



**Together We Learn! Together
We Grow!**

Ms. Sheila Weihert, Principal



**December
2010**

Arboretum Elementary School

1350 Arboretum Drive

Wauunakee, WI 53597

608-849-1800

608-849-1820—Attendance

Friendship

During the month of December, boys and girls at Arboretum Elementary will focus on friendship for our character word. The character program will focus on how to be friendly with everyone—not necessarily friends with everyone but friendly in words and actions. Often children can easily relate to being friends with other children. We always encourage boys and girls to be friends with many children instead of just one or two that they may cling to.

At an elementary age, children may find it difficult to share their friends with others as well as make new friends. Children often struggle with how to be included or how to include other children in games that are not their friends. On the playground, children need the skills of how to be friendly in inviting others to play their games or friendly in saying “No thank you,” when invited to play a game they don’t want to participate in . These scenarios are great conversation starters at home as well as in school. Enjoy the month of friendship.

Character Assembly

Tuesday, December 14

7:50 a.m. in the gym

Parents are welcome!

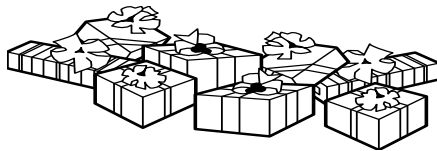
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Thank you for donating to the Canned Food Drive.

Early Riser Reader

Our second Early Riser Reader is Friday, December 3. This program is designed for parents and our kindergarten, first and second grade students. Parents and 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 door prizes.



Family Book Club

Arboretum Elementary is hosting a Family Book Club for parents and third and fourth grade students on Thursday, December 9. The book club will take place from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. in the library. This is an opportunity for parents and students to read the same book, and come prepared to discuss it with others.

No School
November 24, 25, 26

Early Release Day

Monday, December 6
School is dismissed at
12:40 p.m.

No School

Winter Break

December 24-January 2

School resumes
Monday, January 3.

Pajama Day!
Thursday, December 23



We will be celebrating December birthdays on **Wednesday, December 22**. Grades 3-4 students will enjoy birthday sundaes at 1:00 p.m. Grades Kindergarten-2 students will enjoy their birthday sundaes at 1:35 p.m. Parents are welcome to join us.

- June birthdays are celebrated in June,
- July birthdays are celebrated in January.
- August birthdays are celebrated in February.

Why Can't I Skip My Twenty Minutes of Reading Tonight?

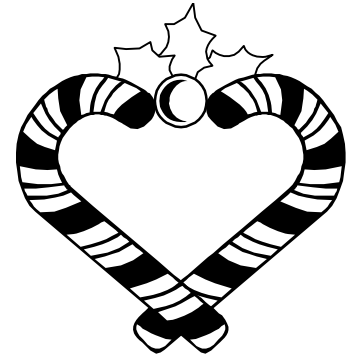
Let's figure it outmathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes five nights of every week;
Student B reads only 4 minutes a night... or not at all!

Step 1- Multiply minutes a night x 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 min. x 5 times a week=100 min/week

Student B reads 4 min. x 5 times a week=20 min/week



Step 2- Multiply minutes a week x 4 weeks each month

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.

Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3- Multiply minutes a month x 9 months/school year

Student A reads 3,600 minutes in a school year.

Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.

Student A practices reading the equivalent of 10 whole school days a year.

Student B practices reading the equivalent of only 2 school days a year.

By the end of 5th grade if Student A and Student B maintained these same reading habits, Student A would have read the equivalent of 60 whole schools days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days. You would expect the gap of information retained by the two students to have widened considerably and so undoubtedly performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some Questions to ponder...

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?

Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and in life?

Turn off the T.V. for 20 minutes a night and read. It's worth it!!!!



Holiday Music Program “Holiday Heroes” Dress Up Day

Tuesday, December 21

The Arboretum Holiday Music Show "Holiday Heroes" is coming! This year's show will take place in the Arboretum School Gym on Tuesday, December 21. The show will celebrate the "real" holiday heroes-our generosity and caring throughout the holiday season with singing, dancing and instruments, performed by our very talented Arboretum students. This is a dress-up day for students.

TIMES

- 8:15 a.m. Kindergarten
- 9:15 a.m. First Grade
- 10:15 a.m. Second Grade
- 12:30 p.m. Third Grade
- 1:30 p.m. Fourth Grade

**Please RSVP for
Holiday Program Lunch
by
Wednesday, December 15!**

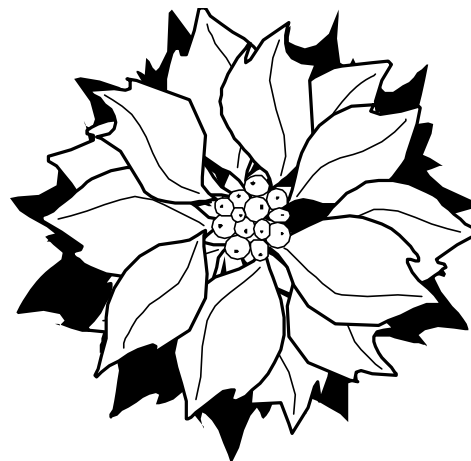
The lunch menu for Tuesday, December 21 is Pizza Parlor Pizza OR Popeye Salad OR Buffalo Chicken Wrap. The food service department would like to know how many adults are coming. **Please call food service by Wednesday, December 15 at 849-1821 or email lpiquette@wauna-kee.k12.wi.us with the number of adults and the menu choice.** An adult lunch is \$3.25 which can be deducted from your child's account.

Lunch Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. – Fourth Grade
- 11:10 am.- Second Grade
- 11:20 a.m. – First Grade
- 11:30 a.m.- Third Grade
- 11:40 a.m.- Kindergarten

**Square 1 Art Order
Pick Up
Tuesday, December 21
Main Entrance Display Case
7:30 a.m.—2:45 p.m.**

This is the same day
as the music program.



Late Arrivals To School

Students who arrive late to school should go directly to the office for a pass. Students should be at school by 7:35 a.m. to be in their classroom by 7:40 a.m.

Leaving During The Day

When students need to leave the building, they should bring a written note from a parent/guardian to their teacher at the start of the school day. When it is time for the child to leave the building, parents are expected to meet the student in the main office and sign the child out. If the student returns to school, parents are asked to walk the student to the office and sign their child in.

After School Arrangements

Please make and review arrangements for after school activities with your child prior to the beginning of the school day. Please notify teachers via a note of any changes in your child's after school routine. Last minute changes or emergencies should be called into the office at least one hour before school is dismissed. Teachers may not have time to check their email, so please do not email teachers of any last minute changes.

School Safety Please sign in the office.

It is very important for all visitors, volunteers and parents to sign in the office and obtain a visitor sticker during the school day. Please let the office know if you are a regular volunteer. Regular volunteers will be issued a school volunteer button. Please enter at door # 1. All other doors are locked from 7:40 a.m.—2:40 p.m.

Attendance Line 849-1820

Please call the attendance line at 849-1820 if your child will be absent or tardy from school before 8:30 a.m. Please provide the following information: your name, name of student, teacher's name, reason for absence and whether or not you would like homework collected. Parents may pick up homework at the end of the day on the homework table outside of the office.

Bussing

Please remember non-bus students may not accompany a bus student to and from home on the bus.

A bus student who needs to accompany another bus student to/from home or who needs to use a different bus or bus stop must have a note of explanation written by their parent, submitted to the school.

Any questions regarding bus transportation should be directed to the bus company at 850-5253.

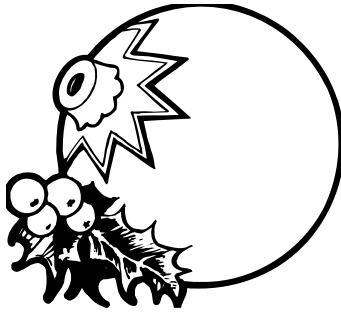


Phrases of Praise

- That's incredible.
- How extraordinary!
- Far out!
- Outstanding performance!
- I can't get over it!
- Great!
- Amazing effort.
- Unbelievable work.
- Extra special work.
- You're Special.
- Way to Go!
- Superb!
- Excellent!
- Your work is out of sight.
- That project is first rate.
- You've outdone yourself.
- Thumbs up.
- Congratulations
- You tried hard.
- Your help counts.
- You made it happen.
- You're a real trooper.
- I knew you had it in you.
- Bravo.
- The time you put in really shows.

Party Invitations

The staff requests that invitations to private parties (i.e. birthday parties) not be distributed at school. Please take care of this via phone or mail.



**Food Service
Second Semester Milk
Due January 24, 2011
\$31.50**

Employment Opportunities with Taher Inc.

Current Openings: Part-Time and Substitute Positions

We are looking for energetic individuals to join our Food Service team. Enjoy the flexibility to work while your child is at school; follows school calendar; summers and holidays off. Apply today by stopping by the Food Service administrative office located at 101 School Drive in Waunakee. Visit our website for more information:

<http://www.taher.com/schools/Waunakee/employment.htm>

Cocoa Mocha Monday

Please join Ms. Armstrong's class on
Monday, November 22, 2009
7:15 a.m.—9:15 a.m.

Enjoy hot cocoa, mocha and or coffee at the drive through at
First National Bank
1330 Montondon Avenue in Waunakee

All donations support the
Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.

**Waunakee Arboretum PTO
is on Facebook.**

Become a fan to get
reminders and updates of
all current events.

Please contact Jessica Miller,
PTO President, at
jmiller@wkowtv.com or
772-2794 if you have any questions.

**PTO Clothing Sale
Please pick up in the office on
Tuesday, December 14**

Preordered PTO clothing items will be available for pickup on Tuesday, December 14th. (With many being holiday gifts, we will not send items home with children.) Any questions, please contact Lori Phelps at lori.phelps@charter.net.

From The Health Office

Healthy snacks are important for students to bring to school. Think of them as mini-meals that can help provide the important nutrients and food energy they need to learn. It is hard to get the recommended five to thirteen servings of fruits and veggies each day so snacks are a great way to get these in.

Some healthy snack ideas:

- Fresh fruit, fruit cups, dried fruit, applesauce
- Fruit leather without added sugar (Natural Value, Stretch Island)
- Veggies (carrots, cucumbers, peppers, celery)
- Whole grain cereals (Cheerios, Frosted Mini Wheats)
- Whole grain crackers, graham crackers
- Whole grain granola bars or cereal bars
- Popcorn, pretzels, flavored rice cakes
- English muffins, bagels

If you need further resources, please contact our school nurse, Katie Homar, at 209-9950.



Early Learner Screening

If you have a child born between September 2, 2006 and September 1, 2007, this makes your child eligible to begin kindergarten in the 2012-2013 school year. Children who live in the Waunakee Community School District and meet the above age requirements, along with at least one parent/guardian, are requested to attend the Early Learner Screening.

Early Learner Screening is scheduled between 8:00 am and 2:30 pm on January 5, and 6, 2011, and from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on January 7, 2011, at Peace Lutheran Church, 701 Century Avenue. Waunakee. To schedule a time slot for your child, please call Joyce Endres at 849-2015.

Early Learner Screening is an informal screening that takes about one hour and 15 minutes. Professionals will observe children while they participate in preschool and play activities. While children are being observed, parents will have access to developmental and school information and have a one-on-one meeting with school staff to answer questions and discuss the observation results.

There are not any planned activities for brothers and sisters; please make child care arrangements for siblings. You should receive a letter explaining Early Learning Screening in more detail the first week in December. Parents will also have the opportunity to have their child's vision screened by the Waunakee-Westport Lion's Club at this time.

We're on the Web!

Check out the Arboretum website at www.waunakee.k12.wi.us/arboretum. You will find up-to-date school events calendar, parent newsletters, teacher websites, photos from school events taken throughout the year, health and other parent resources, and much more!



It's A Box Tops Holiday Blitz!

Arboretum Year-to-Date Box Tops: \$793

Arboretum Year End Goal: \$5,000

Box Tops Blitz Goal: \$500, or 5000 Box Tops, by **Monday, December 20.**

**Prize: A special winter "Read in the Dark Party"
for the ENTIRE school!**

It's time for a Box Tops Holiday Blitz! We are asking Arboretum families to gather family members to help earn money for our school through Box Tops. We're nearly 20% of the way toward our annual school goal of \$5000. Let's kick our collection into high gear by challenging ourselves to collect \$500 worth of Box Tops between now and December 20. If we make our Box Tops Holiday Blitz goal, we'll have a whole-school "Read in the Dark Party." Can we do it??? Yes we can!!!

This week's Thursday folders contain two Box Tops collection sheets. The first is for families to fill on their own. The second is a Box Tops sheet to take to Grandma or Grandpa's house over the holidays. We would like to enlist grandparent's help in meeting our school goal of raising \$5,000 through Box Tops this year. Please take the time to recruit their help raising funds for our school. If your child does not have grandparents, but would still like to participate, please get in touch with the Box Tops coordinator, Kristin Runge kristin.runge@yahoo.com, for a customized sheet for a favorite aunt, uncle or family friend. Also, if your child shares two homes, email Kristin for a "Twice as Nice" Box Tops collection sheet so both homes can participate.

Thank you to everyone that is already participating in Box Tops for Education. It's a great way to raise money for our school without ever opening our wallets!



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Dress Students for the Weather

Parents are reminded that students will be outdoors during the winter months. In the morning, students may enter the building and put their backpacks away then proceed immediately outdoors. At noon and during the morning and afternoon recess, children will also be outdoors.

Our general rule is when the temperature is 0° or below, OR -10° with the wind-chill, students will stay inside. At all other times, we will expect that your child will go outdoors to get the fresh air and exercise they need. Please have your child dress appropriately. If your son/daughter wants to play on the snow covered fields; they must wear boots, snow pants and an appropriate jacket. Children without this attire must stay on the blacktop portion of the playground.

Students with medical concerns for illness will be allowed to stay indoors in the office area if they have a written doctor's excuse.

Winter is right around the corner bringing snow, cold temperatures, and sometimes school cancellations. In the event of inclement weather, please listen to one of the radio/tv stations listed below for cancellations.

WISC (TV CH 3)

WMTV (TV CH 15)

WKOW (TV CH 27)

WIBA (1310 AM/101.5 FM)

WYZM (105.1 FM)

WMLI Lite 96 (96.3 FM)

WOLX (94.9 FM)

WMAD (92.1 FM)

WZEE (104 FM)

WMMM (105.5 FM)

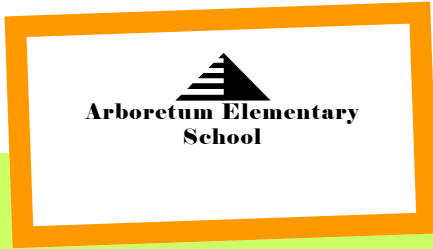
WTSO (1070 AM)

WNNO (106.9 FM)

WBKY (95.9 FM)

WIBU (1240 AM)

WDLS (900 AM)



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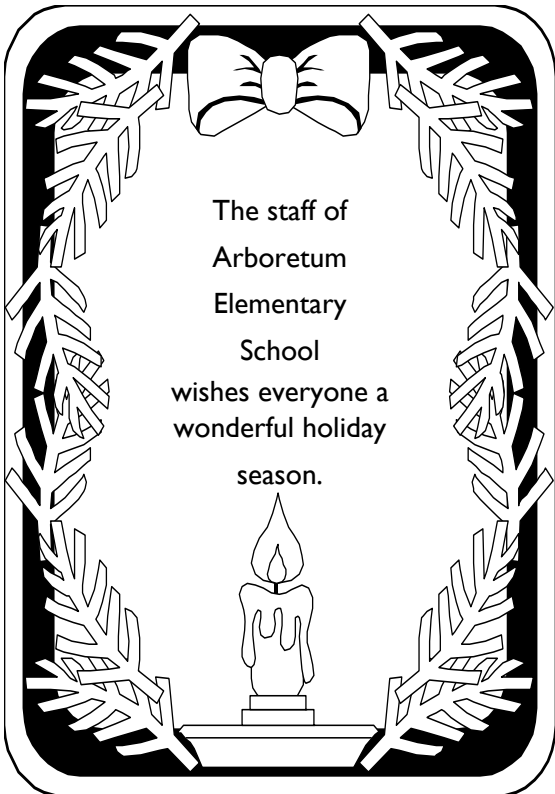
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WINTER

Keep Early Dismissal Form Current

In the event school is closed early due to inclement weather, your child will be directed to go to the location listed on your child's "Early Dismissal Form" that parents completed as part of the beginning of the year registration packet. Be sure to keep us informed if you have any changes during the school year.