Dear Wakonda Families,

As a matter of student safety, I want to remind you that we serve breakfast from 7:55-8:20. Our breakfast doors open at 7:55. If you are dropping students off please keep them in your car until you see an adult at the door. If your students walk to school, please make sure they leave at a time that they will arrive at 7:55 or shortly after. There have been students arriving at school as early as 7:30 and we do not have staff available to supervise students before 7:55.

In recent weeks, we have had students coming to school at 7:30 and then leaving school property to buy pop, chips and candy in the neighborhood. Other students have been stopping to buy items on their way to school or on the way home. Please speak with your child about your expectations for stopping places in the neighborhood. Our message to students is that they should come straight to school and go straight home. We want them to be safe and for you to know where they are at all times. Stopping anywhere along the way can put them in danger. Please discuss this with your child. Know that once children are on school grounds, they are not to leave. Also, our handbook states that students should not have pop at school. They would also need to save the candy or chips until after school and if they cause a distraction to them or other students they will have to be taken and picked up by their parents.

Thank you to everyone that came to our Grandparent’s Day Celebration and Open House! We look forward to seeing you again for Parent Teacher Conferences and hope you can join us for our Halloween Parties and Parade! Please reach out to Ms. Williams in the Parent Room or your child’s teacher if you would like to help with the parties!

Wakonda Forever!
Jennifer LeClair
Principal

Strive for 95

Strive for 95 means, striving for 95% attendance in the year. That means 9 or LESS absences for the WHOLE year. That is the tipping point for student learning. Please call the office if your child will be absent and provide a doctor’s note if your child is gone for an appointment. After 8:20, students are tardy and leaving before 4:00 counts as early dismissal. Those minutes count as time absent and can quickly add up to days.

Help your child STRIVE for 95!
Parent Teacher Conferences will be Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th. Last year we had 96% parent participation for conferences and this year our goal is 100%. Every class that has 100% participation will earn a popcorn and pajama party! Please call the office or send your child’s teacher a dojo message to schedule your conference today! We look forward to sharing all of the progress we are seeing in their learning! It’s A.Ma.ZiNg!

MAP Testing
All students have completed their MAP tests and we are thrilled with where we are starting the year! Students are showing growth and excited about the goal setting they are doing with their teachers. We look forward to sharing their MAP scores, goals and steps for success with you at conferences. Knowing how to set goals, take steps toward progress each day and monitor progress along the way is a life skill that we are proud of students for learning through math and reading!
The Alice Buffet Teaching Award is awarded each year to a select few teachers that go above and beyond in making a difference for the students they serve each day. Nominate a Wakonda teacher to win $10,000 cash, $1,000 McDonald’s Gift Certificates, and a Buffet Teaching Medallion. The nomination is as simple as telling the story of how one of your child’s teachers has made a difference in their life at https://buffettoutstandingteachers.org/nominate
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October 17, 2019
Wakonda Elementary
Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Mobile Food Pantry
Volunteers Needed
• 10/11 Popcorn & Pickles
• 10/16 Jimmy John’s Signs
• 10/17 Mobile Pantry
Orders Due Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Orders Delivered Friday, October 11, 2019
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Popcorn $0.25…….Pickle $0.50
*Please contact Ms. Williams if you would like to volunteer.
Families must bring bags or boxes to pack food.

Every Clip Counts!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION
Earn money for our school by CLIPPING or SCANNING Box Tops. Keep sending them in.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE
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Over 100 people attended. Way to go Wildcats!

I’M SUPPORTING WAKONDA!
Support our school & enjoy delicious Jimmy John’s for dinner.
4PM TO 9PM—October 16, 2019
15% of proceeds will be given back to Wakonda
Be sure to say “I’m Supporting Wakonda!”
7406 North 30th St, Omaha, NE

World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
We are excited to begin our World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser
Students win prizes for each box sold

PTO Meeting
Parent Teacher Organization
Let us work together to make this an award winning year.
October 10, 2019, 5:00 PM
Dinner & Child Care (RSVP for Child Care)

VIP Volunteers
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- **Monday**: 5th gr. to Lauritzen Gardens
- **Tuesday**: 3rd gr. to Rose Theatre
- **Wednesday**: PTO Meeting 5:00
- **Thursday**: Popcorn & Pickles Money Due
- **Friday**: No School
- **Saturday**: 12:00-7:45

**Food Pantry**

- **Tuesday**: 4:30-6:30
- **Thursday**: 4:30-7:45

**Parent Teacher Conferences**

- **Tuesday**: Jimmy John's Family Night 4-9
- **Thursday**: 4:30-7:45
- **Friday**: 12:00-7:45

**Early Childhood**

- **Tuesday**: Early Childhood Dress Up Day
- **Thursday**: 3rd gr. to SAC Museum
- **Friday**: 3rd gr. to SAC Theatre

**End of 1st Qtr.**

- **Wednesday**: Early Childhood

**Candy Fundraiser Ends**

- **Thursday**: No School

**Popcorn & Pickles Delivered**

- **Friday**: No School

**End of 1st Qtr.**

- **Saturday**: No School