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NOTES FROM MR. LABANSKY

As I write this, it is hard to believe it is the end of October since snow is on the ground! I continue to be amazed at the wonderful students, staff, parents, and community members of Wonewoc-Union School District. Thank you! We are all partners in helping shape the youth of our district and we are a team. Open communication is something I value. Moving forward, my goal is to have the monthly newsletters sent home at the beginning of each month. We have so many updates to share with you! One biggie is we will not have school on Friday due to the state volleyball tournament. I know a lot of notes have been going home lately so I wanted to recap some of them in this newsletter. As always, there are a lot of awesome things happening at Wonewoc-Center Elementary and we are so glad to be your educational partner.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at labagre@wc.k12.wi.us or by phone at (608) 464-3165 ext. 124. I would love to meet with you in person as well, but it is best to call to set up an appointment to be certain I am available.

BASE

There will not be any BASE programming on Tuesday, October 31st. Just a reminder, if your child is signed up for BASE, please call the office if there are any changes such as your child will not be attending on a certain night. BASE will be available on Thursday, November 2nd, so please contact us if your child will not be attending that night so we can make sure we have appropriate staffing.



NO SCHOOL

Due to the State Volleyball Tournament, we will not have school on Friday, November 3rd. Thursday will be a normal day.



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Our next meeting will be Monday, November 6th at 6:00 pm in the Wonewoc-Center School Library. Please enter through Door B (the set of doors to the left of the main doors). All parents and community members are welcome to join PTCO as the organization sponsors many events that benefit all elementary students. We would love for you to join us!

PTCO is also hosting another online Wolf Wear order! The next online clothing store will open on November 1st and close on November 15th. Delivery is expected by December 13th.



BOOK FAIR

We are excited that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon! It will take place from November 6th-10th. A letter will be coming home soon about this, but we want to let you know that the Book Fair will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences!



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On November 8th, students will be released at 1:00 pm. From 1:30-6:45, Wonewoc-Center Schools will be hosting parent-teacher conferences. At the elementary level we will be scheduling conferences in 10-15 minute time periods. Be sure to send the note back to school with your preferred time by Wednesday, November 1st. We will be sending out time confirmations shortly thereafter. Our goal is 100% participation as we want to meet with you!



FUNDRAISER

Redstone's North End is having a meat raffle on Saturday, November 11th from 2-4 pm. Please join in on the fun! The proceeds from this meat raffle will be donated to the Wonewoc-Center Backpack Program to help support families with food insecurities. The venue is located at S593B LaValle Road-LaValle. We appreciate the support!

RECESS

This is a reminder to make sure your children are dressed for our ever changing Wisconsin weather. When it is cold, students are expected to wear a winter coat, hat, mittens, or gloves. Boots and snow pants are required for students in grades 4K-5 when there is snow on the ground if they want to go off the blacktop areas. Please label your children's hat, gloves, coats, etc. with their name. Our policy is that we do go outside for recess as long as the temperatures is above zero degrees and it is not raining or snowing heavily.

LOST AND FOUND

Speaking of wearing appropriate clothing at recess, our lost and found table is overflowing! Please have your child take a look at our lost and found table to see if we can reunite them with some items. We will also have these items on display during parentteacher conferences.



ICE CREAM NOVELTIES

I have received some questions about this, so I thought I would clarify. In keeping with tradition, students in grades 3-5 can purchase ice cream novelties for \$1 during lunch on Fridays only. This is not available to students on Mondays-Thursdays.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Looking forward, remember we do not have school on November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.



CONVERSATION STARTERS: GRATITUDE

Gratitude will be our theme in guidance classes this month. One way to think about gratitude is "the readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness." Practicing gratitude can increase our wellbeing and our happiness.

- When you hear the word gratitude, what do you think of or what do you picture?
- Can you think of the last time you showed gratitude or thanked someone?
- What is something you are grateful for every day?
- When someone shows you gratitude, how does it make you feel? Why?

(excerpt from www.characterstrong.com)

UPCOMING DATES

October 31st—No BASE

November 3rd—1st Quarter Ends/No School

November 6th—PTCO Meeting

November 8th—Early Release for Students/Parent-Teacher Conference

November 22nd-24th—No School for Thanksgiving Break

