

WMS

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Oct. 2018

School Office

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2 XC A H, 4:00	3	4	5	6 XC IESA Sectional, TBA
7	8 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	9	10	11 Picture Retakes, 8:00	12	13
14	15 Academic, H, 3:45	16	17	18	19 Book Fair 7:30-3:30pm	20
21	22 Book Fair, 7:30-3:30pm Academic, H, 3:30	23 Book Fair, 7:30-3:30pm	24 End of 1 st Quarter Student Dismissal 1:00pm Book Fair, 7:30-7:30pm Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm Click here to schedule your Parent/Teacher Conferences online ☺	25 Parent Teacher Conferences 1-7:30pm NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE Book Fair, 1-7:30pm Click here to schedule your Parent/Teacher Conferences online ☺	26 SIP DAY NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	27
28	29 Academic @ Byron, 3:45	30	31 Halloween Dance, 3:10-5:00	Cathy Finley Principal Patrick Brûlé Assistant Principal		

***All dates are subject to change. Check daily announcements online for current information.
<http://www.winnebagoschools.org/schools/middleschool/announcements>

Infinite Campus Parent and Student Portal

All students and parents should have now received email information to log in to Infinite Campus. Here you will be able to see student grades and attendance records.

Here's a quick video introduction to Infinite Campus:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfnpwRVZVRk&feature=youtu.be>

Scholastic Book Fair

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. An amazing selection of books is headed our way! At the Book Fair you will find the latest and finest titles for kids, as well as books of interest to parents. Mark your calendar for our Family Event where the whole family can shop during parent/teacher conferences. And, you can contribute books to your child's classroom library. The Book Fair is a great way to get everyone excited about reading.

Here's a brief video that highlights the big dreams that can be realized through family reading:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/family>

See you at the Book Fair!

- Friday, October 19 open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Monday, October 22 open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, October 23, open 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 24 open 7:30 am - 7:30 pm
- Thursday, October 25 open 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Use this address for more information and shopping online. Shopping online is available October 13 through October 28:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=winnebagomiddleschool>

Registration for WMS Activities and Athletics

Registration for WMS Activities and Athletics is now open. Please follow the link provided to register your child.

<http://bagoathletics.com/>

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with individual teachers. There is also a second date for Parent Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. [Click here](#) to schedule your Parent/Teacher Conferences online ☺

Safety Drills

Each year our students and staff practice a variety of safety drills to prepare for emergencies. They practice bus and building evacuations, shelter in place for inclement weather, and lock down drills when dangerous situations exist inside or outside of the buildings.

Legislation (SB 1625) requires all schools to include Active Shooter Drills and training. To prepare our students and staff for an active shooter is a sobering topic that is not easy to discuss; however in spite of this topic being difficult and uncomfortable to plan for, it is imperative that we provide our students with options to stay safe. We will be reviewing these procedures specific to Active Shooter Drills with students on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. Please take a moment to talk with your child prior to the drill. After the drill on Wednesday, we hope you talk with them again about the different safety procedures they learned at school so that it will help to solidify their learning of these important, life-saving procedures.

Of course, as with all of our safety drills, it is our hope that we will never need to use our active shooter training in a live situation. Also, the more we practice and discuss our plans for any emergency situation, the more prepared we can be to handle a true emergency and achieve the ultimate goal which is to safely survive the event.

Citizenship Award 2018-2019

Please review the attached sheet if your student may be interested in completing some community service activities.

High Honor Roll and Honor Roll

Student performance is recognized each quarter by publishing an Honor Roll List on our school website and posted in school. There will be no awards ceremonies at the end of the school year for our 6th and 7th grade students. We will have 8th Grade Promotion in May.

Students will be recognized at two different Honor Roll Levels:

- High Honor Roll - Students with all As
- Honor Roll - Students with all As and Bs
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FAST - Mark Your Calendars

FAST held their first meeting in September. We planned a number of events. We hope you can join us! Volunteers are still needed for Rec Night Friday, November 30th. Please contact the school office if you can help that night: 815-335-2364.

- Muffins with Mom - Thursday, November 8th
- Rec Night - Friday, November 30th
- Father Daughter Dance - Saturday, February 2nd

Halloween Dance Wednesday, October 31st

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.

Box Tops

Welcome back to school, parents! My name is Rhonda Furseth, and I'm thrilled to be our school's Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator.



Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products. All you have to do is clip them and send them to school.

Last school year, we earned \$478.10 for our school from Box Tops. This school year, our goal is to earn \$1,000.00.

For more information on Box Tops, including a list of participating products, go to BTFE.com. Be sure to sign up as a member (it's free!) so you can check out our school's earnings details and get access to coupons and bonus offers.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm here to help make our school's Box Tops for Education™ program a huge success this year.

Thanks for your help!

Rhonda Furseth, WMS Librarian
fursethr@winnebagoschools.org

Winnebago Adopt-a-Family Program Change

This 2018-2019 school year, Adopt-a-Family will hold a weekly program sign-up for families in need of a little help for the holidays. Instead of paperwork being sent home to families, families will need to come to Simon Elementary to sign-up for the program.

This is how it works:

- If you're a family in need of help for the holidays, you can **sign-up** for the **Adopt-a-Family** by coming to **Simon Elementary EVERY Tuesday** beginning **September 4th-October 23rd**.
 - Sign-up times are **8am-10am and 3pm-5pm**.
- You **MUST** complete the paperwork while at Simon. Paperwork may not be taken home and returned.
- If you have any questions, please contact Erin Freeman at #335-2318 or by email at freemane@winnebagoschools.org

Adopt-a-Family helps with food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and Christmas gifts. It also can supply toiletry items, if needed.

Student Illness at School

Students who are feeling sick while at school must first contact the school nurse and/or building administrator prior to parent/guardian arrival. Students who need to leave the school, due to an excused reason, must receive permission to do so from the school nurse and/or building administrator. Please remind your student to see the nurse or office staff if they are not feeling well.

More detailed, important information about policies and procedures for attendance and absences can be found in our [2018-2019 District 323 Student/Parent Handbook](#) starting on Page 5.

Bullying: When Your Child is the Target

Listen

I can't imagine how bad this must feel for you.



Empathize... don't try to fix it.

Help them feel strong

What do you think you might try?

Get their perspective.



Get them thinking about solutions



Some kids decide to...

*... Act calm and joke with the bully,
"Thanks for noticing."*

*... Slowly move near an adult or friend
without saying anything.*

*... Feel empathy for the bully instead
of taking what they say personal.*

*... Confront the bully by saying,
"Stop it! That's bullying!"*

... Report it to a teacher or other adult.

What solution will work best for you?

Rescue or protect... but...



... do this only when absolutely necessary.

Bullying...

Teach your kids to be victors... not victims.

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