



# PUP PRINTS

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope that your summer was relaxing and full of adventures with loved ones. I want to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Greg LaBansky and I am honored to be the elementary principal at Wonewoc-Center. I am beginning my 24<sup>th</sup> year in education and second year as principal. I am beyond grateful to be a part of the Wonewoc-Center family!

We have a new staff member joining us this year at W-C Elementary! Ms. Peggy Mlsna will be teaching a multiage fourth/fifth grade class. We also have two staff members changing positions. Ms. Messer is now our Title I teacher and Ms. Shear is our second 4K teacher.

I will be sending a newsletter home monthly called "Pup Prints." Since a young wolf is called a pup, I felt compelled to include that in the name of our newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to keep you informed about relevant items so you can continue to play an active role in your child's education. 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](mailto:labagre@wc.k12.wi.us) or by phone at (608) 464-3165 ext. 124.



## SCHOOL START TIME

School officially begins at 8:00 for elementary students. Supervision begins when the doors open at 7:35.



## PARENT/GUARDIAN SUPPORT

Parents and guardians often ask, "How can I help my child at home?" These tips can help students ensure success:

- ✓ Get enough sleep and eat a nutritious foods
- ✓ Attend school regularly
- ✓ Arrive at school on time and ready to learn
- ✓ Follow the classroom and school expectations
- ✓ Schedule regular study times at home
- ✓ Complete all schoolwork on time

We look forward to partnering with you! Please remember we are a team and you are a valuable partner to us!

## CELL PHONES

Elementary students should keep cell phones in their lockers during the school day if they possess phones. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office and the message can be relayed.



## BUS CHANGES

To mainstream bus change requests, all bus changes need to be made through the office. Please do so before 2:00 pm to give us time to relay the message to your child.



## APPOINTMENTS

If your child is absent due to a health appointment, please have the provider give you a school excuse to clear the absence. The note should be given to Mrs. Roehling in the office.

## 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 to have more members! Our first meeting for the year is Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in the school library.

PTCO is also hosting another online Wolf Wear order! The online clothing store is now open and will close on September 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Wolf Wear Orders**  
(Includes Silverwolves Apparel)  
**Now-September 9th**

<https://sportsworld.chippily.com/wcptco24>



## PICTURE DAY

Wonewoc-Center Elementary picture day is coming soon! Pictures will be taken on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Picture package information will be sent home with students when we get closer to picture day.



## NATIONAL CHILD IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

An envelope from the National Child Identification Program either has or will come home. The National Child ID Program has distributed over 70 million inkless in-home child id kits since its founding in 1997. These inkless kits do not enter a database and are stored at home by parents, providing them with a gift of safety they hopefully never have to use. The kits take two minutes to complete and allow parents to safely store in their own home the vast majority of their child's vital information should law enforcement ever need it. This is a completely optional program for parents.

## FOOD SERVICE COSTS

All students will once again have access to a free breakfast this school year since Wonewoc-Center qualifies for a federal program that supplies breakfast for free. While breakfast will be served at no cost, there is a cost for lunch. The regular price for elementary students is \$2.80. If you have money left in your student lunch account from the end of last school year, it has remained in the account for the start of the school year. There is still the possibility for free or reduced cost lunch for qualifying families. To determine eligibility, the family must complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found by clicking on the paper bag icon at the top of the district website. I will also be sure that a paper copy comes home as well.



## **FOOD SHARE TABLE**

Sharing Tables are provided to reduce the amount of wasted food at schools. Children can place approved unconsumed food or beverage items they choose not to eat on the Food Share Table. Any student may share unopened, packaged food, milk, or fruit on the table to share with others. Other children have the opportunity to take these items at no extra cost.

## **ICE CREAM NOVELTIES**

In the past, students in grades 3-5 were able to purchase ice cream novelties during lunch on Fridays. To promote healthier food habits, we are no longer going to allow this.

## **I-READY**

Like last year, Wonewoc-Center Elementary will be using a program called i-Ready. i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. The purpose of this is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your student's learning.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.



## **BOOK TRUST**

I am beyond excited to partner with Book Trust. I sent a letter home about this awesome opportunity for our students. This phenomenal organization will provide your child with \$36 worth of books for FREE this year. I can hardly wait for the books to arrive and get them in the hands of students.



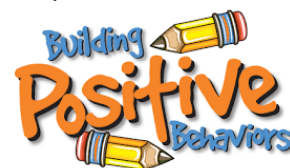
## **PBIS**

I am so excited that we are starting a new program called PBIS at Wonewoc-Center Elementary. PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports.

PBIS is a school-wide approach to discipline intended to create safer and more effective schools. PBIS is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom discipline systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. With PBIS, instructional time is more effectively used for teaching and the overall school environment is calm and conducive to learning.

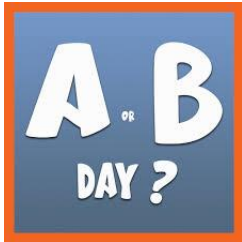
The three pillars we will focus on are being respectful, responsible and safe. Our expectation of being respectful means respecting the personal space of others and using kind words. The expectation of being responsible means having positive conversations, fixing mistakes, and cleaning up after oneself. The expectation of being responsible means keeping bodies, hands, and feet to oneself.

Different settings within the school have a matrix that outlines the expectations under the three pillars. The matrices are posted in various locations throughout the school so students can easily reference the expectations. Examples of the settings include the hallway, cafeteria, and restrooms.



## **A DAY/B DAY**

Throughout the year, you may see a reference to A Day or B Day. This pertains to the middle school and high school. Elementary classrooms follow the traditional Monday through Friday schedule so as elementary parents/guardians you may disregard anything that pertains to A Day or B Day.



## **UPCOMING DATES**

September 9<sup>th</sup>—Wolf Wear Order Window Closes  
September 16<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>—i-Ready Testing Window  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>—W-C Elementary Picture Day  
September 27<sup>th</sup>—FFA Food for America  
September 30<sup>th</sup>-October 4<sup>th</sup>—Homecoming Week  
October 11<sup>th</sup>—No School for Students/Staff In-Service

