Dear Wakonda Families,

As we move into November, we pause to think even more about the things we are thankful for. I can tell you that Wakonda is at that top of my list! I want you to know that Parent teacher conferences and our Halloween Parade and Parties were a SUPERHERO success because of YOU! THANK YOU THANK YOU for making your child's education a priority and visiting with their teacher about their successes this year and what they will be learning as the year goes on! We LOVE having you in our building! Although, we had to do a double take to figure out who some of you were in your costumes on Halloween! Thank you to EVERYONE that came to watch and walk in the parade, helped to plan and participate in carrying out the classroom parties because the students RAVED about the day!

As the weather begins to turn colder, please make sure your child is dressed for the weather because we will continue to go outside for recess. While we are in the building, we will be snuggled into our classrooms reaching our learning goals. Our teachers and students have been focusing on identifying and referring to learning goals for every lesson throughout the day. For example, “I can use doubles as a strategy to find a sum.” When you are visiting with your child after school, ask them what their learning goals for the day were. They should be able to tell you!

The first quarter of school has been remarkable. I am eager to continue our work for the next three. Thank you for choosing us to work with your child each day!

Wakonda Forever!
Jennifer LeClair
Principal

Mrs. Novotny’s PreK class was our October Attendance Winners! Room 7 was Here Everyday Ready Oftime 95.7% of the month. When students are Attendance Heroes...they build habits that help them be prepared for future schooling, careers, and life. It is ImPoRtAnT that students are in school everyday! Thank you for making attendance a priority!
November:
- 7 Popcorn and Sweets Orders Due
- 8 Girls' Basketball Game @ Fontenelle 4:30
- 8 PTO Meeting 5:00
- 9 PreK to Children's Museum
- 15 Girls' Basketball Game @ Wakonda 4:30
- 16 Pre K No School
- 16 4th Gr. To Lincoln
- 20 Picture Retake Day
- 20 Progress Reports Go Home
- 20 Mobile Food Pantry
- 21-23 No School-Happy Thanksgiving
- 29 Girls' Basketball Game @ Mount View 4:30

Family Room &

THREE 4 ME

Be a part of our team! Let your minutes count!
Participate in school activities/volunteer a total of 3 hours or more here at Wakonda throughout this school year! Every 3 hours allows your name to be entered to win great prizes! You make a BIG difference!

Please join us for the PTO meeting on November 8 at 5:00. We would love to have your input as we plan for second semester.

Popcorn and Sweets orders will be delivered on Friday, November 9th. All proceeds go to support student activities in the building throughout the year!

The date for the Mobile Food Pantry this month is Tuesday, November 20 from 4:30-6:30.

Want to Stay Connected To Your Student’s School During Emergencies? Opt-in to Receive Text Messages from OPS!
Omaha Public Schools uses text messaging capabilities through our mass notification system to more quickly update parents/guardians and staff with emergency notification information, including weather related cancellations and important reminders.
Before parents/guardians and staff can begin receiving text notifications, they must first opt-in. On Nov. 16, all cell phone numbers in the OPS database, that currently are not signed up to receive texts, will receive a text message to opt-in. Parents and staff who are already signed up to receive text messages, will receive a confirmation text on Nov. 16. Stay connected with OPS and opt-in by replying Yes or Y to 67587. For more information on text messaging, visit http://district.ops.org/textmessaging
Wakonda Winter Music Program

The Wakonda Winter Program will be on December 18 at 9:00 and 2:00. The program will be for Pre-K–5th grade. Band and string performances will only be in the morning. Please plan to stay for the whole performance because we have a Grand Finale planned.

Nominate a Teacher Today!

How does a conversation become a life lesson?
With a great teacher.

The Alice Buffett Outstanding Teacher Award recognizes the achievements of skilled and dedicated educators in the Omaha Public Schools. Nominations can be submitted by parents, students, fellow teachers, administrators and general public. We have AMAZING educators at Wakonda. Please use the following link to nominate a teacher! The deadline is January 15, 2019.
https://buffettoutstandingteachers.org/nominate

ClassDojo

Please follow your child’s teacher on Class Dojo! It’s a GREAT way to view photos of what your child is doing in school each day, view Wakonda’s daily announcements, see how they have earned points, send messages instantly to keep in touch with his/her teacher, and find out about what’s happening at our school through our school story!

We are using Class Dojo to help students earn points in class for Being Safe, Being Responsible, Being Respectful and Being Brave. Each Friday, they get to redeem their points for prizes! Follow along to see how many points your child has earned! It’s A.Ma.Zi.Ng!

You can download the Class Dojo app in the App Store on your phone or sign up online at Classdojo.com.
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**Events for November:**
- Girls' B-ball Game: 4:30 @ Mount View
- Girls' B-ball Game: 4:30 @ Wakonda
- Mobile Food Pantry
- PTO Popcorn & Sweets
- Pre-K to Children's Museum
- 4th and 5th Lady Lunch
- 4th Gr. To Lincoln
- Pre-K to Children's Museum
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Picture Retake Day
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Happy Thanksgiving
- Mobile Food Pantry
- No School - Teacher Inservice Day
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SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

The Omaha Public School’s Student Assignment Plan for elementary and middle school students called the Partner Plan (grades K-8) consists of eight (8) elementary partner zones and four (4) middle school partner zones within the district. Your residential address and corresponding neighborhood school determine your partner zone. A student’s residence and distance to school determines transportation eligibility. If you have had a change of address, please contact your child’s school immediately as this could impact your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

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Wilson Focus will continue as a District wide Specialty School. Families may apply to Wilson Focus starting in grade three. Applications available through the website at wilsonfocus.ops.org or by calling the school at 402-733-1785.

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Middle School Partner Zones
Zone 1: Davis (6-8), Hale (6-8), King Science* (5-8), McMillan (6-8)
Zone 2: Alice Buffett (5-8), King Science* (5-8), Monroe (6-8-8), Morton (6-8)
Zone 3: Beveridge^ (6-8), King Science* (5-8), Lewis & Clark (6-8), Norris (6-8)
Zone 4: Beveridge^ (6-8), Bryan (7-8), King Science* (5-8), Marrs (5-8)

*King Science is a district magnet school and is therefore a partner school in each zone; however, students who live in the King Science neighborhood are in Partner Zone 2 and only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

^Beveridge is a shared partner school in zones 3 & 4; however, students who live in the Beveridge neighborhood are in Partner Zone 3 and are only eligible for transportation to schools in that zone.

January, 2019, starts the annual school choice application process for the 2019-20 school year. Students enrolled in a transition grade (last grade at the current school), will receive a school choice application.
Visit: sap.ops.org to determine your Partner Zone and transportation eligibility.

**SCHOOL CHOICE UNDER THE PARTNER PLAN**
Families may apply for their child to attend any OPS school. *Approval* of a request depends on the availability of space at the student’s grade level in the requested school *and these priorities*:

1. Neighborhood school (guaranteed placement).
2. Siblings residing within the Partner Zone are selected first, followed by siblings residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation).
3. Students residing in the Partner Zone. OPS remains committed to diversity in our schools. Applications are prioritized within the Partner Zone between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.
4. Students residing outside the Partner Zone (not eligible for transportation). Applications are prioritized for any remaining space between schools with significantly different neighborhood characteristics.

**TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY** (The school choice application must be received by January 29, 2019)
- Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend their neighborhood school and reside more than 1.0 mile from their elementary school or more than 1.5 miles from their middle school.
- Students are eligible for transportation IF they attend one of their Partner Zone schools and reside more than 1.0 mile from the elementary school or 1.5 miles from the middle school.
- Students are NOT eligible for transportation IF they attend any school outside of their Partner Zone.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INFORMATION**
If your child is currently enrolled in an early childhood program and will be age-eligible for kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year, she/he will be enrolled at the neighborhood school. If you would like to be considered for placement at a non-neighborhood school, you must complete the school choice application that will be provided by your child’s current school.

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS** will be held in January, 2019. Please attend Round-Up at your neighborhood school based on your residential address. School Choice Applications will be available at Round-Up and throughout the month of January for families who wish to request a non-neighborhood school(s). Round-Up dates will be posted on the OPS Web page or check the date with your neighborhood school.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RECRUITMENT LETTERS** will be mailed in December to families of students currently in the last grade level of their school. The purpose of the letter is to provide information about middle schools and their respective Open House dates.

If you have questions about the Omaha Public Schools Partner Plan or the School Choice process, please contact the Student Placement Office at (531) 299-0302.