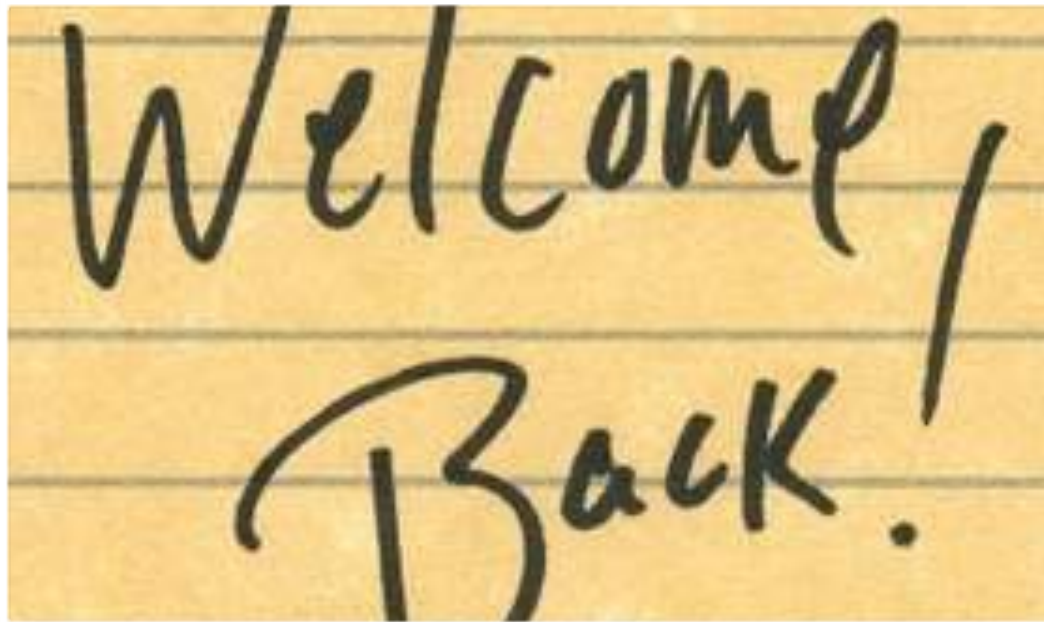


Wahoo Middle School

Inspiring our students to thrive & BE AWESOME!!



BREAKING NEWS:

Welcome back parents and students!

It's hard to believe, but the second semester of this school year is here. The Wahoo Middle School Staff is excited to be back in school! This semester will mark the beginning of not only a new year, but new activities, programs, and student expectations.

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Student iPad/Device
Expectation

School Contact Information:

2201 North Locust
Street - Wahoo, NE
68066

(402) 443-3101

MAY DATE REMINDERS:

- Next MS PTO Meeting -
Monday January 14th @
7:00 PM
- January 16th - 1:30 PM
Dismissal - Staff
Development
- January 18th - MS PTO
Potato Feed - 5:00 PM

ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES DATES:

- January 28th - MS Girls
Basketball - HOME vs. Ft.
Calhoun - 5:00 PM



WHAT'S UP!?!....AT WAHOO MIDDLE SCHOOL

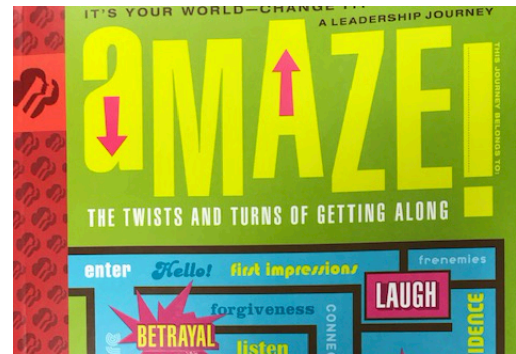
BE A FREIND FIRST

NEW Program starting up for MS Girls.

Female students at Wahoo Middle School will be invited to participate in a Girl Scout bully prevention program called Be a Friend First. This program will help girls utilize social and leadership skills to prevent bullying, stand up for others, and develop skills to deal with recreational aggression. Throughout this semester girls can learn to lead with friendship at Wahoo Middle School and the community of Wahoo.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Wahoo Middle School Office at (402) 443-3101.

More information is located on Page 3.



**Life is a maze.
Navigate its twists
and turns and you
find true friendships,
meaningful
relationships, and
lots of confidence to
boot.**

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - MRS. KIM SCHNAKENBERG (7TH MATHEMATICS)

Hometown: McCook, NE

College/University Attended: UNL

Hobbies: Outside adventures, cooking, and attending my kids activities.

Interesting Facts: While traveling, my family loves to hit eating joints featured on Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. Had to prove to my kids this past summer that my picture is found in the Nebraska Softball Hall of Fame in Hastings. I was a member of 2 class B state champion teams from McCook in 1984 and 1989....they laughed.



BE A FRIEND FIRST

What will MS students learn?

What will girls learn and why does it matter?

- Whether by diffusing a situation with the right words or knowing when to get help from an adult, girls learned to stand up for themselves and others.
- Girls recognized what healthy friendships look like – and can now develop more of them.
- Girls develop relationship skills and can now make better decisions to avoid forming cliques, gossiping and teasing others.
- Girls can resolve conflicts more peacefully – a skill needed daily!
- Girls develop skills to deal with today's relationship issues which involve via social media and texting as well as in-person.

Girl Scouts is addressing four outcomes in this program:

- Healthy relationships
- Community problem solving
- Conflict resolution
- Strong sense of self

Girls will be pre and post surveyed for these outcomes in order to measure the success of the program.

Middle school is a crucial time of transition and adjustment and is also when bullying behavior tends to peak, making these years the most important time to promote core values and develop critical social and leadership skills. More than 180,000 students miss school daily in the United States due to fear of bullying by their peers. This program helps girls have voices to make change in order to help them feel safe and confident at school in a girl-only space.

Girl Scout staff will deliver the program weekly. Please ask your daughter about the program. At the conclusion of the curriculum, girls will work together to develop a take action project to change the culture of their school community. Girls may want to discuss their project ideas with their family.

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

iPad/Devices

With the new semester upon us, I would like to update you on a new expectation for all Wahoo Middle School students. Having the 1:1 iPad device is a tremendous tool for students and staff, and no doubt plays a huge role in academic success and preparing our students for the future. With that being said, students will have new expectations for second semester, with regard to being prepared for class with these devices. Students will now be required to have their iPads charged at a minimum of 80% at the start of each school day. If a student's device is not sufficiently charged at this percentage, he/she will be given an office referral. If a student is given three or more office referrals, then he/she will be required to keep the iPad at school. If a student continues to have problems with the iPad being sufficiently charged and prepared for the school day, then more consequences will be issued and plans will developed.

Having iPads charged and ready for use at the beginning of the school day is vital for effective classroom instruction. We view students not having their iPads charged and ready to go as being unprepared for learning.

We appreciate your support with this new expectation, and ask for your assistance at home in making sure the devices are being charged and are ready to go for the next school day.

Recent Awesome Board Winners... Student's being Awesome & Kind!!



****MS OFFICE NEWS FLASH****

► Reminders from the office:

- *Report Cards will be mailed home January 11th.*
- *If after school plans change, please call before 3 p.m. to let us know.*
- *Any questions? Never hesitate to call, if I don't know the answer, I will find someone who does! (402)443-3101*

► Reminders from Nurse Trutna:

- *If your child is feeling ill we request that they come to the Nurse's office before contacting a parent. We ask for your help by encouraging them to go to the Nurse's office before you come to pick them up.*
- *If your child has a medical condition we need new Dr.'s orders every year.*
- *If at any time during the year your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease, please let Nurse Trutna know.*

Please try and read email messages sent home from the school.... always important to keep updated

HELPFUL INFORMATION & LINKS

www.wahooschools.org

**Middle School Daily
Announcements: [https://
goo.gl/6aSJ63](https://goo.gl/6aSJ63)**

**Lunch Calendar: [https://
goo.gl/DqnEYB](https://goo.gl/DqnEYB)**

**IXL Link: [https://www.ixl.com/signin/
wahoops](https://www.ixl.com/signin/wahoops)**

**Twitter: Wahoo Public Schools
@wahoopublic**

**More Wahoo Middle School
information: [https://goo.gl/
gyYdap](https://goo.gl/gyYdap)**

**Wahoo Public Schools
“Activities Calendar”: [https://
goo.gl/ZwCaju](https://goo.gl/ZwCaju)**

**Power School: [https://
wahoo.powerschool.com/public/](https://wahoo.powerschool.com/public/)**

Free Clothing Closet

**Calvary Church - 558 W.
16th Street, Wahoo
Thursdays 5-7:00 PM
Sundays 4-6:00 PM**

****Free clothes, shoes,
hats, coats, books, etc.**

All are welcome!!

Reminder!

**Keep collecting Box
Tops and receipts
from Wahoo Super*,
Corner Market and
SunMart. There is a
collection point in
the office.**

****Please note, we
have started
collecting Wahoo
Super receipts also.***

Wahoo Middle School PTO invites you to our....

Baked Potato Bar

**Friday, January 18th
5:00-8:30**

**During the Girls' and Boys' Basketball Games!
In the High School Commons**



Cost: \$5

**Includes: Baked Potato and
all the fixings, drink and
dessert.**