

# Wahoo Middle School

Inspiring our students to thrive & BE AWESOME!!



## BREAKING NEWS:

Start making preparations...the end of school is near.

The end of the school year is fast approaching. Please make sure you are keeping up with check-in procedures for students. Specific information will be sent home to you regarding the check-in process, fines, summer school, etc. Please call the Middle School office if you have any questions or concerns.

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### MAY DATE REMINDERS:

- Next MS PTO Meeting - Monday May 7th @ 7:00 PM
- May 22nd - End of the Year Awards Assembly in the PLC (8:30 AM)
- May 22nd - LAST DAY / 1:30 Dismissal

### ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES DATES:

- May 3rd - Track @ Arlington Invite



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

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## WALL PAINTING

The 8th Graders will leave their mark on Wahoo Middle School.

Every year in May the Wahoo Middle School 8th Graders get an opportunity to leave their legacy on the Middle School building. They get 5 minutes to paint their “Legacy Block” on the wall in the north stairwells of the building.

This painting started with the class of 2012 as 8th graders. Jason Libal and John Harris discussed ways to brighten up the Middle School. They also discussed ways students could become more invested in the building of a positive culture in the Middle School. The idea of a legacy block was born. Exiting 8th graders are allowed to brainstorm ways to remember their middle school years and illustrate their hopes for high school. The project also gives students something to look forward to the last few weeks of school.



**“This year, we will paint our 500th legacy block. It’s fun to listen to graduating seniors talk about their blocks and even go back and take a selfie with their artwork..” - John Harris**

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT - MS. CHERIE JOHNSON (7TH LANGUAGE ARTS)

Ms. Johnson is in her first year at Wahoo Middle School, but has been teaching in the High School for the last several years. She grew up a military kid and has lived in Alaska, Alabama, California, and Omaha. She has two daughters: KaDee and Tschida. KaDee is an 8th Grader here in the middle school, and Tschida is a graduate of Wahoo High School and is now a college student. Ms. Johnson loves teaching because of the variety of work, the challenges to be met, the problems to be solved, and most of all the students to love and encourage.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

## Why Student Council?

Hello my name is Isaiah Simon and this year I was in Student Council and my job was historian, this means that I had to take pictures of the events that were happening in our school. I thought that coming into student council I would have to do a lot of work and it would be somewhat difficult, but as the year went on it became more fun and enjoyable than laborious and struggling. Obviously being in Student Council had some benefits like getting out of school for a couple periods to go and do something for our community. My favorite project that we have done so far is going to South Haven to meet and craft-it-up with the residents. I'm very thankful for being elected for this job and I hope that everyone else thought that we did well.

I'm Gavin Pokorny and my experiences as the secretary have been very positive. It's been very fun and it's added more entertainment to my final year of middle school. As a student council we've had positive feedback from students which makes us feel accomplished. I am very glad we got to give service throughout the year. I would hope a lot of students run next year because this opportunity was great.

My name is Ben Thrasher and I have had many great experiences as Wahoo Middle School Student Council President. We have done many great things for the community and our school. I have enjoyed representing our student body. I have also enjoyed working with the many representatives from each home room. From stocking our vending machine with healthy

snacks to spending time with the residents at South Haven, I feel like we have really made an impact. My only hope is that when I leave 8th grade and go into my freshman year, our middle school will be better off than when we were elected into office.

I'm Andrew Waido and my experience on student council has been a blast. All of our service projects have been important. Picking up trash along the highway and spending time with the South Haven residents. Being the treasurer has been really fun with all of the hat days, heart-o-grams, and fall-o-grams. The other members of student council have been amazing as well.

My name is Kyan Lausterer and I think that one of the things STUCO has helped me with is showing more emotions. As dumb as that sounds, most of the time I'm "blah", but I think that STUCO has made me more visually happy and social. I also think it has helped me show more leadership even though I'm only the Vice Pres. I've had to fill in for Ben in a few meetings where I had to take more leadership then I have been used to in the past.



# PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

## Vaping & E-Cigarettes....PARENTS BEWARE!

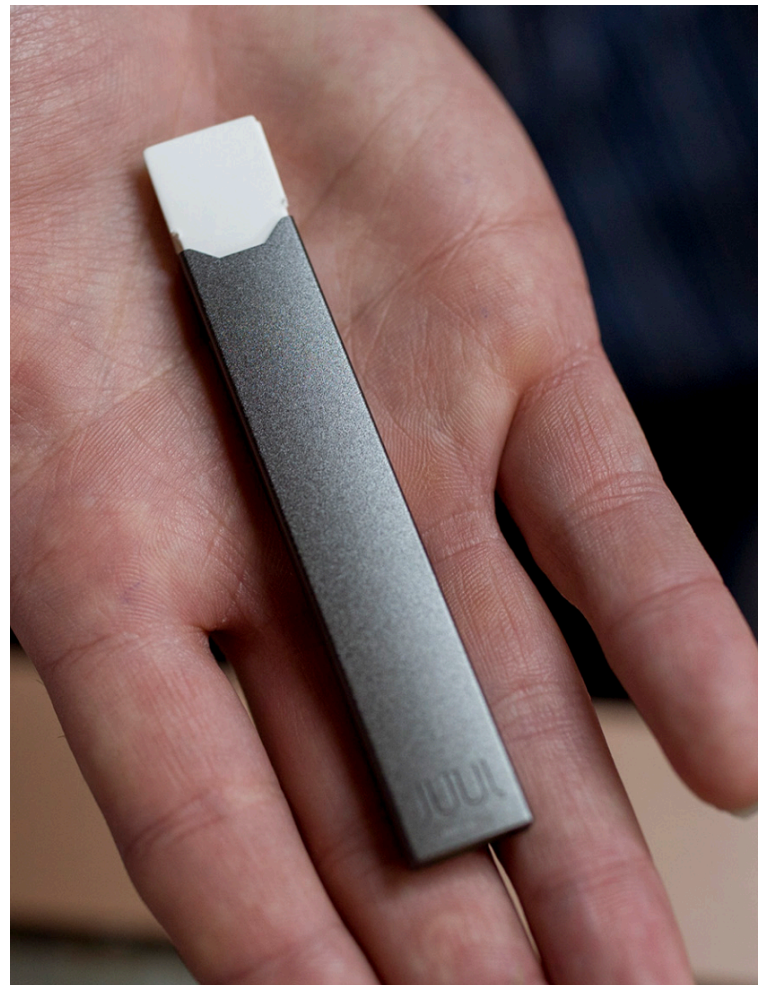
Wahoo Public Schools, as well as schools across the state and country, have seen a significant increase of vaping by students during the school day. Vaping and juuling (or e-cigarettes) is challenging to monitor in schools because of the equipment size and lack of odor and smoke. The equipment used by many students can be as small as a computer pin drive.

Vaping or juuling involves the inhalation of vaporized e-cigarette fluid consisting of water, nicotine, a propylene glycol base or vegetable glycerin and occasionally an aroma. The lack of smoke inhalation is what makes many electronic cigarette users believe that vaping is a safer alternative to smoking.

Since e-cigarettes were developed in 2003, it is difficult to say what long-term effects can occur after prolonged use. However, doctors and scientists do know that the liquid of electronic cigarettes often contains propylene glycol. It is understood that the chemical, which is also used to produce theatrical smoke, irritates the eyes and causes respiratory infections.

In recent years, the consumption of regular cigarettes among adolescents has declined, while the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) has increased. Be aware, and PLEASE have conversations with your son or daughter.

## Recent Awesome Board Winners



# **HELPFUL INFORMATION & LINKS**

**[www.wahooschools.org](http://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!!**