30.*

*Summer School Questions
Please contact Ruth Meese at
849-2063 or email her at
rmeese@waunakee.k12.wi.us.*

Summer School Transportation

****Important Transportation Policy for 2011****

For safety reasons, pick-up or drop-off locations other than home must be requested in writing by parents/guardians via the Request for Alternate Pick-up/Drop-off form. The form is available in the school offices and summer school website. This request must be submitted to the bus contractor before the routes are finalized for the summer session. The routes are finalized no later than five business days prior to the start of the summer session. Bus routes and pick-up/drop-off locations will not change during the first week of the summer sessions.

Requests received after the bus routes are finalized will be reviewed for consideration after the first week of the summer session is finished.

Alternate Bus Requests for Session 1 only or Sessions 1 & 2 - Due Friday, June 10, 2011. Requests received between June 11th & June 24th will not begin until June 27th.

Alternate Bus Requests for Session 2 only - Due Friday, July 1, 2011. Requests received between July 2 & July 15th will not begin until July 18th.

It is very important to complete the transportation section during online registration accurately. **Staff will use this information to inform your child what to do after school.** This includes students who walk, are picked up, or take the bus. If your summer transportation situation changes in any way, please contact Lamers Bus Company at 850-5253 and the school your child attends immediately. Note: Summer school transportation is separate from any school year transportation requests. Any alternate transportation forms filled out for the school year do not apply to summer school.

Character Education

Fairness

Courage

Citizenship



Friendship

Self-Discipline

Responsibility

Perseverance

Respect

Honesty

Family Fun Science Night

Friday, April 8

Prairie Elementary School

5:30-7:30 p.m.

We would like to invite all families from Arboretum, Heritage and Prairie to a fun filled evening of science activities, experiments and demonstrations sponsored by UW-Madison Biocore Outreach Ambassadors.

Last Day of School

Thursday, June 9

At this time, we are not anticipating making up any missed/snow days. The anticipated last day of school is Thursday, June 9.

**Please continue
to collect:**

Box Tops

Campbell's Soup Labels

Moola Caps

Pop Tabs

Printer Cartridges

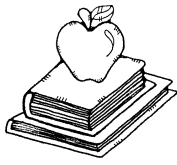
Fourth Grade End of Year Activity

Thursday, June 2

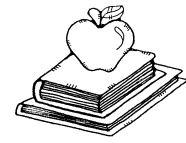
Fourth graders are invited to participate in an end of the year activity at WI Dells on Thursday, June 2. Information will be coming in Thursday folders on April 7.

PTO Wild West Carnival





Student Placement



Elementary school staff will begin the process of student placement for the following school year. Our belief is that classes should be balanced. This means classes should be equitable in size and include students with a variety of ability levels, talents and special needs. In order to achieve this balance, information is gathered from classroom teachers, specialists and guidance personnel. Parents may also provide information regarding their child's placement by completing a Parent Information Form.

The following criteria are considered when placing students:

Girl/Boy Ratio: We strive to maintain a balance of boys and girls in each classroom.

Class Size: We strive to balance the number of students in each classroom.

Variety of Abilities: We strive to have heterogeneous grouping in all classrooms. Students learn from each other at all levels.

Special Placements: (Acceleration, Special Education, Remedial Reading, etc.) In order to best meet the needs of children and utilize special teacher time effectively, students with specific academic needs may be clustered together.

Parental Input: Parental input regarding classroom environment, student academic skills, and personal characteristics will be considered. *Parents should not request their child be placed with a particular teacher.*

Our goal is to place all children in classrooms well suited for their learning needs. Much time and care will be given to each child's placement whether or not a parent information sheet is received. Information supplied by parents will be considered; however, due to the need for balanced classrooms it is not possible to meet every request.

Placement forms may be obtained in the school office and on the Arboretum website. Forms must be returned by Friday, April 15, 2011.

No School

Monday, March 28– Friday, April 1

School Resumes Monday, April 4

No School

Friday, April 22

***Student
Placement forms
for incoming
grades 1-5 are
due Friday,
April 15.***

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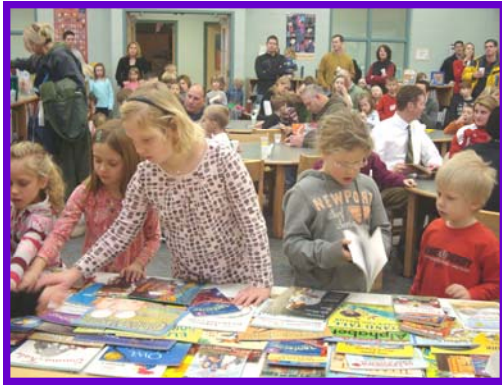
Thank You Volunteers!



K-2 Early Riser Reader

Friday, April 29

7:00 a.m.



Early Riser Reader is **Friday, April 29**. This program is designed for parents and our kindergarten through second grade students. Parents and Kindergarten—grade two students are invited to come to our library at 7:00 a.m. to enjoy reading books together, grab a light breakfast treat, enjoy the library, and head off for work and class by 7:30 a.m. We will also have some wonderful prizes. We hope to see you there!

April Birthday Celebration

April birthdays will be celebrated on **Friday, April 29**. Grades 3-4 students will enjoy treats at 1:00 p.m. and grades Kindergarten -grade 2 will enjoy treats at 1:35 p.m. Parents are welcome.

School Supply Kits Option

We are offering school supply prepackaged kits as a service to our busy families. This is not a fundraiser. Parents have the opportunity to order online on the Arboretum website. The packets will be ordered from School Pak, a company which packages your child's school supplies in a personalized box at a reasonable cost. The supplies are those requested by your child's teacher for next year's grade level. The teacher tailored packages include everything on the supply list for your child's 11-12 school year with the exception of backpacks, head phones for grades 1-4 and art smocks. The packets will be available for pick up at Registration Day at the Arboretum Elementary School gym.

- This is not a fundraiser. This is provided only as a convenience to parents.
- Order online before June 15 for discounted prices. Online ordering link available on the Arboretum website - Parent Resources - School Supplies.
- Telephone orders accepted by calling toll free 1-866-231-9573.
- Home Delivery orders available until July 31. Shipping charges will be added.
- Free School Delivery available if you order by June 15. Pick-up at the school on Registration Day in August.
- Please call SchoolPak's Customer Service at 1-866-231-9573 if you have any questions.

Wacky, Wild Hair Day!
Friday, April 15!

Cooperative Marshmallow Tower Building



PTO Ice Cream Social

Come join us for the annual PTO Ice Cream Social. The Ice Cream Social will be held on **Thursday, May 12th from 4:00 – 7:00pm outside** at Prairie Elementary School. In case of rain, you can join the fun inside. Bring the entire family for hotdogs, brats, pizza, chips, popcorn, ice cream cones, sundaes and root beer floats. If you are able to volunteer, Please contact Brian Hauke at bhauke@charter.net.





Breakfast Program

A breakfast program has now been implemented at every school in the Waunakee Community School District. In the event that you are not aware of the program, the prices are as follows:

Grades K-6 is \$1.25 per day

Grades 7-12 is \$1.50 per day

If your student qualifies for the reduced lunch program, your student may purchase breakfast for \$.30 each day. If your student qualifies for the free lunch program, they also qualify for the free breakfast program. No further paperwork is required.

Please accept our invitation by joining us and participating in breakfast. We want you to know how important your child's involvement is to the success of our nutritional program. A special event will take place in April for parents and students at Arboretum, Prairie, and the High School. This free event is part of the Kohl grant received for the breakfast start-up program. Please contact the Food Service offices if you need further information. You can reach us at 849-2185 or 849-2327.

Sincerely,

Vicki Hoyer, Food Service Director

Free Breakfast Program

7:50-8:10 a.m.

A one day free breakfast for you and your child will be provided:

Fourth Grade—Wednesday, April 20

Third Grade—Thursday, April 21

Second Grade—Tuesday, April 26

First Grade—Wednesday, April 27

Kindergarten—Thursday, April 28



Fourth Grade Human Growth and Development Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

Heritage Elementary School

As part of the fourth grade health program, a unit will be taught on Human Growth and Development. The unit specifically focuses on physical and emotional changes your child may experience as she/he enters puberty. The parents of fourth graders are invited to an informational session, which will be held on **Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Heritage Elementary School**. This is not a required meeting for parents. An overview of the curriculum will be presented, parents will have the opportunity to review materials, and questions will be answered. An informational letter with permission form was sent home in March. Please return permission slips to the school office by April 29th.



**Report Cards Go Home
Thursday, April 7.**

Map Testing

Beginning in May, we will be conducting MAP testing for grades 2-4. The Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) is a computer based test where students, teachers, and parents discover what your student has learned. The test helps us to evaluate each student as to their strengths and weaknesses, and address them accordingly. The MAP test offers us immediate feedback as well as helping students become familiar with standardize testing. We will be testing reading, language usage, and math. One test will be given one day each week for three weeks. The results of these tests will be mailed out upon completion of the tests.

Please claim lost and found

Parents may look through

lost and found clothing

March 28-April 1 from 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

If you plan on participating in "Take Your Child To Work Day," please contact the school attendance office at 849-1820, email munger@waunakee.k12.wi.us or send a note one week ahead of time. As in the past, if you can arrange for your child to go to work with you on a day when there is no school scheduled instead of in April, it would be greatly appreciated.



Art Show

Tuesday, April 19

4:00-7:00 p.m.

Art Show—Hallways

PTO Basket Drawing and Bake Sale—Lunch Room

Fourth Grade Music Program at 6:00 p.m. —Gym

Art Show Bake Sale

The Cultural Arts Committee will be hosting a bake sale during the Art Show on Tuesday, April 19. **Please bring baked goods to the office by 3:00 p.m. on April 19.** If you would like to help sell baked goods or put up art work, please email bhauke@charter.net. Fourth Grade Student Council will be baking and decorating cupcakes.



Fourth Grade Music Program

Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Fourth grade students will be presenting their program, "Where In The World Is Music?" Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Please join us for an evening of entertainment. We'll look forward to seeing you then!

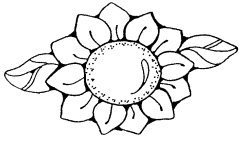
PTO Basket Fundraiser

Lunch Room

Do you know your classroom's basket THEME for Arboretum's "PTO Basket Fundraiser"? This year we will have many new baskets to raffle including Barbie Bonanza, Gift Cards Galore and Nerf, not to mention last year's favorites: Lego & American Girl! We will begin classroom donations on March 17, and start selling tickets on April 7. Tickets will be available for purchase in the office, through Thursday folders in April, and during the Art Show on April 19. Tickets will be \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. This year we will also have a \$5 ticket for a **GRAND PRIZE Great Wolf Lodge Overnight basket!** The drawing will be held that evening at 7:00 p.m.. Winners need not be present. Thank you for supporting the Arboretum PTO. This is one of our most profitable and FUN fundraisers year after year! Last year over \$4000 was raised for library programs and PTO sponsored activities. Watch for more info, including your classroom's THEME in your child's Thursday folder! If you are interested in helping with basket ticket sales that evening (4/19) please contact Erica Meganck or Sarah Lee. meganck@charter.net

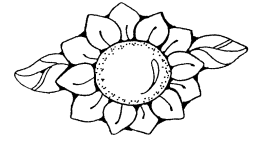
Read Across America!





Classroom Group Pictures

Wednesday, April 13



Herff Jones Professional Photography will be taking class group pictures on Wednesday, April 13. The cost is \$8.00. The photo is an 8X10. Names will be posted. A silly picture of students will also be taken and a complimentary 4X6 picture will be given with each order. Order forms will be distributed. Please return order forms to the office by April 13. Please write the check payable to Herff Jones.



Family Book Club

Monday, April 25

Our last Family Book Club for this school year is Monday, April 25 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the Arboretum library. All second, third and fourth grade students and parents are welcome to read one of the "Fantasy" book choices ahead of time and come ready to share ideas. The three book choices are: *The Dragon of Doom, 2095*, and *Gregor the Overlander*. There will be snacks and door prizes provided. If you have any questions or still want to sign up, please call Mrs. Dagitz at 849-1845 or email her at dda-gitz@waunakee.k12.wi.us.

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Kindergarten Meeting

Parents and incoming Kindergarten children are invited to a spring Kindergarten meeting on **Tuesday, May 3 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Please RSVP by calling the office at 849-1800.

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