Dear Wakonda Families,

“We’re More Beautiful When We Come Together!” Our Black History program was nothing short of AMAZING thanks to the SUPERSTAR talents of the children that you are raising! THANK YOU to everyone that was able to join us for our celebration. If you weren’t able to you, can see pieces of the performances on Class Dojo. The future of our world is very bright as we put it into the hands of the students at Wakonda. I look forward to seeing all of our kids, set goals, pursue their passions and make history themselves!

Speaking of setting goals, our students have been setting goals in the classrooms in several areas! Please spend 10-15 minutes each night practicing your child’s math facts with them. We are working to have them know their math facts automatically. We have also set some big goals in reading. Students need to be reading each night for 15-20 minutes. You can either have them read to you or you can read to them and then talk about what happened in the book. When students can retell and discuss what they’ve read, we can tell they really understand it! In addition to math facts and reading books, students have access to Exact Path, an online reading and math program. They can login and work toward hitting their “TROPHY GOAL” while they are at home! This will help us hit our SUPERHERO learning goals in every classroom!

I am so proud of the work that we have done so far this year! We will snuggle in these last few days before conferences and then even though it doesn’t feel like spring...please enjoy your Spring Break...and we look forward to welcoming everyone back...with SUNNY weather on Monday, March 18th!!

Wakonda Forever!
Jennifer LeClair
Principal

Parent Teacher Conferences!

Parent teacher conferences are a GREAT chance for us to share the SUPERPOWERS your student brings to the classroom each day and learn more from you about how to help them SOAR even further...both academically and socially! We can’t WAIT to sit beside you and talk!

All classes with 100% participation will have parties with HOT TAKIS and JUICE BOXES because when school and families get together...they are like SUPERHEROES with FIRE and ICE...UNSTOPPABLE!
### School Safety

We recently completed a School Safety Audit with the State of Nebraska. We are proud to say that we have a LOT of procedures and practices in place to make sure we are providing a safe learning environment for our students.

You will notice us asking for your help to make sure we are doing even better in the following ways:

1. We will be asking visitors to sign OUT when they leave the building. All visitors do a great job of signing in so we know who’s here. However, if there were an emergency, we wouldn't know which visitors were still here and which had left. Therefore, **we will ask you to sign in when you get to the building, and sign out when you leave.** It is actually a policy that we should have been following all along. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe!

2. We would like your help in making sure we have the most current phone numbers on file. If your phone number has changed (or ever changes), please call Mrs. Hernandez, our new secretary, 531-299-2180 and she will get it updated in our records. This way we can always get ahold of you in the case of any kind of an emergency!

THANK YOU for helping us take these VERY simple next steps in making sure that all of the students, staff, and visitors at Wakonda are safe at all times!

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### Attendance Heroes!

The snow and ice have made it more difficult... Please remember that breakfast doors open at 7:55... school starts at 8:20 and work continues until 4:00 for all students PreK through grade 5 at Wakonda. Be an attendance HERO... Here Everyday Ready On time! Did you know that being just 15 minutes late to school each day or leaving just 15 minutes early is that same as missing over SIX DAYS of school? That adds up to a lot of missed learning!

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### March:

1. Read Across America Kick Off—Wear Green for Green Eggs and Ham!
2. Crazy Socks Day for Fox in Socks!
3. Hat Day for Oh the Think You Can Think!
4. Dress Up Day for A Great Day for UPI!
5. Pre K No School
6. 5th Grade to Rose Theater
7. Parent Teacher Conferences 4:15–7:30
8. No School Parent Teacher Conferences 1:00–7:30
9. 3rd Quarter Break
10. No School Happy Spring Break!
11. Popeye’s School Night 4:00–8:00
12. ESL Parenting Class 8:30 am
13. PTO Meeting 5:00
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- Coffee, Snacks, & Beverages
- PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) Office
  - Fundraisers
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**Three 4 Me**
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**Every minute counts…10, 15, 20, 30.**
Each quarter a name will be drawn for a **PRIZE**.

**Parent Headquarters: Room 1**

**Volunteers Needed**
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