



ARBORETUM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Together We Learn! Together We Grow!

Ms. Sheila Weihert, Principal
March 2011

Perseverance

Character Word of the Month

Perseverance is a complex skill that typically takes time to develop. At an elementary school level, children start to practice perseverance by working at something for a long time or putting forth significant effort. Some areas that you may be able to help your child with perseverance might be with spelling, reading, or math facts. Often, children need to work in some of these areas for a period of time to see results. Parents may want to include children in the planning part of how to practice over time. For children, a week may seem like a long period of time. Celebrating success or improvement when perseverance has happened is key.

Character Assembly

Monday, March 14

7:50 a.m. in the gym





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



Bruce Lansky - Author Visit

8:30-9:00 - Gaines/Pellino

9:00-9:30 - Bertz/Henn

9:40-10:20 - Fourth grade

10:30-11:10 - First grade and Finkler

12:20-1:00 - Petersen, Pilgrim, Third grade

1:00-1:35 - Sorenson, Rivard

Classroom Group Picture with Cat In The Hat

SSR (Seuss Says Read!) in the hallway/neighborhood at the end of the day



Green Day
Thursday
March 17

Hat Day
Friday
March 25





Summer School 2011



(Upcoming Grades Pre-K-Grade 4)

Session I: June 20 - July 7

(No school Monday, July 4)

Session II: July 11 - 28

Monday—Thursday

(Upcoming Grades 5-6)

One Session June 20 - July 28

(No school Monday, July 4)

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

Summer School Online Registration

District Website: www.waunakee.k12.wi.us —>Summer School —> Registration

Summer school registration is right around the corner. Online registration opens on **Monday, April 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and ends Saturday, April 30 at midnight**. Class information will be available in March both online and in catalogs available in the school offices. Walk-in registration will be June 1- 3 in the summer school office. Online registration will reopen during this timeframe as well. Check out the website for registration information and regular updates. Numerous enrichment and remedial classes will be offered. If you have any 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 June 11 through June 24 will not begin until June 27.

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

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 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.



Orchestra Information

There will be a meeting for 4th grade parents and students interested in joining Orchestra in 5th Grade on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Intermediate Gym. Orchestra starts in the summer before 5th grade. You will be able to sign up to join orchestra, as well as receive information about instrument rental. Demonstration concerts will occur during the school day the week before this sign up night, so please ask your son or daughter about what they heard and what instrument they might be interested in playing: Violin, Viola, Cello or Bass.

The Sixth Grade orchestra is performing for fourth grade from 11:55-12:25 p.m. in the gym on Thursday, March 3.



No School

Friday, February 25

Monday, February 28

No School

Monday, March 28—Friday, April 1

School resumes Monday, April 4.

**Please remember to check
lost and found clothing.**

**Please write names on
clothing.**

**Attendance Line
849-1820**

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.

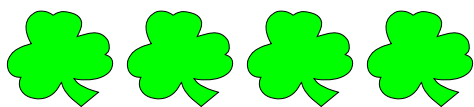
PLEASE CHECK LOST AND FOUND!

There are many items in Lost and Found by the computer 3-4 lab and neighborhoods. Clothing marked with names will be returned.

**PTO Cookie Dough and Fundraiser
 Sale Pick Up In Lunch Room**

Monday, February 28 3:45-6:45 p.m.—One day only

Please contact Brian Hauke, PTO Volunteer Coordinator at 850-3017 or bhauke@charter.net if you are interested in helping unload and/or distribute during conferences.



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 a.m. for grades K-2 and at 9:30 a.m. for grades 3-4. Students will learn about electricity in a fun and entertaining way. 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.

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

Valerie Clevenger, Physical Therapist	Feb 28
Cindi Dahler, Occupational Therapist	Feb 28
Janell Dorn, Pathways	Feb 28
Jon Gustafson, Phy Ed	Mar 3
Tamara Hepler	Mar 3
English Language Learner	

**March
 Birthday Celebration**
Friday, March 25

March birthdays will be celebrated on Friday, March 25. Grade 3-4 students will enjoy birthday sundaes at 1:00 p.m. and Kindergarten—grade 2 students will enjoy their birthday sundaes at 1:35 p.m. Parents are invited to celebrate with their children.



Student Placement 2011-2012

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.

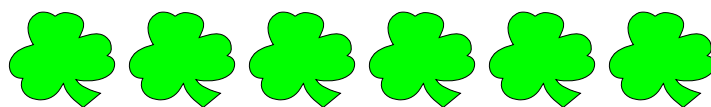
Variety of Abilities: We strive to have heterogeneous grouping in all classrooms. Students learn from each other at all levels.

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.



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 15th. 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 for more information.

PTO Wild West Carnival

Friday, March 18, 2011

5:30-8:15 p.m.

Gym, Lunch Room, Library, Art Room, Music Room

The PTO would like to invite families to our PTO Wild West Carnival.

Feel free to dress up in a western theme.

Check out our fun carnival booths in the Gym!

1 Ticket = 25 cents. Games are 1-2 tickets each.



Bertz's Longhorn Limbo

Finkler's Cupcake Walk Bonanza

Miss Henn's Bowling Tumbleweeds

Pellino's Python Pit

Petersen's Rodeo Roundup

Pilgrim's Fishing Pond

Rivard's Roundup Soda Ring Toss

Sorenson's Little Rustler Putting Green



Emmert's Silver Mine

Genova's Lasso Lollipop Tree

Jacobson's Lasso Toss

Marshall Moe's Buckets

Ms. Murray's Spinning Saloon

Mrs. T's BuccaRoos Bean Bag Toss

Blessing's Bingo Parlor

Grover's Galloping Horseshoes

Hellenbrand's Slide'em Cowboy

Magee's Gold Rush

Ryan's Cow Chip Toss



Concessions in Lunch Room

Mrs. Gaines' Soda Saloon

Soda/Water/Milk —2 tickets

Ms. Uhrig's Franks and Beans—hot dogs 6 tickets, beans 2 tickets

Ms. Arnold's Pizza Saloon -8 tickets

Pizza Hut Pizza- Cheese or Pepperoni

Armstrong's General Store

Nachos—4 tickets



Mr. S's Outhouse

TP Toss

**Prize Booth
in Library**

Face Painting

2 tickets

in Art Room

*A special thanks to our
Classroom Booth Coordinators & Volunteers!*

Family Fun Fitness February 4



Early Riser Reader February 11



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Early Riser Reader

February 11

