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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe October is half over! Wow the time sure flies by! I am so proud of the accomplishments of the students and staff at Wonewoc-Center Elementary over the past month! Here are a few examples:

- Students completed the i-Ready assessment for reading and mathematics that will help your student's teachers determine your student's needs.
- Elementary staff is moving forward with a program called Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports to help support students in making positive choices.
- Staff is helping students connect to the community through field trips including the 4K field trip to Jasper Apples. Students learned about apple production and all of the uses for apples. Students in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade went on a field trip to a farm where they learned about honey bees, vet care, small animal care, apples, maple syrup, honeybees, how drones are used in agriculture, and how to make ice cream. The Wonewoc Fire Department joined us on site to teach 3K-2nd Grade students about fire safety.
- Kindergarten through fifth grade students participated in the 10th Annual Great Apple Crunch with apples provided by Jasper Apples. Other schools, early care sites, colleges, and hospitals across the Midwest region also celebrated this event to promote local food in cafeterias.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a sweatshirt, jacket, water bottle, lunch box, etc. and they claim to have looked everywhere, please remind them that we have a lost and found table outside the office. With cool temperatures in the morning and warmer temperatures in the afternoon, our collection is growing. \odot

PTCO

PTCO is the name of the parent-teacher organization that contributes time and resources to Wonewoc-Center Elementary. All parents and community members are welcome to join PTCO as they sponsor many events that benefit all elementary students. We would love for you have more members! Please contact Mr. LaBansky for information on the next meeting if you haven't already contacted him. (A meeting calendar has not yet been set for this year.)

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Wonewoc-Center Elementary picture retake day is coming soon! Picture retakes will happen on Wednesday, October 25th. Please have your child ask their teacher for a form if they need one unless you choose to order online. You can visit mylifetouch.com to order packages before picture day with our school picture day id EVTTPZ9DF



CONVERSATION STARTERS: RESPECT

Respect has been our October theme in guidance classes. Respect is all about resolving conflicts peacefully. It requires listening to each other. How do you make sure that you are really listening when you are talking to someone? Is that harder to do when you don't agree with them? Why? How can you get past not agreeing with their opinion, but still respecting who they are?

Share a time when you felt that someone was disrespectful to you. Talk about how you wish the other person would have shown respect to you. Can you think of a time in which you were disrespectful to someone? What do you wish you would have done differently?

Respect can look and sound different depending on one's culture, but it feels consistent across communities. Discuss with your child what it feels like to be respected. How does your community show respect? You can reinforce respectful behaviors by naming them explicitly such as, "I see your respect when you wait your turn to speak" or "I feel respected when you ask me how I am doing." (excerpt from www.characterstrong.com)

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

On November 8th, students will be released at 1:00 pm. From 1:30-7:00, Wonewoc-Center Schools will be hosting parent-teacher conferences. At the elementary level we will be scheduling conferences in 10-15 minute time periods. Teachers will be sending home a letter soon so you can select your preferences. Our goal is 100% participation so we can find ways to continue to partner with you!



UPCOMING DATES

October 23rd-24th—Wonewoc Lions Vision Screening for Students in 4K-6th Grade

October 25th—Picture Retake Day

October 27th—Student Flu Shot Clinic

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