

Arboretum Elementary School

*Together We Learn!*

*Together We Grow!*

Ms. Sheila Weihert, Principal

FEBRUARY 2011

## Fairness! Character Word of the Month!

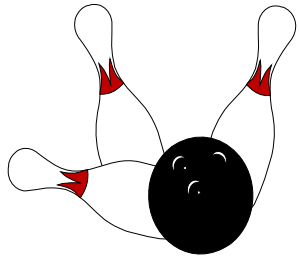
February's character theme is fairness. The term seems pretty straightforward, but has many complex facets. During this month, we will be working on children understanding what fairness is and practicing fairness as well. The concept of fairness can be particularly challenging to children in many settings. Children develop in a world that centers around them first and then work toward incorporating the larger world of others. As always, we hope you can find time in the car or at the dinner table to discuss what our monthly theme is with your family.

What fairness means: Elementary children may view the term fairness as everyone "gets the same." As adults we know that sometimes fairness does mean everyone "gets the same" and has the same expectations, amount of something, equal time, etc. As adults we also understand that sometimes being fair does not mean all children get the same thing. A simple way to explain that sometimes different children need different things is that sometimes children have growth spurts and need new shoes before another child in the family. Sometimes a child is sick and needs more attention than another child. The family and school examples of fairness not meaning "get the same" are endless.

We will be asking children to practice fairness in school. We hope that they are able to play fairly on the playground. This might mean taking turns and sharing equipment. For a child who is on the swings, it always seems like time goes by too quickly when another child wants a turn. This is a great family discussion point as well. In the classroom, we hope children can practice fairness by letting others in their work groups talk and volunteer answers, even when they have a great answer to share. Again, like at home the fairness theme has countless examples.

*Sheila*

Character Assembly  
Thursday, February 10  
7:50 a.m. in the Gym



Waunakee Community School District

# Family Fun Fitness

Friday, February 4, 2011



High School Fieldhouse and Commons

5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.—Concessions

6:00-8:00 p.m.— Family Fun Fitness \$3 per student

The PTO and Physical Education Department is hosting a Family Fun Fitness Night for elementary and Intermediate School families.

### Concessions 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Provided by Taher Food Service  
High School Commons

Walking Taco.....	\$2.50
Hot Dog on a Bun.....	\$2.25
Assorted Wrap Sandwiches.....	\$3.00
Signature Monster Cookies.....	\$1.00
Yogurt Parfait Station.....	\$1.25
Minute Maid Frozen Juice .....	..\$0.50
Cinnamon Pretzels with dip.....	\$1.25
Bottled Water.....	\$1.25
Milk.....	\$0.50

Pay cash or please write checks payable to  
Waunakee Schools.

### Fun Fitness 6:00-8:00 p.m.

High School Fieldhouse  
\$3.00 per student

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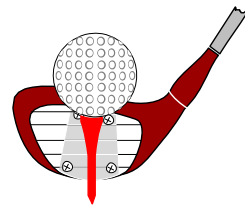
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Physical Education Activities

Golf putting, Bowling, Pindown, Tennis, Scooters, 4 Square and Fitness Station.



Elevator access to Commons

# Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Brian Hauke, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, at [bhauke@charter.net](mailto:bhauke@charter.net) if you are interested in helping.

# Round 'em up and come to the PTO Wild West Carnival

Friday, March 18  
5:30-8:15 p.m.



All Arboretum students and  
families are invited to join the fun.

Yee! Ha!



# Schoolhouse Players Present "Doc, Doc... Goose"

## Monday, February 21

Students and staff are looking forward to the Schoolhouse Players presenting "Doc, Doc...Goose" on Monday, February 21 at 9:30 a.m. for grades 3-4 and 1:00 p.m. for grades K-2. Volunteers are needed to help supervise. Volunteers are asked to check in the office 10 minutes before the program begins. Please contact Brian Hauke at bhauke@charter.net if you are interested in helping.

**Volunteers Needed!**



## Family Book Club

### Tuesday, February 1

Arboretum Elementary is hosting its third Family Book Club for parents and third and fourth grade students on Tuesday, February 1. The book club will take place from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the library. This is an opportunity for parents and students who have read the same animal story to come prepared to discuss it with others.

Please continue to save Box Tops, Milk Caps, Printer Cartridges, Pop Tabs and Campbell's Labels for Education.

## February and August Birthday Sundaes Party

Both February and August birthdays will be celebrated on February 23. Grade 3-4 students will enjoy birthday sundaes at 1:00 p.m. and grade Kindergarten through grade 2 students will enjoy their birthday sundaes at 1:35 p.m. Parents are invited to celebrate with their children.



## Red, White or Pink Day

### Monday, February 14

Celebrate Valentine's Day by wearing red, white or pink!



# Early Riser Reader

Friday, February 11, 2011

7:00-7:30 a.m. for Grade K-2

Our third Early Riser Reader date is **Friday, February 11**. This program is designed for parents and our Kindergarten through second grade students. Parents and Kindergarten through second grade 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.



*Thank you for coming to Early Riser Reader in December!*

## School Begins at 7:40 a.m.

### Attendance Line 849-1820

Being at school on time is very important. Parents, we need your help insuring your child is here on time. Students who are late miss out on the morning announcements. They also miss out on important directions and instruction from the teacher. Learning to be punctual and responsible is an important life-long skill. Students who arrive late to school should go to the office for a pass. Please call the attendance line at 849-1820 before 8:30 am., if your child is absent. Please provide the following information: your name, name of student, teacher's name, reason for absence and if you would like homework collected. Parents may pick up homework at the end of the day on the homework table outside of the office.

### 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 **and the office** 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 e-mail, so please do not e-mail teachers of any last minute changes.

### Leaving During The Day

When students need to leave the building, they should bring a written note from a parent/guardian to their teacher **and the office** 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.

**Is your contact  
information  
current?**

**Please remember to  
contact the school  
office with updated  
information.**



### School Safety

Please sign in at 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 are issued a volunteer button.

All volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application form in order to volunteer in the classroom or on field trips.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we continually make efforts to ensure the safety and well being of our students.

### Lunch

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child. **Advance notice is appreciated by calling the food service office at 849-1821 before 10:00 a.m.** The cost for an adult lunch is \$3.25. Please remember to sign in at the office.

#### Lunch/Recess Times

11:00-11:45	Grade 4
11:10-11:55	Grade 2
11:20-12:05	Grade 1
11:30-12:15	Grade 3
11:40-12:25	Kindergarten

## Waunakee Community School District

District Administrative and Maintenance Center

905 Bethel Circle

Waunakee, WI 53597

### Open Enrollment Notice

**To:** Families who have moved, or are planning to move out of the Waunakee Community School District boundary limits.

Your student(s) may be eligible to continue attending the Waunakee Community School District under the State of Wisconsin's open enrollment program. Open enrollment applications may be completed electronically through this link: <http://dpi.wi.gov/sms/psctoc.html>, between February 7<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call 849-2470 or e-mail Lori Woock, Registrar, at [lwoock@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:lwoock@waunakee.k12.wi.us) for more information.



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### Intra-District Transfer Notice

**To:** Families who wish to request a transfer of elementary aged students (K-4) outside of your assigned attendance area or back into your assigned attendance area.

Your student(s) may be eligible to transfer outside of your assigned elementary (K-4) attendance area or back into your assigned attendance area. Transfer request forms are available at each elementary building. Transfer requests must be returned to your assigned elementary school by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Transfer requests must comply with Board of Education policy 432-Rule. Please call 849-2470 or e-mail Lori Woock, Registrar, at [lwoock@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:lwoock@waunakee.k12.wi.us) for more information.



**Parent Teacher Conferences**  
**Monday, February 28 (No School)**  
**Thursday, March 3**  
**3:45—7:45 p.m.**



Arboretum Elementary School conferences will be held on **Monday, February 28** and **Thursday, March 3** from 3:45—7:45 p.m. Each conference is scheduled to last fifteen minutes. Parent teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity to provide support of your child by communicating with your child's teacher.

**Please remember to check Lost and Found!**

There are many items in Lost and Found in the main entry way and neighborhoods. Clothing marked with names will be returned. It is also very helpful if coats and snowpants are marked with names.

**PTO Cookie Dough and Fundraiser Sale!**

Sale begins on **January 28**.  
Order forms are due **Monday, February 14**.

Pick up is during Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Monday, February 28** from 3:45-6:45 p.m.—One day only

**Volunteers Needed!**

Volunteers are needed to help with delivery from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and distributing fundraiser items. Please contact Brian Hauke, PTO Volunteer Coordinator, at [bhauke@charter.net](mailto:bhauke@charter.net) if you are able to help.



**Some teachers at Arboretum Elementary work in other school buildings. Below is the shared staff schedule for conferences.**

Valerie Clevenger, Physical Therapist  
February 28

Cindi Dahler, Occupational Therapist  
February 28

Janell Dorn, Pathways  
February 28

Jon Gustafson, Phy Ed  
March 3

Tamara Hepler, English Language Learner-  
March 3

**Two Hour**  
**Early Release**  
**Thursday, February 24**  
School is dismissed  
at 12:40 p.m.

**No School**  
**Friday, February 25**  
**Monday, February 28**

Have you checked out **Waunakee Arboretum PTO** on Facebook?



**Read Across America**  
**Wednesday, March 2, 2011**  
**Red and White Day!**



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**Showdown at Conservation Canyon**  
**Friday, March 4**

Waunakee Utilities is sponsoring “ Showdown at Conservation Canyon” to be performed on **Friday, March 4** at 8:30-9:00 a.m. for grades K-2 and at 9:30-10:00 a.m. for grades 3-4. Students will learn about electricity in a fun and entertaining way.

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Volunteers are asked to check in the office 10 minutes before the program begins. Please contact Brian Hauke at [bhauke@charter.net](mailto:bhauke@charter.net) if you are interested in helping.

**You might be shivering  
but it's time to think SUMMER!**

**Summer School**  
Monday-Thursday

Session I June 20– July 7  
Session II July 11–July 28

Online Registration  
April 4 at 6:00 p.m. - April 30

Mark your calendar!  
Join the fun!

**Thank you volunteers!**

Thank you for assisting with the  
Mathemagic Assembly!



## Second Semester Milk \$31.50

For those families who wish to have their student(s) purchase milk for consumption during morning snack break, the cost is \$31.50. Payment for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester milk is due by January 24, 2011. At this time, the Infinite Campus Online Payment system only accepts Food Service payments for breakfast & lunch fees. We request that 2nd semester milk fees be paid via cash or check made payable to Waunakee Schools and delivered or mailed to: Attn: F/S, 101 School Drive, Waunakee, WI 53597. In the future, we are hopeful that the online payment system will be utilized for milk fees.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Food Service program.

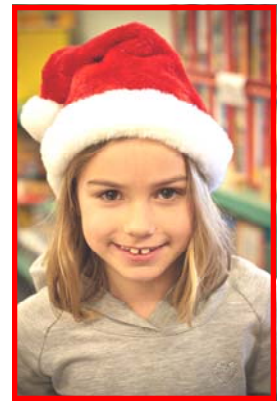
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Taher Food Service  
849-2327





# HOLIDAY HEROES

SAVES THE DAY



More pictures are on the Arboretum Website!

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How to Reach Us	
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Health Assistant	Pam Lange 849-1803
Guidance	Bill Benson 849-1830
Psychologist	Mary Murray 849-1850
Social Worker	Kristen Meyer 849-1808

# " Holiday Music Program

December 21, 2010

Parents may also view the video on the Arboretum website.

Please visit Parent Resources/Videos.



More pictures are on the Arboretum Website!