

Wahoo Middle School

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



BREAKING NEWS:

WMS StuCo organizes drive for the Buffett Cancer Center

Members of the Wahoo Middle School Student Council (Logan Scott, Garrett Grandgenett, Teegan Roberts, Sarah Kolterman, Branden Koranda, Kearsten Peterson, Alicia Foster, and Braylon Iversen) visited the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center on the campus of Nebraska Medicine in Omaha on Monday, November 19.

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AWESOME BOARD

Students recently
named to the Awesome
Board

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DECEMBER DATE REMINDERS:

- MS PTO Meeting -TBA
- 1:30 PM Dismissal -
December 12th
- NO SCHOOL - December
23rd - January 4th
(Christmas Break)
- January 7th - 1st Day
Back - Semester 2

ATHLETIC & ACTIVITIES DATES:

- MS Boys Basketball -
December 10th LINCOLN
CHRISTIAN - 5:45 PM
- MS Boys Basketball -
December 11th Elkhorn
Valley HOME & Away -
4:15 PM

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



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Wahoo Middle School recently completed a donation drive for the Buffett Cancer Center. When all was said and done, students were able to raise \$500, and about 1,000 items, which will be given to patients and their families.



WMS spent about two weeks collecting donations such as fleece blankets, stocking hats, money, crayons, coloring books, books for all ages, puzzles, stuffed animals, hot cocoa, apple cider, and much more.

The students commented on how much they were able to learn because of this, and hope to do this again in the future. In this season of giving, these middle school students certainly have lived out the WMS theme of being awesome and kind, and their efforts will greatly benefit many patients and their families.

WMS would like to thank everyone for their donations to make this possible!

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT – MRS. LINDA WALKER

Years of Teaching: 29 years

Hometown: Battle Creek, NE

College/University Attended: Wayne State College: BAE
Doane College: Masters of Education

Hobbies: Coaching, Outdoor Activities, Traveling, Spending time with Family & Friends

Interesting Facts about Mrs. Walker: I love being Grandma and Love a challenge...Went tandem skydiving in California last summer...jumped out of plane at 13,000 ft.



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

StuCo President

Letter from WMS Student Council President Logan Scott

First off, I'd like to congratulate everyone who ran for an office in the election. Through this process, I learned it takes a lot to campaign for an elected office. It takes a desire to win, it takes planning and organization, an ability to convey your ideas and beliefs to others, and most importantly it takes courage. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of your entire school and to present your ideas. And I want to recognize each student who stepped up to take a leadership role to better our school. I would also like to recognize and thank the student council officers for all their hard work and focus. It's going to be a great year!

This school year the council's goals include identifying ways to improve the middle school for students and to give back to the community through civic service. Our first step in meeting these goals is to provide healthy snacks and drinks for the students, by making sure the vending machines are consistently stocked. We are planning on having all the food and drinks in the machine every Monday and having them stocked as needed throughout the week.

For our first service project, we collected donations for the Buffett Cancer Center. November was Lung Cancer Awareness Month and the donations gathered provided support to families of individuals receiving cancer treatment services at the Center. We collected the donations November 7th through the 16th. As the school year progresses, we will look for other items and projects to improve the school, such as replacing the hand driers in the bathrooms or the benches in the commons.

Another goal of our Council is to engage as many students as possible in our projects. We hope that one or two of our projects will be of interest to you and that you'll join your Middle School Council in making this a fun and memorable year through service!

Logan Scott, President

Student Council

PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

MS HAL Students are getting great experiences

How are students identified as a “High Ability Learner”? Wahoo Public Schools’ criterion for classifying high ability students is the same throughout all grade levels. All personnel share an interest in placing high ability students in programs best suited to their needs and abilities. It is especially important that these students be aware of the options open to them. School staff always strive in making available learning opportunities to HAL students designed to:

- Develop knowledge and skills in their area(s) of competence.
- Develop the attitudes and skills needed for a) in-depth study of topics, ideas and issues and b) self-directed learning in one’s environment.
- Allow high ability learners to learn from and interact with others.
- Develop the attitudes and skills necessary to function in groups in both leadership and support roles.
- Understand and use their unique abilities.

Learner with High Ability – “Learner with high ability means a student who gives evidence of high performance capability in such areas as intellectual, creative or artistic capacity or in specific academics fields and who requires service or activities not ordinarily provided by the school in order to develop those capabilities fully”, Nebraska Revised Statute Sec. 79-1107 (3). The label “gifted” in a school setting means that when compared to others his or her age or grade, a child has an advanced capacity to learn and apply what is learned in one or more subject areas, or in the performing or fine arts. This advanced capacity requires modifications to the regular curriculum to ensure these children are challenged and learn new material, National Association for Gifted Children.

The Middle School HAL Program is directed by Susan Cherrington. Mrs. Cherrington is the 7th and 8th Grade Science instructor and is in her first year leading the MS HAL Program. Mrs. Cherrington has taken the HAL Students on a number of different field experiences this first semester and is planning more educational trips for second semester. Listed below are the places and experiences from first semester:

- **October 5th - University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Brain & Behavior Lab/Physics Department**
- **November 2nd - Joslyn Art Museum**
- **December 13th - Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum**

Recent AWESOME BOARD winners (Students being AWESOME & Kind!)....



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

► **Reminders from the office:**

- *Great job on the coffee sales! Coffee will be delivered before Christmas.*
- *Report Cards will be sent home the week of January 7th.*
- *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>**

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

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

Twitter: Wahoo Public Schools @wahoopublic

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

Wahoo Public Schools “Activities Calendar”: **<https://goo.gl/ZwCaju>**

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

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.***

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!!**