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School Office

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Halloween Dance Monday, October 30th

Reminder to parents: Students are not allowed to leave and come back for the dance. They have to stay after school, and the dance will be over at 5:00. Costumes are allowed for the Halloween Dance but students cannot wear them to school. They will have to change at school before the dance starts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PRIDE STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER:

6th Grade: Allyson F. and Mason S.

7th Grade: Grace D. and Fernando R.

8th Grade: Karly W. and Xavier W.

Homework Club

WMS is excited to announce that we have started a homework club. Homework Club will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:10-3:45pm when students have a regular day of school. Students will be given a quiet place to work and there will be a teacher available for help if needed. Students are expected to come prepared with work to do and have arranged for their own ride home at 3:45pm. Please contact Miss Anderson with any questions (AndersonJA@winnebagoschools.org).

Veteran's Day

As we have done in the past, our Veteran's Day assembly will be combined with the high school starting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, November 10th in the high school gymnasium. If you know of anyone that should be included as a veteran to be honored at the assembly, please let Alison Behn know. Her email address is behna@winnebagoschools.org. Please give their name, address and branch of service.

Muffins with Mom

To support Families and Schools Together (FAST), Winnebago Middle School students and their moms (or other significant female relative) are invited for muffins and coffee/juice before school. Please join us! It is a wonderful way to start the day. The annual event this year will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017 from 7:00 to 7:45 a.m. in the Winnebago Middle School Cafeteria. Donations are needed for muffins and juice. An online sign up will be delivered to your email box soon ☺

These should be sent to the school office on Thursday, Nov. 16th.
Thank you!

PTO

As usual, the PTO holiday bazaar is in need of helpers. This is a great opportunity for those middle school students to receive their community service hours. If you are interested in helping out, please use this link: PTO Holiday Bazaar Helpers sign up!

<<https://goo.gl/PrZwbp>>

Rec Night

Our first Rec Night for this school year is scheduled for Friday, November 10th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The doors will open at 6:50 p.m. Students should have rides here by 9:00 p.m. when Rec Night ends. If a student leaves school during Rec Night, they will not be allowed back in. There will be drinks and some snacks available for purchase.

If you are able and willing to help with Rec Night activities, please call the school office at 815.335.2364.

Have You Asked Your Student?

1. Did you reach your AR goal first quarter? What is your AR goal for second quarter? Do we need to go to the library to get some more AR books? What has been your favorite book you've read lately?
2. What color is your card on the Spear-It wall? What have you done to earn the stickers and levels for PBIS?
3. How are you on supplies? Do you need any more pencils or pens or paper or....?
4. Can you explain your math problems to me? How did you get that answer?
5. What have you been studying in Science and Social Studies? Have you done any cool activities or experiments?

Handbook Policies

Attendance starting on Page 5 of our [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

Dress Code on Page 15 of our [2017-2018 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#)

PBIS Spear-It Wall

A special trip/activity is planned for those students earning the first quarter PBIS "Spear-It" award. These students will spend part of the afternoon at Cornerstone Corn Maze. We're looking forward to a great time on Friday, November 3 ☺

Love & Logic by Dr. Charles Fay

Bullying hurts, and we want it to end right now. Despite this desire, the reality is that we all have only limited control over the world and how our children are treated by it. That's why Love and Logic places a heavy emphasis on empowering children to become victors rather than victims.

In my new book, ***Bullying: When Your Child is the Target***, I provide specific recommendations for responding with compassion while helping our kids develop the skills required to protect themselves. Listed below are just a few:

Rescue only when necessary.

- We must rescue our children when they experience bullying so severe that it overwhelms their ability to cope physically or emotionally. That's what good parents do.
- Unnecessary rescuing creates weak kids who become more popular targets for bullies.

Listen.

- When our children are hurting, the most important thing we can do is listen with empathy, allowing them to express their full range of emotions. This can become difficult when we, too, are flooded with feelings over the issue. Listening means making the conversation about our child's feelings, not ours.
- Isn't it true that when we know how much other people care, it makes the struggles we are facing seem more manageable?

Empower them with the belief that they can cope.

- Down deep, children feel empowered when we ask, "What do you think you might do to solve this problem?" While they may lack answers to this question, asking it demonstrates that we believe in their abilities.

Give them some practical experiments.

- Learning to deal effectively with bullies hinges on our child's ability to remain calm, or even use a bit of humor, when the bully tries to upset or provoke them. ***Bullying: When Your***

Child is the Target, provides a guide for helping us talk with our children about how to do this.

People who learn how to handle bullying when they are kids, learn how to handle the bullies they will occasionally encounter as adults.

Love & Logic by Dr. Charles Fay - Part II

Do you make your kids do chores? Some parents think their kids have too much going on with school, extra-curricular activities, jobs, etc...to help around the house. This can have negative consequences. Jim Fay explains...

Sweet Aunt Sara has reached an advanced age. She is now so feeble that she can't take care of herself. You bring her into your home with the intention of making her remaining years comfortable. Since she is not strong enough to help out around the house, and knows that, you tell her that she no longer needs to help. You will take care of her every need.

Wouldn't you think that she'd be so appreciative that she'd become sweeter and sweeter by the day? Not so. You and I both know this is not what happens. In turn, she becomes increasingly difficult to live with. Why is this?

This phenomenon is known as hostile dependency. Embedded in the human soul is the drive to be independent. It is common to hate the feeling of dependency and quickly transfer the blame to those who make us feel dependent. Their good intentions are soon forgotten, as anger sets in.

This situation is often seen in teenagers who live like honored guests in the home; those whose parents don't expect them to do their fair share of the work around the house; those parents who treat their kids just as we are treating sweet Aunt Sara.

Do your kids and yourself a favor. Expect every member of the family to share in the workload.

Thanks for reading! Our goal is to help as many families as possible.