

# Monday News

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to Wasco

## Good evening, Happy November!

We had a wonderful week last week ending with a very spooky Halloween parade and classroom parties, there were some AMAZING costumes, pumpkins, snacks and games. Everyone had a great time! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who devoted time to planning and hosting the festivities!

The following is a summary of November newsworthy notes and reminders for the upcoming week(s):

- Congratulations goes out to our Music Teacher, **Mrs. Andrea Therrien** and her family on the birth of their son Peter Shane. Peter was born today at 8:01 a.m. Mrs. Therrien will be on maternity leave until February. Mrs. Lynda Clementz, former Wasco music teacher, will serve as Andrea's long-term substitute throughout her leave. We are very excited for Andrea on the arrival of her new baby and so fortunate to have Mrs. Clementz returning to Wasco.
- **Operation Gratitude:** Greetings from Pack 150! For the last 2 years we have been donating candy to the troops through "Operation Gratitude" and we would like to continue this with the Scouts. The process is INCREDIBLY simple. All you have to do is donate candy after Halloween. So please put any candy that you and your family would like to donate into Ziploc style bags drop off in the Wasco School office. Donations will be collected this week only through **Friday, November 6th**.
- **The St. Charles Mothers Club** is sponsoring a drive throughout the month of November to collect Breakfast Bars and Juice Bags/Boxes to benefit students across D303. You can help out! Please consider donating boxes of Breakfast Bars and/or Juice Boxes to Wasco School. Please ensure breakfast bars are whole grain and contain no NUTS or nut products, juice bags/boxes must contain 100% juice. Donations can be dropped off in the main office now through **Monday, November 30th**.
- Wasco School will host a brief **Veteran's Day assembly** next **Wednesday, November 11th at 9 a.m.** in the Wasco School Community Room. Information was previously sent home -students are invited to write about a veteran and/or draw/bring in a picture of a veteran or active service member.
- 1st Trimester report cards will be available through HAC on **Wed., November 18 at 8 a.m.**
- **Parent-Teacher conferences** will be held at Wasco School on **Monday, November 23**, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and **Tuesday, November 24**, 8 a.m. to noon. There is **no school** on Parent-Teacher conference days. The sign-up for parent-teacher conferences is online again this year. The PT Conference Scheduling program called "**Pick-a-Time**" can be accessed through the Home Access Center (HAC) and is open now through **Wed., November 18**, for parents to schedule conferences.

- **Help Wanted!** We are looking for lunchroom/recess supervisors at Wasco School. This is a great opportunity to become involved at Wasco School and get to see your child in school each day (beside the extra income, this is the BEST perk of the position!) If interested please contact Nicole at Aramark: 224.388.5391
- Students have been discussing concerns recently about inappropriate activity and interactions on various **social media** sites. Although students have access to social media outside of the school day, if what students encounter impacts their ability to stay focused and be successful in school, we must address their concerns. It is critical that parents stay involved in their child's social media accounts and ensure students who have an account adjust their settings to private (rather than public.) Also, we've advised students to report inappropriate activity to parents and teachers and to never give out their password or "chat" with unknown users without parent supervision.
- This is the time of year when cases of **head lice** are typically reported to the school health office. To prevent the transmission of head lice, parents must conduct regular head checks and become aware of common transmission culprits. Attached is a letter from our health office with more detailed information.

Finally, I want to thank *everyone* for all of the support and concern expressed over the past several weeks regarding the future of Wasco School. It's been humbling, inspiring and heartwarming to witness parents (past and present) and community members come together in support of our wonderful school. It is because of the strength of this community that makes our school so successful!

Sincerely~

Barbara Stokke

**Attachments:**

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