

Happy Holidays!

I wanted to get this winter break edition of the Wasco News out before the busy Friday that awaits us gets underway!

Winter Break- Dec. 25-January 5th. School will resume on Monday, January 8th

Office hours over break:

The Wasco School office will close at 4 p.m. tomorrow and will be open over the winter break:

- Wed., Thurs., Fri., Dec. 27, 28, 29 and
- Wed., Thurs., Fri., Jan. 3, 4, 5
- 7:30-3:00

Please call ahead to ensure someone is available in the office to assist you.

Lost & Found-We have many items in the lost and found. We do remind students almost daily to look through the items to claim what they've lost. However, many articles of clothing still remain. If you think your child may own an item in our lost and found, please contact the office or stop by to browse our collection. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity. Looking ahead, check to make sure all winter clothing items are clearly marked with names. Thank you!

Wasco School Family Bowling Event-The Wasco School Family Bowling event is scheduled for **Wed., January 3rd** at St. Charles Bowl from **9-11 am**. Cost is \$8/person for 2 games and shoes. Please RSVP to jean.williams@d303.org

Reading over break-we encourage all students to continue reading over the long holiday break. Students are able to check out an extra book (3 total) to keep them engaged with reading while school is not in session. Beginning in January, we will launch multiple reading initiatives to foster student's enjoyment of reading:

- **One School One Book**-whole school reading incentive: *Ralph S. Mouse* will be read to, with and by students in January.
- **"Battle of the Books"**-students in grades 3, 4, & 5 will be invited to join this reading program. Students will learn more and will receive the book list to begin reading over break.
- **Classroom reading incentives**-students may have additional reading incentives in the classroom-if unsure, contact your child's teacher.

- Remember, books make excellent gifts! (don't forget about audio versions-they are highly engaging!)

Speaking of gifts, if your child receives an electronic/digital device as a gift, please follow D303 guidelines before sending it off with your child to school. Phones, iPods/iPads, tablets, Kindles, watches, Laptops/Chromebooks, etc. can be great learning devices. However, if students want to use them as a learning tool at school, parents must agree/approve by completing and submitting the attached form. If the use of devices is not in accordance with [district policy](#), devices will be sent home and requested to not be brought back to school. The D303 elementary school handbook states:

- *ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN SCHOOL MOBILE/CELLULAR PHONES- Students are extended the privilege of possessing mobile/cellular phones on school grounds; however, their use is limited to after-school dismissal and non-school days. These devices must be in the off position, not visible or used once the student arrives on campus until the end of the school day.*
- *OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES- While as a District, we embrace technology and the learning that could result from its use, we are cautious in keeping our students and their possessions safe in school. If you wish your child to be extended the privilege of bringing an electronic device to school, such as phones, tablets, Kindles, iPods, Nooks, etc., contact the school office for the guidelines and permission form. This form must be completed and returned prior to an electronic device being brought to school.*

Thank you for the gift of your amazing children and for your support of our school. I hope that you find time over winter break to make lasting memories as families and that you are able to enjoy the magic of the season!

Warmly,

Barbara Stokke, Principal

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Attachments:

 [Technology Use permission letter to parents.pdf](#) (207.5 KB)