

Welcome Back!

November 27, 2017

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It was so wonderful to see all of the children returning to school this morning with stories of adventures, travel, family memories, mishaps and a few missing teeth! I hope you had a lovely time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving Break.

I have heard many times since Parent-Teacher Conferences how much the teachers appreciated their conference time spent with you! The conversations were focused and productive and the Wasco Staff would like to thank you for your partnership and involvement in your child's education. We are thankful for such supportive parents!

We are entering an optimal portion of the school year, 4 full weeks of uninterrupted learning! Our teachers always look forward to this time of year nestled between Thanksgiving and Winter Break to engage students in important and deep learning. So much momentum can take hold and as a result, significant learning and growth are possible!

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The following are notable items and opportunities for you and your family:

**Wasco Spirit Club & Tri-Cities Salvation Army sponsor Toys for Kids Toy Drive!
Now through Friday, Dec. 8th**

We are in our *final* two weeks to donate toys to the Toys for Kids collection at Wasco School. Donations for new, unwrapped toys will be gratefully accepted now through **Friday December 8th**. There is a decorative collection box located in the Wasco School lobby. Please read the attached flyer for details and suggested toys.

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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 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.

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Reminder-morning drop-off times and supervision:

Morning supervision begins **at 8:25**. To ensure appropriate supervision, please **do not** drop off students **before 8:25**. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Hour of Code at Wasco School (Students)

Wasco Students will participate in the annual **Hour of Code** Dec. 4-10, during a special LRC scheduled time. Students will participate in some highly anticipated and engaging coding activities led by the LRC Directors Mrs. Furlong and Mrs. Bradley. Please [link here](#) for more information on coding.

District Coding Night- (Students & their families)

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](#) and will write their first lines of code together! Don't miss this district-wide event.

[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

There will be two opportunities for families to attend the coding sessions.

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.

<http://district.d303.org/parent-university>

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Orchestra Reminders:

Winter Concert-**WED., DEC. 6th** @ North High School.

****Arrive--6:30 PM. Performance begins at 7:00 PM**.**

****One important reminder****

- We **WILL HAVE** morning rehearsals the week *after* the concert. (Week of Dec. 11th).

- We **WILL** take a week **OFF** from morning rehearsals the week of Dec. 18th. **So, there will be NO morning rehearsals for Junior Strings, Symphonic Strings, or Chamber Orchestra on Dec. 19th, 20th, or 21st.** (Rehearsals resume the week we return from winter break--week of January 8th.) ~Mr. Masters

Band Concert Reminder!

The Winter Band Concert will be held on **Mon., Dec. 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

From the P.E./Health & Wellness Dept:

Miss Sara Maleski a student from St. Charles North, has joined the Wasco Team as a part of the Teaching and Learning Practicum (TLP) course. She will be teaching in the PE/Health courses at Wasco. Read more about her through [this link](#). Note: as a part of the TLP course requirements, Sara will be collecting evidence of her instructional practices through photos and video. These artifacts will be shared only with TLP staff. Please contact the school if you have concerns about your child being excluded from the photos and videos.

PTO Holiday Market- Friday, December 8th, 5-8 p.m.

Children love this event as they are able to purchase gifts for family and friends with the help of elves! Please mark your calendar, more info. to follow!

Campton Hills Holiday in the Hills Event-Friday December 1st, 6-9 p.m.

Families are invited to help decorate the holiday tree! See attached flyer for details.

Dress for the Winter Weather-students are expected to dress for the often-changing weather conditions and cold temperatures. Please send students to school with a warm coat, hat, gloves, boots, and snow pants-**ALL CLEARLY MARKED WITH STUDENT'S NAME**. Depending on weather conditions, students without proper winter attire may not be able to go outside for recess or play in the snow. We will have outside recess everyday day except when it is raining or temperatures go below 0 degrees. We check the online weather forecast and current temps (with wind chill) to make the determination about indoor/outdoor recess each day.

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LOST AND FOUND!

Our lost and found is overflowing-all items are left behind during *THIS* school year! Please take a moment to look through our lost and found items before winter break! We donate all unclaimed articles of clothing to a local charity. Also, please make sure to mark every article of clothing with your child's name to help us to easily identify the owners of items left behind.

Have a wonderful week!

~Barbara Stokke

Attachments:

 [Wasco TFK Recommendations.pdf](#) (130.5 KB)

 [Campton Hills Holiday in the Hills flyer.pdf](#) (60.7 KB)