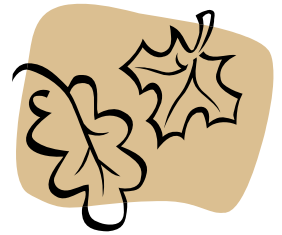


Arboretum Elementary School
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608-849-1820—Attendance
Ms. Sheila Weihert, Principal

Together We Learn. Together We Grow.

NOVEMBER 2010

Citizenship

For the month of November our character focus is citizenship. At Arboretum Elementary students will talk about the daily ways in which we display citizenship at school and in our community. These specific examples make an abstract word like citizenship more concrete. This is an opportune time for families to discuss how they display citizenship within our community and other groups families belong to.

All School Assembly

Friday, November 12
7:50 a.m. in the Gym
Parents are welcome.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 15 (No School) or Thursday, November 18
3:45-7:45 p.m.

Arboretum Elementary School conferences will be held on **Monday, November 15 and Thursday, November 18 between 3:45-7:45 p.m.** Each conference is scheduled to last 15 minutes. Parent teacher conferences are an excellent opportunity to support your child by communicating with your child's teacher. If you feel that you need more than 15 minutes, please schedule a time outside of conferences to meet with your child's teacher. Child care will not be available.

Parents that sign up for conferences on Monday, November 15 have conferences at the same time on Monday, February 28. Parents that sign up for conferences on Thursday, November 18 have conferences at the same time on Thursday, March 3.

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

Valerie Clevenger, Physical Therapist	Nov 15
Cindi Dahler, Occupational Therapist	Nov 15
Janell Dorn, Pathways	Nov 15
Jonathon Gustafson, Phy Ed	Nov 18
Tamara Hepler, English Language Learner	Nov 15

Book Fair During Conferences in the Library

Monday, November 15
3:45 - 7:45 pm

Tuesday, November 16
7:15 am - 3:45 pm

Wednesday, November 17
7:15 am - 3:45 pm

Thursday, November 18
7:15 am - 7:45 pm

Friday, November 19
7:15 am - 10:30 am

**Please check
Lost and Found Clothing.**

Parents are welcome to stop by during the school day as well. Remember to stop in the office and sign in.



Food Drive

Arboretum Elementary School is conducting its annual "Canned Food Drive" **October 25-November 12**. Students are asked to bring non-perishable food or other grocery items to school. Collection boxes will be located in each classroom. Donated items will be distributed locally via the Waunakee Food Pantry sponsored by the Ecumenical Board. As Waunakee continues to grow, so does our need to help one another. We have families who need extra support during the holidays.

Third and Fourth Grade State Test

Arboretum students in third and fourth grade will participate in the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts in November. The WKCE is administered to all students in grades three through eight. The test is a measure of academic progress in core subjects.

Third graders are evaluated in reading and math November 8-11. Fourth graders are evaluated in writing, reading, math, language usage, science and social studies November 5-12. Tests are given in short time periods with breaks to encourage optimal performance.

Please encourage your child to put his/her best effort into the test and come to school well fed and rested.

Birthday Celebration

Ms. Weihert will dish up ice cream sundaes to students with November birthdays on Tuesday, November 30 at 1:00 p.m. for grades 3-4 and at 1:35 p.m. for grades Kindergarten-2 in the lunch room. Parents are welcome.

Halloween Parade

Wednesday,

October 27

Gym at 8:00 a.m.

Families should be in the bleachers by 7:45 a.m. to avoid crossing into the parade.

Arboretum Elementary School will host a parade of ghosts, goblins and characters on **Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00 a.m.** Students are to wear costumes to school and bring a change of clothing for later in the day. Students should not wear any costumes with a violent theme or that contain toy weapons as accessories (guns, swords, knives, etc.). Please keep makeup to a minimum. If a student costume includes a mask, make sure the child can safely see with the mask on. Families are invited to view the parade.



Thank you to families for bringing in laundry detergent and diapers for the Diaper and Laundry Detergent Drive.

Thank you for bringing in nonperishable food and other grocery items for our canned food drive.

Thank you for submitting box tops. Ten cents per box top adds up quickly.

Thank you for submitting Campbell's Labels for Education. The program is a great way to earn free merchandise for our school.

Thank you for completing the volunteer application form. Thank you to parents who chaperone field trips and volunteer in the classroom.

Thank you to parents who offered to help with the book fair and bringing in desserts for teachers during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Thank you for providing a safe environment for students by signing in at the office and obtaining a visitor sticker.

Thank you to the PTO Staff Appreciation Committee for organizing staff luncheons and treats.

Thank you for insuring your child arrives to school on time every day.

Thank you for all you do to help us provide educational excellence to the students of Arboretum Elementary School.

November 2, 2010 School Referendum

Referendum Informational Meetings

Please Consider Attending

The School District Referendum is on November 2nd. Referendum information can be found on the school district's referendum website: www.waunakeereferendum.org. Informational Meetings will be held on the following dates:

Monday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Arboretum Elementary School Gym

Tuesday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Prairie Elementary School Gym

Laundry Soap Diaper Drive

September 20 – October 22

Wow! Our school has donated over 180 packages of diapers and \$453 – amazing.

You make a difference in the lives of many Waunakee families in need.



School Volunteer Application

The Waunakee Community School District is dedicated to both the safety and education of our students. We value our parent volunteers. The Waunakee Community School District Board of Education requires that all volunteers will need to have an annual background check in order to volunteer in the classroom or on field trips. A criminal background check will be repeated every 3 school years. **Volunteers approved in 2009-2010 do not need to complete the application form.**

Kindergarten parents: If you think you will volunteer this year or wish to chaperone a field trip, please complete the volunteer form.

School Application Forms are available in the main entrance way. We would like to thank volunteers for completing the form. Please understand that this process will take approximately 5 office days for human resources department to complete.

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

Square One Art



**Order forms and brochures will be distributed
November 16 – Deadline to return orders to school
December 21 (Music Program) – Pick up orders.**

WATCH for your child's order form to come home. Each order form will have your child's art work displayed on the various items so you can see how it would really look before you order!

Don't miss out!

This EASY, fun, art-based project is called **Square 1 Art**. For many of you, you remember it from the past 3 years. The money raised from this PTO fundraiser, stays at Arboretum to be used for our students in a variety of ways. It's a program that is so meaningful, delightful and successful! It promotes inspiration and self-esteem with our kids! Chris Kratzke, our Art Teacher, has been busy with the kids since the beginning of the school year and look what they've created! Take a look at the catalog – there's stationary, ornaments, mouse pads, tiles, shirts, aprons – and MORE. These make great gifts for CHRISTMAS! ...Parents, Kids, Grand-parents, Friends, Family! And teacher gifts – 2 years ago, 2 classrooms ordered quilt squares for each child, had a quilt made and presented it to their teachers for an awesome year-end gift. Get your keepsakes and enjoy your child's art for many, many years to come! If you have any questions, please contact Lynne VanHollen, PTO Square 1 Art Coordinator, at vanhollen@tds.net.

Having Fun on Hat Day!





Save for the School!

Box Tops for Education

Arboretum Elementary is collecting Box Tops for Education sponsored by General Mills. Please clip the box top coupon off products that you already purchase. The school will receive \$.10 for every box top submitted up to \$20,000 per school year! If you have any General Mills Box Tops, please drop them off in the green box by the main entrance.

The school will receive 10 cents for every box top.

Milk Caps

Please save Kwik Trip Milk Moola caps.
Please save Kemps for Schools.
Please save Foremost Kids Caps and Cash.
Please save Swiss Valley Farms milk caps.

Printer Cartridges

Arboretum Elementary is collecting old used printer cartridges to earn money for our school. The cartridges are sent to a recycling center, and we are paid for each one they receive. If you have any used cartridges, please put them in a zip lock bag, and bring them to school. Please give them to your child's teacher or to Mr. Miller. Once or twice each year, we will send what we have to the center.

Pop Tabs

Please collect beverage tabs from aluminum cans. Profit from the recycling of these tabs helps run the Ronald McDonald House. The Ronald McDonald House provides a place to stay for those who have critically ill children. Please pull off these tabs and help this worthwhile cause. Please drop them off in the green box by the main entrance.

Campbells' Labels for Education

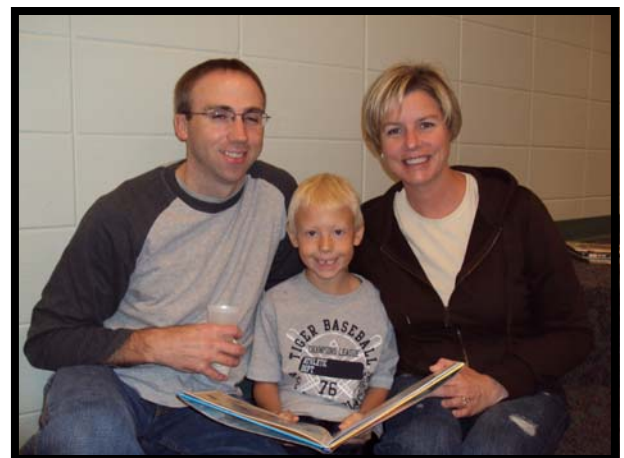
Arboretum is saving Campbell's Labels for Education. The Labels for Education program is a great way to earn free merchandise for our school. Please save labels from Campbell products and send them to school.

Thank you for your support!





Early Riser Reader



Thank you for coming to Early Riser Reader.
We look forward to seeing our
Kindergarten through second graders and their parents
at our next Early Riser Reader on
Friday, December 3 at 7:00 a.m.



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Lunch

Parents are invited to eat lunch with their child. **Advance notice is appreciated by calling the office at 849-1800 or please call 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

**American
Education**

Week

November 15-19

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

We appreciate everyone's help providing safe arrival and departure of our students. **Please remember to drop off and pick up children in the parent drop off area in front of school.** Do not park in the drop off area to walk your child in. If you want to walk your child in, please park in the parking lot and then walk your child in. Thank you for your help in creating a safe environment for the children at Arboretum.

School Begins at 7:40 a.m.

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 lifelong 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.

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 complete a volunteer application if you will be a regular volunteer or plan on chaperoning a field trip. Please let the office know if you are a regular volunteer. Regular volunteers will be issued a school volunteer button. Please enter at the main entrance. All other doors are locked from 8:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

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.

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.

Attendance Line 849-1820

☆ Veteran's Day Program ☆

The American Legion will present a Veteran's Day Program to first grade students on **Thursday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.** The Veteran's Day program gives children an opportunity to learn and understand the Pledge of Allegiance in an entertaining and educational way. The American Legion also provides students with coloring books and flags. Parents are welcome to attend the program.



Holiday Music Program!

The Arboretum Holiday Music Show is coming! This year's show will take place in the Arboretum School Gym on **Tuesday, December 21**. The show will celebrate the winter season with singing, dancing and instruments, performed by our very talented Arboretum students. This is a dress-up day for students. Watch for the Arboretum music website and invitation for further details.

<u>TIMES</u>	
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

Pick Up
Square One Art
preordered items too!

**Report Cards
Go Home**

Thursday, November 11

**Two Hour
Early Release**

Wednesday, October 27

**School is dismissed at
12:40 p.m.**

No School
October 28, 29

No School
Monday, November 15

November 24, 25, 26

Red, White and Blue Day
Thursday, November 11



Firefighter Visit



Cocoa Mocha Monday Monday, November 22 7:15-9:15 a.m.

Ms. Armstrong's Class along with First National Bank and M•N•M's CoffeeHouse are hosting a Cocoa Mocha Monday on November 22, 2010 from 7:15-9:15 AM. All proceeds will support the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. We will be holding the Mocha Cocoa Drive Thru at First National Bank: 1330 Montondon Avenue. Please allow us to serve you a nice warm beverage so we can help warm the lives of those less fortunate here in Waunakee. Last year we raised \$600.00. Wouldn't it be amazing if we could exceed this!



Waunakee Arboretum PTO is on Facebook!

Become a fan to get reminder and updates of all current events. Please contact Jessica Miller, PTO Facebook Coordinator at jmiller@wkowtv.com or 772-2794 if you have any questions.



From the Health Office...



At this time of year we are often asked about our guidelines for keeping kids home from school and when they can return to school. A fever (temperature of 100 or greater) indicates a child should stay home from school. Students need to be fever free without fever-lowering medications for 24 hours before returning to school. Children should stay home if they have an uncontrollable cough or runny nose that they cannot care for in a sanitary manner. If a child has had episodes of vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours and is not tolerating a regular diet, he/she should stay home. Other symptoms such as a severe rash or a severe sore throat (one that did not begin that morning) may also indicate illness and should be considered when deciding whether your child should attend school.

This is also the time of year when people are wondering about the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people may also have vomiting and diarrhea. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine protects against the three viruses that research suggests will be the most common this year. It's not too late in the season to get a flu vaccine since flu season usually peaks in January or later. Flu vaccines are available at most clinics. They are also available at free immunization clinics through Public Health of Madison and Dane County. These clinics give free flu shots to children ages 6 months to 18 years old. Please call 246-4516 or go to www.publichealthmdc.com for times and locations. If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Katie Homar, at 209-9950.