

# Wahoo Elementary News

*Inspiring Our Students to Thrive*

September 2017

## September Reminders:

September 4  
NO School  
Labor Day

September 11  
6:00-7:00  
PTO meeting

September 13  
**NO SCHOOL**

September 15  
Spirit Day

September 18  
Homecoming week

## Contact Information

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## After School Plans

*Parents please make every attempt to keep your child's after school plans the same every day. It is very difficult for children to settle into a routine when plans change daily.*

*Phone calls to the office for after school plans should be reserved for emergency situations only. All others **must** be made 24 hours in advance. If you have a change please send a note with your child or an email to your child's teacher.*

## Paper Work/Handbook

Please make certain that all paper work has been returned to your child's teacher. We need to update all information in our system to ensure that we have the correct contact information.

All students must return the parent-signature page of the student/parent handbook and the Enrollment Update Form.

## Homemade Treats

Parents, we do not allow homemade treats at school. This notice was included in the handbook that was sent home with your child. Thank you for helping us to observe this procedure. It would be much appreciated if you could try to select healthy treats for your child's birthday treat.

## Lunch Money

If you see this symbol on your child's hand it means that they need lunch money.



## Elementary Student Attendance at School Events



Our elementary students are encouraged to support their favorite High School and Middle School sporting events. Children under 11 **must** be accompanied by an adult to attend. If they are coming with an older brother or sister they need to be under his/her direct supervision.

We do not have elementary staff on duty at these events to watch your child. **Students are expected to be seated** and watching during games.

Activity passes are available in the Elementary office for \$35/student and \$45/adult. These are good at all regular home sporting events.

## Music Program Dates

K-1 Nov. 28  
4-5 February 13  
2-3 March 6

## Elementary PTO Meetings

Monday, September 11  
Monday, November 13  
Monday, January 8  
Monday, March 12  
Elementary Library  
6:00-7:00



# Principal's Pride



September 1 Anica Gannon  
 1 Jacob Rosenkrantz  
 1 Braylon Pacas  
 1 Caylee Graves  
 September 2 Jaison Meduna  
 2 Adam Dokulil  
 2 Braya Smith  
 September 3 Evan Reynolds  
 September 3 Naomi Perrigo  
 September 5 Mrs. Mumm  
 September 6 Mrs. Beavers  
 September 7 Graeme Hilger  
 September 8 Eli Barton  
 8 Natti Casarrubias  
 September 9 Mrs. Johnson  
 9 Jalen Gahan  
 September 10 Jaxsen Wilt  
 10 Elizabeth Brennan  
 10 Peyton Markvicka  
 September 11 Quentin Babst  
 September 12 Alexis Davis  
 September 12 Faith Davis  
 September 13 Griffin Thompson  
 September 14 Jaedon Augustine  
 September 15 Dylan Hime  
 15 Brock Lofgren  
 15 Hailey Havlovic  
 15 Nolan Pehrson  
 September 17 Tyler Fuller  
 17 Gracie Johnston  
 September 18 Ashtyn Price  
 September 19 Karissa Forbes  
 19 Mrs. Mortensen  
 19 Daniel Green  
 September 20 Elaina Peterson  
 20 Mr. Brian Carlson  
 20 Mrs. Alison Klein  
 September 23 Nolan Steiner  
 23 Caden Smart  
 23 Lea Govind  
 23 Cash Brigham  
 23 Erika Menjivar  
 September 25 Alli Clemon  
 25 Alexis Arehart  
 25 Mrs. Tina Hough  
 25 Landon Shanahan  
 September 26 Mrs. Lori Anderson  
 September 28 Gracie Peterson  
 September 30 Avery Harrington

## Kindergarten

Mrs. Beaver Amelia Hitz & Austin Anderson  
 Mrs. Fletcher Kynlee Anderson & Raelyn Carter  
 Mrs. Gregg Ayana Bartek & Eli Barton  
 Mrs. Stukenholtz Kyler Delozier & Abe Hammer

## First Grade

Miss Ludi Cael Krueger & Addison Smart  
 Mrs. Meyer Valerie Vinderslev & Conner Lowther  
 Mrs. Sailer Jaedon Augustine & Taylor Trutna  
 Mrs. Sherman Calder Simonsen & Bella Stephens

## Second Grade

Mrs. Chmelka Rease Johnston & Livia Sharpe  
 Mrs. Cooper Abby Pflugler & Luke Williams  
 Mrs. Dwerlkotte Ramon Barraza & Ruby Elder  
 Mrs. Lindstrom Ella Kramer & Jade Maly

## Third Grade

Mr. Carlson Emma Trutna & Lucas Westfall  
 Mrs. Christen Brandi Sutton & Kellen Wilt  
 Mrs. Nelson Ellie Warford & Jackson Kemmerling  
 Mrs. Quick Makayla Kenning & Evan Reynolds

## Fourth Grade

Mrs. Gigstad Ean Abolins & Kaden Christen  
 Mr. Kramer Joel Adams & Mya Aken  
 Mrs. Pearson Reid Koehler & Clara Sherman  
 Mrs. Shada Noah Abele, Hunter Williams & Maylee Zheng

## Fifth Grade

Mrs. Anderson Landon Brigham & Hailey Pflugler  
 Mrs. Dobesh Alexis Arehart & Emilio Zaragoza  
 Mrs. Rezac Austin Clemon & Trinity Rummel  
 Mrs. Thrasher Alex Borchers & Trevor Cervený

## LEAP

Lindgren/Colgan Brett Carlson & Kinley Gourley-Schmidt

## **District 39 Bus Rules Emphasis on Safety**

Riding the bus is a privilege, not a right, especially when safety is considered. Discipline problems will be dealt with and riding privileges suspended or completely stopped for students failing to comply with bus rules. A reminder of the bus rules and expectation of students are listed below.

- Cooperate with the bus driver
- Aisles are to be kept clear
- Stay seated and face the front
- No littering in or out of the bus
- No eating or drinking on the bus
- Drivers may assign seats at any time
- No animals on the bus
- Students may be dropped off only at their designated stop
- Emergency door is used for emergencies only
- All hands and feet must be kept to themselves
- Windows should be kept at proper levels
- Talk Quietly-----No Profanity
- Please remain quiet at railroad crossings
- Students must ride only their assigned bus. Friends of riders must receive; in advance special permission from school, presented by the parents and the bus driver must be notified. (Our buses are too full to transport additional students for parties and practices)
- Head, hands, feet and any objects must be kept inside the bus at all times.

Parents are urged to reinforce these expectations with their children and cooperate fully with the driver if the passengers are creating an unsafe environment for others. School officials do not want to revoke riding privileges for anyone, but that action will be taken if the situation warrants it.



## GRADE 4 NEWS - August 31

### Reading / Language Arts

Grade 4 is using a new comprehensive Reading / Language Arts program called "Journeys". It has been developed by literacy experts and backed by proven results. Journeys empowers students to achieve high expectations in reading writing, spelling, grammar and vocabulary.

### Math

We've been using the Saxon math program and textbook. This program has been designed to meet the rigorous needs of the Nebraska State Standards. We have been stressing "problem solving" techniques and strategies. There will be an assessment after every fifth lesson. Students should continue to practice their math facts. Several of the Math Classrooms also take advantage of the online "IXL" program. Grade Four is also participating in a Math Fluency Program called "L to J". The students take weekly Math Facts Quizzes and the results are tabulated and graphed. The score for this program DOES NOT affect the students' Math grade.

### Science

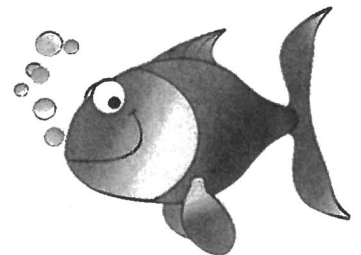
The classroom's are currently studying about Scientist and collecting data.

### Social Studies

We will focus most of the first semester on the 5 regions of the United States. The geography and resources of each region will be emphasized. Students will be expected to label each state on a map and match each state to it's capital.

Mrs. Shada  
Mrs. Gigstad  
Mr. Kramer  
Mrs. Pearson

## FISHING PHOTO CONTEST



Bring in a picture of you and your fish that you caught this summer into the nurse's office at the start of the school year (please put your name and date on the picture). On September 29th all the students that brought in a picture will have their names put into a hat and 1 student will **win a new fishing pole.**



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August 11, 2017

Dear Elementary Parents,

As I'm sure you're already aware, there is no better way to instill a love of reading in your children than to read aloud to them as much as possible (Reading together before tucking in your child in the evening is a great way to end the day!). Part of my job is to do everything I can to support this very important part of parenthood!

Your child will have library time twice a week for 25 minutes (50 minutes total). During one session we will teach a variety of library and information literacy skills, and read aloud from books nominated for the Golden Sower Awards (Nebraska's book award where students across the state nominate and vote for the winner. For more information, please see their web site: [www.goldensower.org](http://www.goldensower.org)). For the second session each week, your child will have the opportunity to check out books from our library collection. All students are allowed to have two books checked out at any given time.

As you can imagine, especially with very young kindergarten and first grade students, it is not always possible to find that "perfect book" for each child in the 25 minutes allotted. To combat this, you are invited to be involved in the process of choosing titles for your child to check out. Our library collection is searchable via any computer with an Internet connection. To access our electronic catalog, simply go to <http://wahoo.follettdestiny.com> (There is also a link on the Wahoo Public Schools web site [[www.wahooschools.org](http://www.wahooschools.org)]). Click on "Quick Links" on the top right side of the website, then click the "Library Catalog" button). Please feel free to search this database with your child to find titles of interest. Students grades 2-5 should be able to locate these titles on their own. For kindergarten and first grade students, simply forward these titles to me ([dprivett@wahoowarriors.org](mailto:dprivett@wahoowarriors.org)) or our elementary library assistant Laurie Tomjack ([ltomjack@wahoowarriors.org](mailto:ltomjack@wahoowarriors.org)). We will make sure those titles are set aside for your child to check out during his/her library time.

If you have any problems using this system, please contact me (443-4332 ext. 3232). I would be happy to help you over the phone, or better yet, meet with you in person to show you how the catalog works.

I encourage you to spend as much time as possible reading together with your child. In addition, I would also ask that you spend some time talking about how to be a responsible library user (taking proper care of books, returning books on time, etc.). For younger students especially, it is probably best to keep books in your child's backpack when they are not being read. Our district has made a large investment over the years to keep our library collection up-to-date, which I would venture to say is as solid as you will find in any school. It's important that all students do their part in protecting that investment with a few simple good habits.

Thank you in advance for your support of both the elementary library as well as your child's literacy—ALWAYS a worthwhile investment! Happy reading!

Sincerely Yours,

David Privett  
Media Director  
Wahoo Public Schools



Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Julie Warford and I am the Box Tops for Education™ Coordinator for the Wahoo Elementary PTO. Box Tops for Education™ is a school earnings program that helps schools earn cash to buy the things they need.

Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for schools and are found on hundreds of products. When students, families, schools, and communities work together to collect Box Tops, the money adds up fast. Last year, our school earned \$917.80. We can earn even more cash this school year with your help. Our goal this year is \$1000.00.

Please send the Box Tops you collect to school with your child, so they can give them to their classroom teacher. Every class has a competition to see who collects the most Box Tops each semester and the winning classroom receives a pizza party, popcorn and movie party, or extra recess time. Last year's winners were Mrs. Dwerlkotte (1<sup>st</sup> semester) and Mrs. Thrasher (2<sup>nd</sup> semester).

The first submission is due November 1<sup>st</sup>, so I will collect all Box Tops on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget to collect Sun Mart receipts and send them to school, too. Last year, we collected \$100,000 in receipts and the school received a check for \$1,000.00 in return!

Thank you in advance for your support! Have a great school year!

Julie Warford

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# Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

September 2017

Wahoo Elementary School  
Jane Wiebold, Principal

## Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites

### ■ *Big Dog and Little Dog Going for a Walk* (Dav Pilkey)

A pair of dog friends loves to take walks—especially if it involves splashing and rolling in mud! Your youngster will laugh as he tags along on this messy journey. (Bilingual version also available, with each page in both English and Spanish.)



### ■ *A Rock Is Lively*

(Dianna Hutts Aston)

They come in all shapes and sizes, melt if they get hot enough, and sometimes arrive from outer space. What are they? Rocks!



Using poetic language, this nonfiction picture book introduces your child to colorful varieties.

### ■ *May I Have a Word?* (Caron Levis)

Once upon a refrigerator, the alphabet magnets set out to tell a story. But when C and K begin fighting about who stole whose sound and who is hogging all the good words, it looks like there will be no “happily ever after.” F is for *funny* in this tale about the importance of teamwork.

### ■ *Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do* (Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook)

Your child can use clothes on a clothesline and rhyming clues to match people with their careers, then turn each page to see a worker in action. This simple story brings all the characters together for a party at the end.



## Reading at school, reading at home

“How do I help my child learn to read?” That’s a common question for many parents. Ask your youngster about the kinds of reading she does in school, and use what you discover to support her at home. Try these ideas.



### In a group

Let your child play “reading group” with her stuffed animals or dolls. Suggest that she give each “student” a book and “teach” reading strategies she’s working on like breaking big words into smaller chunks or using pictures to figure out hard words.

an at-home reading log, have her fill it out, and sign it if required.

### On my own

Your child likely has time in school each day to read all by herself. Her teacher may call it “DEAR” (“Drop everything and read”) or SSR (“Self-selected reading”). Try holding a daily “DEAR” time at home for at least 20 minutes. Each person picks any reading material (book, magazine, newspaper) and reads anywhere—on a couch, on the porch, or stretched out on the floor.♥

### With you

When your youngster brings home books from school, set aside time to snuggle up and listen to her read. You’ll get an idea of the reading level that’s right for her and see what topics she enjoys and is learning about. *Note:* If she has

## A writing nook

A cozy space can inspire your youngster to enjoy writing regularly. Consider these suggestions:

- Help your child find a quiet spot. He might use a chair tucked in a corner of the living room or a lap desk on his bed.
- Let your youngster pick out cool writing supplies at a dollar store like colored pencils, fancy paper, or gel pens. Then, he could arrange them in a box or basket to keep in his nook.
- Look for everyday ways to encourage writing. You might say, “Grandpa’s birthday is next week. Why don’t you make him a card?” Or invite your child to add a few items to your grocery list. Suggest that he write stories, poems, and plays, too!♥



# Create a comic strip

With lots of pictures and just a few words, comic strips are easy and fun for beginning writers to make. Here's how.

**Change a favorite.** Suggest that your youngster write new words for a comic strip he likes. Help him cut one from the newspaper and glue it on a sheet of paper. Cover the words with masking tape. He can add his own words in the bubbles or on the paper around the strip. What will each character say or think in his version?



**Start from scratch.** Have your child divide a piece of paper into frames. Then, he could invent a character or use one from real life—maybe his comic will be about the funny adventures of his cat. Encourage him to draw a picture in each frame and add speech bubbles to tell the story. To help him along,

ask questions like “What happens first?” and “How does Elvis the Cat’s adventure end?” *Idea:* He might like to create a series of comic strips about his character.♥

## Fun with Words

### Words all around

Even before youngsters learn to read, they get excited when they recognize words on road signs, stores, and food packages. Encourage your child to collect words to make a book she can read all by herself. She'll begin to connect the letters she sees with the sounds they make.

#### Find words

Give your youngster a notebook. When she spots a word she knows, she could write it or



cut it out and glue it on a page. For instance, she might clip “Eggs” from an empty carton or the name of a favorite restaurant from a take-out bag.

#### Read your book

After your child has filled a few pages, let her read her book to you. She'll build confidence in her reading ability because she'll know every word!♥

### OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children's reading, writing, and language skills.

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## Q&A Tell me a story

**Q** My daughter often asks me to tell her stories at bedtime, but it's not always easy to make them up on the spot. Any suggestions?

**A** Hearing stories develops your daughter's listening and language skills. You may find it easier to tell stories you're familiar with.

Children love stories about people they know—especially themselves and other family members. Flip through photos at bedtime, and have your youngster pick one that she likes. Her newborn picture could lead to a tale about the day she was born. Or a childhood snapshot of you may inspire a story about the games you played or what you learned at school when you were her age.

Another idea is to retell fairy tales or other children's stories that you know. If you're feeling creative, try changing the story as you go. For example, turn *The Three Little Pigs* into *The Three Little Bananas*.♥



## Parent to Parent

### “I love you” notes

My son Danny has always loved it when I tuck an “I love you”

note into his backpack. When he was learning to read, I asked his teacher for a list of words he was working on. Then, I used those words in the notes.

Sometimes I'd write simple messages like “You are number one!” Other times, I wrote a question, such as “What game should we

play after school?” The notes made Danny feel special and gave him extra reading practice.

Now secret notes are a tradition at our house. Danny's little sister Jamie is starting to read this year, and he writes notes to put in her backpack. And when I opened my suitcase on a business trip recently, I had a big smile when I discovered a note from Danny to me!♥



# SEPTEMBER 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1</b> Egg Omelet, Muffin, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk  Fiestada, Potato Salad, Pears, Cake, Milk  Bologna Sandwich
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Pancake, Bacon, Cantaloupe, Juice, Milk  Corn Dogs, Tri Tater, Baked Beans, Peaches, Milk Ham Sandwich	Breakfast Bites, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk  Pork Steak, Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy, Carrots, Bread & Butter, Pineapple, Milk Ham Sandwich	Waffle, Sausage Pattie, Strawberries, Juice, Milk  Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Corn, Applesauce, Milk Ham Sandwich	Egg Omelet, Biscuit, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk  Crispito W/Cheese Sauce, Tater Tots, Green Beans, Fruit Mix, Milk Ham Sandwich
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Blueberry Muffin, Watermelon, Juice, Milk  Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Hash Browns, Fresh Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Turkey Sandwich  <b>PTO Meeting 6-7</b>	French Toast, Ham Pattie, Orange Wedges, Juice, Milk  Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun, Tri Tater, Corn Peaches, Milk Turkey Sandwich	<b>***NO SCHOOL***</b>	Pancake, Egg Pattie, Kiwi, Juice, Milk  Cheese Pizza, Mac Salad, Pears, Cookie, Milk Turkey Sandwich	English Muffin, Strawberries, Juice, Milk  Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Apples, Milk Turkey Sandwich  <b>Spirit Day</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Biscuits & Gravy, Watermelon, Juice, Milk  Soft Shell Taco, Lettuce, Cheese, Carrots, Tropical Fruit, Milk Bologna Sandwich  <b>Homecoming Week</b>	Waffle, Sausage Links, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk  Pasta Bar, Garlic Bread, Cole Slaw, Banana, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Blue Berry Muffin, Cantaloupe, Juice, Milk  Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes W/Gravy, Bread & Butter, Calif. Blend, Peaches, Milk Bologna Sandwich	French Toast, Bacon, Pineapple, Juice, Milk  Orange Chicken, Rice, Corn, Fruit Mix, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Egg Omelet, Muffin, Banana, Juice, Milk  Cheeseburger W/Bun, Tri Tater, Green Beans, Oranges, Milk Bologna Sandwich
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Scrambled Eggs, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk  Hot Dog W/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk Ham Sandwich	Pancake, Ham Pattie, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk  Chicken Pattie, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas, Pears, Milk Ham Sandwich	Breakfast Sandwich, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk  BBQ Pork W/Bun, Whole White Potatoes, Corn, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Ham Sandwich	Waffle, Bacon, Cantaloupe, Juice, Milk  Pizza Hut, Potato Salad, Banana, Cookie, Milk Ham Sandwich	English Muffin, Watermelon, Juice, Milk  Egg Omelet, Hash Browns, Sausage Pattie, Carrots, Muffin, Strawberries, Milk Ham Sandwich

