

Reminder: No School Tomorrow, Fri., March 3rd

Good afternoon,

Reminder, there is **no school for students tomorrow, Friday, March 3, 2017**. This is a district-wide teacher institute day. Our offices will be open.

Handicapped Parking Reminder:

It seems unusual that a reminder must be sent about **not parking in the handicapped accessible parking spaces** at school, but sadly, here it is. In recent weeks, a few cars have been reported pulling into the handicapped parking spaces to pick-up or drop-off students, sometimes turning the hazard/flasher lights on indicating a temporary parking situation. This practice is **never allowed**, (even momentarily) and will be addressed by our supervisors. Not only is it a law, we have several parents, grandparents and caregivers who do have handicapped plates/stickers who are at times unable to find a spot to park. Drivers who do not have this status are required to follow our drop-off and pick up procedures:

- No cell phone use is ever allowed in school zones, including parking lots.
- Plan ahead, drive slowly entering, driving through and exiting the school parking lot. Follow the directional signs and arrows to ensure a safe traffic flow.
- When driving into the drop-off and pick-up lane, pull all the way forward to the first available space so that other cars can also pull forward to drop-off and pick-up efficiently. Doing this makes the entire process go much more quickly.
- If your child needs assistance exiting or entering the vehicle, **do not** use the drop-off/pick-up lane. Instead, park in the parking lot and walk your child to the building using the crosswalk only.
- Never allow your child to exit or enter your vehicle on the driver side-students must exit and enter the vehicle on the passenger side only to ensure safety.
- Never call for your child from across the drop-off/pick-up lane or parking lot to cross themselves over to you or your car. Please meet them on the school side and escort them or wait for your child to be escorted by a supervisor through the crosswalk.
- Never allow students or siblings to wander through the parking lot unsupervised!
- If parking along School Street, please observe the bus arrival and dismissal protocols. NEVER walk between buses. Never pull into or park in the bus drop-off and pick up lane. You must walk to and meet/escort your child using the crosswalk along School Street.
- If arriving to school after the bell to pick up a student and taking him/her out of the bus line, please make sure a supervisor on duty is aware so he/she is not considered missing.

Overall, our drop-off and pick-up procedures are followed closely (THANK YOU!) and result in a fairly efficient system. To avoid waiting in line to drop-off or pick-up, plan ahead or prepare to wait a few minutes. Honestly, the line does go swiftly-be patient! Please be kind and respectful to our supervisors on duty. They are there for all of our children's safety! Also, as adults, we are models for behavior and our children watch us, we are teaching through our actions, even if we are not aware. Thank you for your support, we truly appreciate it!

STC Mother's Club Breakfast Bar & Juice Donation Drive-through Mar. 17

The STC Mother's Club is now accepting donations of Breakfast Bars and Juice bags/boxes to be distributed to schools and students in need. If you wish to donate, please send in breakfast bars that are whole grain and do not contain nuts or nut products and juice that contains 100% juice. Donations can be dropped off in the main office at Wasco through March 17th. Thank you in advance for your donations.

The Wasco School Wellness Committee is excited to present, The 2017 Wasco Health and Wellness Fair on Thursday, March 9 from 6-8 p.m. The event will feature dozens of informational and interactive booths each presenting information about a wide variety of health, wellness, nutritional, physical and mental health topics. This is a free family event!

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St. Baldrick's Event at Haines Middle School-Everyone Welcome

STC D303 schools are excited to announce their participation in the annual St. Baldrick's event to raise money to fight childhood cancer. This year's event will be held on **Friday, March 10** at Haines Middle School, starting at 5:00 p.m. The event encourages everyone to get involved:

- The event consists of participants who decide to shave their head to support those who are battling cancer
 - Those who are not shaving their heads, can purchase a hair extension for \$10
 - Participants, along with students who are being honored through this campaign (those either currently battling or who have survived cancer), will be invited to march in the St. Patrick's Day parade the next day.
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Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls to attend the fun-filled, empowering Chick Chat by HGNA workshop/retreat on March 18th at Wredling Middle School!

This program has expanded to St. Charles because it has been very well received for five years in Geneva. Girls who attended the 2016 Chick Chat by HGNA workshop in Geneva said that they learned:

- "To be confident in yourself."
- "How to calm down if I'm stressed."
- "To be yourself and love who you are and that is awesome!"
- "I learned how to deal with friends, family, stress, and much more!"

Chick Chat by HGNA is brought to you by TriCity Family Services and the Geneva Coalition for Youth with the support of CUSD 303 and other local school districts. For more information or to register, click on the following link:

<http://www.tricityfamilyservices.org/chick-chat-by-helping-girls-navigate-adolescence/>

Have a wonderful 3-day weekend!