

Wasco News & Notes

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to Wasco

Dear Wasco Families,



As we near the Thanksgiving week break, there many upcoming events and reminders to share with you to help you prepare for the days and weeks ahead:

- **Crazy Hair Day** is tomorrow, **Friday, November 20**. (Sponsored by the Wasco School Spirit Club)
- The **PTO Change Challenge** ends tomorrow. Send coins in with your child to be collected and applied toward the purchase of books from the Wasco PTO/Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Books purchased from the money collected will be donated to children/families in need across the tri-city area.
- The **Wasco PTO Book Fair** will kick off this **Sat. November 21** at Barnes & Noble (102 Commons Dr., Geneva Commons).
- **Books** make great gifts, but picking the perfect titles for your favorite youngsters can be daunting. We've attached a guide we've recently discovered that can help you find that perfect book to give your child as a gift this holiday season!
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** will be held this **Monday, November 23** (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and **Tuesday, November 24** (8 a.m. to noon). With only 20 minutes assigned for each conference, we want to ensure time is used to focus on your child's success in school. Please ask questions, voice concerns and celebrate progress! To prepare, consider the "BE HEARD" Principles for effective parent– teacher conferences:
 - **Best intentions assumed**
 - **Emphasis on learning**
 - **Home–school collaboration**
 - **Examples and evidence**
 - **Active listening**
 - **Respect for all**
 - **Dedication to follow-up**
- **Toys for Kids Collection** is underway- families can contribute two ways: bring new, unwrapped toys to the Holiday Electric Parade on Saturday, November 28th at 5:30 pm in downtown St. Charles, look for the float sponsored by the Rotary who will be collecting the toys during the parade; **OR** drop off new unwrapped toys in the collection box inside the Wasco School office now through **Friday, December 11th**.
- **Help Wanted: Lunchroom/Recess Supervisors**-This is a paid position through our food service provider Aramark. If interested in earning money while spending time at school either part-time, full time on a substitute

basis, please contact Nicole Grosh, Food Service Director, at [331-228-5028](tel:331-228-5028).

- **For parents of 3rd & 5th Grade Students**-Between November 30-December 18, all 3rd and 5th graders will be taking the Performance Series assessment, which serves as the achievement measure for the AT identification process. This is an externally validated measure of content-based knowledge. Students will complete an assessment for reading and math. Each assessment takes approximately 45 minutes and will be completed online.
- **Participate in D303 Parent Satisfaction Survey in December**-D303 invites all parents to participate in a Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey will be posted on the district website from **Monday, December 7, 2015** through **Wednesday, December 16, 2015**. To participate go to the district website, www.d303.org and click the link [D303 Parent Satisfaction Survey 2015-2016](#). Then click on [Elementary, Middle or High School](#). The survey is anonymous and should take about 10 minutes to complete. Parents are encouraged to complete a survey for each of their children. Participation in this survey is important for District 303 staff, parents, and students. Thank you in advance for participating in this opportunity!
- Princess/Superhero Breakfast Fundraiser hosted by North High School Student Council Senior students is scheduled for **Saturday December 12** at NHS Cafeteria 8:00-9:00 or 9:30-10:30 a.m. See attached flyer for details.

Attachments:

-  [Princess-Superhero Breakfast.pdf](#) (377.9 KB)
-  [Guidebook to Gift Books.pdf](#) (3.0 MB)