## March - 2019 School News

# Wahoo Middle School

#### Inspiring our students to thrive, BE AWESOME & Kind!!



## **BREAKING NEWS:**

Middle School SkillsUSA sends 39 students to conference.

39 Wahoo Middle School students attended the 2019 SkillsUSA East Middle School Conference March 1st at Metro Community College's south Omaha campus. They competed in competitions in the morning and attended leadership sessions after lunch. A great time was had by all, and we came home with 19 medals earned by 18 students!



#### School Contact Information:

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#### MARCH DATE REMINDERS:

- MS PTO Meeting -Monday March 11th @ 7:00 PM
- 1:30 PM DISMISSAL -March 13th
- Parent/Teacher
  Conferences March
  19th

#### ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES DATES:

MS Track & Field - April 2nd @ Columbus Scotus Invite / 9:30 AM

Check out full schedules on the school website under "Activities Calendar"



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

### **MS SkillsUSA Competition**

Competition results from the East Middle School Conference

List of competitions: Metric 500 Opening and Closing Ceremonies Powerpoint Presentation Applied Math Job Skill Demonstration A Job Skill Demonstration Open Team Engineering Challenge Mousetrap Car Race

#### Medal Winners:

Applied Math - Hannah Herrera 3rd Job Skill Demonstration Open - Hannah Herrera 1st, Korbyn Ferguson 3rd



Job Skill Demonstration A - Brin Egr 2nd, Sophie Brennan 3rd Metric 500 - Jack Mortensen 1st Opening and Closing Ceremonies -(Team C) Zoe Abramo, Grace Darling, Kearsten Peterson, Landon Spicka, Logan Scott, Megan Steele, Julien Krivanek 2nd Place (Team E) Lanta Hitz, Sophie Klein, Esmerelda Perez, Kaylee Ricketts, Carlee Woodcock, Aspen Eckley 3rd Place



#### **RECENT AWESOME BOARD AWARD WINNERS**

### **PRINCIPAL'S PAGE** Parents: How to survive this time of the school year!!

This time of the year is a struggle in most schools. The weather stinks, school work gets hectic, and routines are starting to get old. For parents and teachers, these last few months of school can feel like a marathon, attempting to keep kids from completely checking out from the classroom mentally—without losing your own sanity. Here are five things parents can do at home to help keep their children motivated in the classroom through the end of the school year:

- 1) *Give in to the great outdoors*.... Once the weather starts getting nice, spending outside time with your child will help manage his or her need to escape the indoors while he or she is busy learning in the classroom.
- 2) *Ask questions*.... Contrary to what you may hear from your child, his or her time in the classroom is valuable right up to the last day of the school year. Teachers are racking their brains every bit as hard as you to keep students busy and learning during the final weeks of school. Help them out by making a concerted effort to get your child talking about that learning at home. Avoid the impulse to focus on upcoming summer activities or indulge in complaints, and ask your child about what the day's lessons included. As always, express your own interest in those topics —enthusiasm for learning is infectious.
- 3) *Maintain a routine*.... Make a point of maintaining consistency in your child's homework time, family mealtime, bedtime, wake-up time, and any other daily rituals you have. This will help keep your child in the mindset for school and improve his or her focus in the classroom right up to the last day of the school year.
- 4) *Reflect on the year*.... Try having your child write a letter to his or her younger self from the start of the school year—what advice would he or she offer, what challenges can he or she expect, and what should he or she look forward to? This kind of reflection is a great way to get your child thinking about all the progress he or she has made throughout the year and motivate him or her to keep up the academic momentum.
- 5) *Provide some incentive*.... Never underestimate the motivating power of a little reward. Think about different incentives you can offer your child for displaying continued effort and achievement at school during these final months. Maybe it's an extra hour of TV time if he or she finishes all of the night's homework before dinnertime or a special outing if he or she achieves a certain grade in a subject that has been challenging. Big or small, dangling a carrot can make a big difference in keeping your child engaged throughout the end of the school year.

## STATE TESTING INFORMATION

It's that time of the year for state testing. Below are some important information for you to know about NSCAS.

- NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System)
- Testing will occur from March 18th to April 26th.
- Students will be tested in the areas of Math, Language Arts, and Science.
- > Teachers in these subject areas all schedule testing dates within the window or dates listed above.

## **MESSAGE FROM STUCO**

The Wahoo Middle School Student Council has some announcements from Secretary Kearsten Peterson.

- Student council will be selling heart-o-grams during the month of February.
- On Monday February 11th we switched home room representatives.
- On February 13th we held a Middle School dance for Valentine's Day and delivered heart-o-grams.
- Sometime in the near future we will be raising stuff for the animal shelter and will be delivering it.
- When the weather gets nice the student council and one representatives will be picking up trash along the highway.



## **\*\*MS OFFICE NEWS FLASH\*\***

#### Reminders from the office:

- If your child is leaving early or coming in late please remind them to sign in or out in the office.
- 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.
- We are continuing to see a increased number of illnesses. Please remember if your child is feeling sick or having a temp of 100 or higher please have them stay home until they are feeling better or 24 hrs fever free without the use of fever reducing medication.

## 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: <u>https://</u> goo.gl/6aSJ63

Lunch Calendar: <u>https://</u> goo.gl/DqnEYB

IXL Link: <u>https://www.ixl.com/signin/</u> wahoops

**Twitter:** Wahoo Public Schools @wahoopublic

More Wahoo Middle School information: <u>https://goo.gl/</u> gyYdap

Wahoo Public Schools "Activities Calendar": <u>https://</u> goo.gl/ZwCaju

**Power School:** <u>https://</u> wahoo.powerschool.com/public/

## <u>Reminder!</u>

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.

## **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!!