

**Good Morning! November 20, 2017**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences Mon., Nov. 20 & Tues., Nov. 21!**

We look forward to celebrating your child's accomplishments so far this year and their goals moving forward. The following questions can serve as a guide:

**19 Questions to Ask at Your Child's Parent-Teacher Conferences**

1. What academic standards do you use, and what do I need to know about them?
2. How will you respond if or when my child struggles in class?
3. What are the most important and complex (content-related) ideas my child needs to understand by the end of the year?
4. Do you focus on strengths or weaknesses?
5. How are creativity and innovative thinking used on a daily basis in your classroom?
6. How is critical thinking used on a daily basis in your classroom?
7. How are assessments designed to promote learning rather than simple measurement?
8. What can I do to support literacy in my home?
9. What kinds of questions do you suggest that I ask my children on a daily basis about your class?
10. How exactly is learning personalized in your classroom? In the school?
11. How do you measure academic progress?
12. What are the most common instructional or literacy strategies you will use this year?
13. What learning models do you use (e.g., project-based learning, mobile learning, game-based learning, etc.), and what do you see as the primary benefits of that approach?
14. What are the best school or district resources that we should consider using as a family to support our child in the classroom?
15. Is there technology you'd recommend that can help support my child in self-directed learning?
16. What are the most common barriers you see to academic progress in your classroom?
17. How is education changing?
18. How do you see the role of the teacher in the learning process?
19. What am I not asking but should be?

**Don't Forget! The Wasco PTO Book Fair will be open during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, Nov. 20th!**

## Report Cards

Report Cards will be accessible in Home Access Center (HAC) at 8 a.m. this **Wednesday, Nov. 22.**

## D303 Parent Survey Opens on December 4

The annual St. Charles Community Unit School District 303 Parent Satisfaction Survey will be available on the District website from December 4 through December 13. Parents of all District 303 students are strongly encouraged to participate.

This anonymous survey takes 10-15 minutes to complete and will be available at [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org) beginning on **Monday, December 4**. Parents can complete one survey for each of their children who attend a District 303 school by selecting "Take the Elementary, Middle, or High School Survey!" The survey is available in English and Spanish.

## From the Wasco Health Office

The winter months are creeping up on us and that means fevers, sore throats, colds, coughs, sniffles and runny noses...I would like to take this moment and inform you what I do here at Wasco Elementary when the germs come to visit.

If your child has a fever of 100+ I will call home to ask you to pick him/her up from school. School policy recommends your son/daughter to be fever free without medication for 24 hours before they return back to school. I highly encourage this so as not to spread the germs to the rest of the students and staff.

For sore throats and coughs without a temperature, I will encourage the student to perform a warm salt-water gargle and/or give them a peppermint to help soothe their throat. If you would like your child to have cough drops while in school for their sore throat or cough, they need to bring the cough drops to the Health Office. A cough drop is considered a medication (but not one I require a doctor's authorization for) and a choking hazard and the students need to be monitored by myself or the teacher.

For colds, sniffles and runny noses without a fever I encourage the student to drink water and rest in the Health Office for 5-10 minutes. They usually feel better after that amount of time. If you tell your child 'if you don't feel good, go to the nurse and have her call me,' **PLEASE** follow that up with an email to the student's teacher and/or me.

Parent Communication from the Health Office – Parents, students who come to the health office for a nursing evaluation of a health problem or injury, treatment of such problem or injury and/or nursing evaluation of a current or recurrent health problem can expect a follow

up telephone call home in order to alert them to the fact that their child was seen in the health office. The call will be tailored to the student need. If a parent needs to be reached promptly, multiple calls may be made (home, work, cell etc.) in order to reach them.

Students who come to the health office to replace a band-aid, use lotion, Vaseline or contact solution, get a snack, or use the bathroom etc. will **not** be called unless there are immediate health issues presented by the student or their behavior (the frequency of visits for non health care related needs detracts from instructional time).

Kindly,

Tina Ahrens, RN, Wasco School Nurse [331-228-2904](tel:331-228-2904) [Christine.Ahrens@d303.org](mailto:Christine.Ahrens@d303.org)

### **District Coding Night for families with students in Kindergarten- 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

Join us for a night of computer coding! There is no experience needed. Kids and parent teams will tackle self-paced coding puzzles through [code.org](http://code.org) and will write their first lines of code together! Don't miss this district-wide event.

[Code.org](http://code.org) is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding access to computer science. Their vision is that every student in every school should have the opportunity to learn computer science, just like biology, chemistry or algebra. Through their annual Hour of Code campaign, students from all backgrounds learn how to code right where they learn – in their schools. A flyer is attached. There are two opportunities for families to attend the coding sessions: [Click here to register.](#)

**November 28** at Wredling Middle School - 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

**December 5** at Bell-Graham Elementary School - 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

All Wasco Students will participate in the annual Hour of Code event during their scheduled LRC time, Dec. 4-8.

### **Grade Band Concert**

The Winter Band Concert will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at Bell-Graham School. Students will need to arrive at 6:00 P.M. to warm up and the concert will begin at 6:30 P.M. Students have been practicing diligently as a team to prepare a wonderful evening of music and as concerts are much like the "big game" in an athletic event, all team/band members are needed in attendance to make the concert a successful one! Students should wear nice dress clothes. If you have questions about the performance please contact Ms. Rice: [marianne.rice@d303.org](mailto:marianne.rice@d303.org)

## **District 303 has immediate openings in Community Preschool Program**

District 303 has current openings in its Community Preschool program that serves 3, 4 and 5-year old students who reside within the school district boundaries. Students who are progressing at a rate typical for their age as well as students who have identified disabilities or who exhibit at-risk characteristics are eligible for enrollment. Five-day per week sessions are available in both the morning and afternoon at Ferson Creek, Fox Ridge and Norton Creek Elementary Schools. Preschool teachers all have Bachelors or Master's Degrees and hold licenses from the Illinois State Board of Education that permit them to teach preschool students. In addition, each classroom has two teaching assistants who also are licensed through the State of Illinois. The inclusive, multi-aged, play-based program utilizes a developmentally appropriate approach to instruction based on the Illinois Learning Standards. Children's skills in all areas of development are monitored throughout the year, and progress reports are sent to parents three times per year. Cost of the program is \$285.00 per month, with a \$75.00 non-refundable registration/materials fee. For more information, visit the Early Childhood webpage on the District 303 website at <http://district.d303.org/early-childhood-services> or call [331.228.4834](tel:331.228.4834).

Have a wonderful week with family and festivities! Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Attachments:**

 [Family Coding Night 2017.pdf](#) (42.3 KB)