



# Arboretum Elementary School

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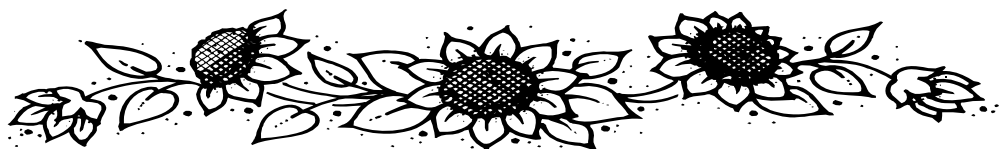
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**TOGETHER WE LEARN! TOGETHER WE GROW!**

## Responsibility

As part of our character education program, Arboretum Elementary staff will be focused on the word responsibility for the month of October. Throughout classes, in hallways, and at recess children will be encouraged to demonstrate responsible behaviors. A quick dinner conversation or car conversation may be to ask you child what ways they are responsible at school and at home. Children should be able to come up with some quick examples. We expect children to be responsible for their own learning areas and homework. At recess, children are responsible when they put away the equipment at the end of recess. All of us work on being responsible team members in group tasks. Thank you for your continued support and conversation with your child(ren) about how to be responsible. Our most important goal is for children to feel warm, welcome and love learning. Through responsible actions, we can achieve this goal together.

Parents are invited to our monthly Character Assembly on  
**Tuesday, October 5 at 7:50 a.m. in the gym.**



## 📖 EARLY RISER READER 📖

For grades K-2  
 Friday, October 1  
 Friday, December 3  
 Friday, February 11  
 Friday, April 29  
 Library

Our first Early Riser Reader date has been set for **Friday, October 1**. This program is designed for parents and kindergarten through 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 prizes for students in grades K-2. We would like to thank Kathy Hoopes, PTO Early Riser Reader Coordinator, for all of her help organizing the event.



## FAMILY BOOK CLUB

For grades 3-4  
 Monday, October 11  
 6:30-7:15 p.m.  
 Library

Third and fourth grade students (along with their parents) are invited to participate in our Family Book Club. The first book club theme is "Mysteries." Book choices are *Who Stole the Wizard of Oz?*, *The Midnight Mystery* (Boxcar Children), and *Howliday Inn*. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Deb Dagit, LMTD Director at 849-1845 or email at [ddagit@waunakee.k12.wi.us](mailto:ddagit@waunakee.k12.wi.us). Copies of the books are available for participants to check out.

HAVE FUN READING!



## FOURTH GRADE WALKING CLUB

Mr. Benson, Guidance Counselor  
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 at 11:00 a.m. starting in the gym

Our fourth grade students are excited about joining their classmates in an exercise group at Arboretum Elementary School. Students will be provided use of CD players - FM walkman radios if they want.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please check lost and found clothing by the main entrance and neighborhoods. Clothing with names marked will be returned.



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## PTO BBQ KICK OFF THANK YOU!

The PTO of Arboretum, Heritage, Prairie and Intermediate Schools would like to thank all parents who volunteered at the fourteenth annual PTO BBQ Kick Off and Raffle. Thank you for providing a fun and enjoyable event for students, parents and community members.

*The Waunakee Community School District is very fortunate to have involved parents who care about children.*

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Arboretum Elementary School will conduct 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 and in the main office. 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.



## Halloween Parade

Wednesday, October 27

Gym at 8:00 a.m.

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 in the gym..

## SQUARE ONE ART

*Turning your child's artwork into  
professionally made products*

We are very excited to offer Square One Art Orders once again. Artwork is created in class and parents may order products such as magnets, mugs, coasters, etc. Please watch for order forms in November. Order forms will be due November 16. Orders will arrive in December - just in time for the holidays. They make wonderful Christmas gifts!



**Attendance Line**

**849-1820**

**Call prior to 8:30 a.m.**

**FIRE SAFETY WEEK**

Firefighters will visit classrooms to talk about fire safety on Monday, October 4. Kindergarten classes will be visiting the fire station on Thursday, October 7.



**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**



Ms. Weihert will be dishing up ice cream sundaes to students with October birthdays on **Tuesday, October 26** 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 to join in the fun.



**HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM  
DRESS UP DAY  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

This is a change from Friday, December 17.

Please mark your calendar.

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

**Crazy Hair Day!**  
**Thursday, October 14**

**Two Hour Early Release**

**Wednesday, October 27**

Students are dismissed at 12:40 p.m.

**NO School  
October 28-29**

## Character Drive of Giving Diaper and Laundry Soap Drive September 20—October 23

We are starting a diaper and laundry soap drive to help Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. This serves families in need in Waunakee - **more than 700 Waunakee area individuals**. All three elementary schools join together to contribute to this great cause.

The drive lasts from September 20<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The goal of the drive for the entire community is 500 packages of diapers - size 4, 5, or 6 only and 400 containers of laundry soap. Our school goal is to bring in 100 packages of diapers (only comes to 4.17 packages per classroom) and 100 (only comes to 4.17 containers per classroom) containers of laundry soap.

A new option this year is with a corporate sponsor, Alice.com. Families will be able to contribute to a fund on the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection website ([www.waunakeeneighborhoodconnection.com](http://www.waunakeeneighborhoodconnection.com)) - PayPal for diaper drive on the bottom of the home page. Alice.com will match dollar for dollar. Alice.com will also give \$10 to the donor as thank you to be spent at their site. So basically, a \$10 contribution turns into \$20 for Waunakee Neighborhood Connection to buy diapers and laundry soap and \$10 for the donor. That is a win-win-win situation.

The class that brings in the most packages of diapers (size 4, 5 or 6 only) by Friday, October 1 will get to design a diaper hat that I will wear for one full day. I will give the kids in the winning class an extra recess with me to create the diaper hat. If there is a tie, there will be more than one winner and hat!

Sheila



## *Volunteers* Touching Lives

The PTO is an organization lead by parents that supports students and staff at Arboretum Elementary School. Whether encouraging volunteers, sponsoring annual fund raisers, presenting informative meetings or hosting social events, the PTO has always been ready and willing to be of service. Thank you to all parents who completed the volunteer survey. Volunteer coordinators will use the survey to call parents to help with assemblies and other projects.

### 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.

## THANK YOU PTO COORDINATORS!

Birthday Books	Katie Dotzler
Box Tops	Kristin Runge Isabelle Hoffman
Campbell Soup Label	Kelly Statz
Carnival	Denise Mehlhoff
Display Case	Angela Docherty
Early Riser Reader	Kathy Hoopes
Facebook	Jessica Miller
Moola Caps	Tammy Langendorf
Newsletter	Amie Damon
Spring Basket Drawing	Erica Meganck Sarah Lee
Square 1 Art	Lynne Van Hollen
Staff Birthday Cards	Mary Favre
Volunteer Coordinator	Brian Hauke





**WAUNAKEE WARRIORS**  
**HOME FOOTBALL GAME**  
**STUDENT FAN EXPECTATIONS**



In an effort to maintain a SAFE and orderly environment at our home football games, so that ALL fans can enjoy the games, the Waunakee School District is asking parents to please help us in our effort by reviewing these expectations with their Elementary school children before they attend a game.

***K-4th Grade Students***

- K-4 students must enter the game with an adult.
- K-4 students must be with their parents during the course of the game.
- K-4 students must be seated during the game. Do not wander around stadium.
- Concessions are available at halftime and quarters for K-4 students. Students should return to their seat prior to start of the second half.
- No footballs, soccer balls, kick balls, etc. are allowed in the stadium. They will be confiscated by game supervisors. There is no ball playing, tag games, etc. allowed in the stadium or on the fields behind the stadium.
- Always exhibit good sportsmanship.
  - Be respectful during the National Anthem, school songs, and player introductions.
  - Never boo or yell at officials or opposing players.
  - Cheer for the Waunakee players.
  - Represent Waunakee in a positive manner.
- Remember, you should be going to the game to watch the game.

**Spirit Day!**

**Please wear  
Purple or Waunakee Clothing  
on Friday, October 8**

## From the Health Office

Share a toy, share a slide  
Share the feelings deep inside,  
But never share a hat or comb,  
Or lice could make your head their home.  
Poem from [www.headlice.org](http://www.headlice.org) (check this website out)



Anyone can get head lice. It is not from poor hygiene or neglect. Lice do not jump or fly. However, they are easily spread from person to person through direct head-to-head contact or indirect contact with objects such as combs, brushes, hats, and scarves.

Head lice are tiny insects about the size of sesame seeds that live only on humans. They move quickly when exposed to light, making them difficult to see. You may only be able to find nits, which are the lice eggs. Nits are tiny, yellowish oval specks that are firmly glued to the hair shaft. Nits can often be confused with dandruff, but unlike dandruff, a nit will not easily fall off the hair. If you can blow or flick it, it is not a nit. Nits are usually found behind the ears or at the back of the neck.

Remind your children about the importance of not sharing combs, hats, brushes, scarves, etc. Watch for signs of lice, such as frequent head scratching. Check your child's hair regularly. Prevention can protect our kids from exposure to the chemicals in lice shampoos.

If you discover your child has lice, please notify the health office. We will help guide you through the treatment information that can be confusing during a stressful time for your family. Besides using a lice shampoo and cleaning the environment, removing lice and nits with a special comb is essential. There is a great video at [www.headlice.org/video](http://www.headlice.org/video) about how to do this effectively. Please contact our school nurse, Katie Homar at 209-9950, if you would like more information.



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