

WORDEN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

From the Principal

Happy October! The school year is off to a great start. The staff and students are working hard and enjoying the activities at Worden Elementary. As we move into the second half of the first quarter, there are a few safety areas I need to review.

1. Please remember that students are to be dropped off in the designated area before school. You may pull into the drive by the marquee, proceed to the door by the flagpole and drop your child off with supervisors who will be available at 8:45. **Students should not be dropped off in the bus lane or on the street at the front of the building.** This lane is for buses only and it is not safe for children to cross this lane when dropped off at the street. Similarly, students who are picked up after school will be at the door by the flagpole with supervisors. You should pull up in order of arrival and supervisors will assist in loading the children. This process has been taking 5-7 minutes after the final bell. It is working well and quickly
2. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped us get off to such a successful start of the school year. Your volunteer efforts are welcomed and encouraged. There are procedures in place, district wide, to improve safety and security for our children. We will ask volunteers to fill out a Volunteer Information Form and a Waiver, Release and Hold Harmless Agreement. These can be obtained from the office.
3. Please remember to inform the office if your child will be picked up by any other means than normal. The preferred method is to send a note to school with your child. **If circumstances dictate the need to call the office and get a message to your child, we ask that you call by 3:00 pm.** Last minute phone calls to the office may make it very difficult to get the message to the child. For example, during good weather, many teachers give the children some free time on the playground at the end of the day, which makes it difficult to physically get to the child, find the child on the playground, and ensure they understand the change in transportation before dismissal.

Thank you for your help in these matters. District #7 is committed to providing a safe environment for its students and staff.

Calendar of Events

October

- 1 – 5:30 - PTO Meeting
- 3 – 3:30 – 4:30 - Math Club
- 5 – Madison County County Institute Day- **No Student Attendance**
- 8 – Columbus Day Observance – **No School**
- 11 - 8:45 am- Community Service Club Meeting
- 12 – 12:15 pm Student Dismissal –Teacher In Service in the Afternoon /End of First Quarter
- 14- 4:00-6:00 pm - Worden Fall Festival at Boonies Farm (Formerly Rhodes Farms)
- 9 – 4:00-8:00 pm - Mc Teacher Night at Hamel McDonalds / Report cards going home
- 22-26 – Red Ribbon Week- More information to come. / Spirit Day- Wear your Worden Shirt or something green.
- 31 – 2:30 – Halloween Parade & Parties

November

- 5 – 3:30 pm - PTO meeting
- 7 – 3:30- 4:30pm - Math Club
- 8 – Picture Retake
- 12 – Veterans' Day Observance – **NO SCHOOL**
- 19 – 5:30 – 8:30 pm Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20 – **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
1:00- 7:30 pm - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 21 – **NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
8:00 am to Noon -Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 22 – Thanksgiving Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- 23 – Thanksgiving Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**

Word of the Month – COOPERATION

Working together to accomplish a task.

Family Fun Festival/ PTO Information

*Worden Family Fall Festival will be at Boonies Farm (formerly Rhodes Farms) on October 14th from 4-6pm. PTO will provide hotdogs, chips & drinks. Wristbands are \$7.00 per person. Kids under 2 are free. Come enjoy the corn maze, jumping pillow, zip line, hayrides and much more.

*PTO is still seeking classroom Party Organizers for the following teachers and dates:

December 19th – Mrs. Hosto, Mrs. Langendorf & Mrs. Feco.

February 14th – Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Langendorf, Mrs. Bernaix & Mrs. Feco.

To volunteer (or be drafted), email:

ptoworden@gmail.com

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Picture Retakes

November 8th will be picture retake day. If your child was absent, please send in the order form. If your child needs retakes, please return the picture packet that was sent home. Thank You.

Halloween Parties & Parade – October 31st

Halloween is a great time to be a kid, dressing up in costumes and going trick or treating—what could be better? The room parents are planning terrific parties for our students. We will have a parade at 2:30 prior to the classroom parties. Parents will be permitted to go to the classrooms at 2:00 to help children dress for the party. We would like students to follow the guidelines listed below concerning costumes.

1. Students may **not** wear their costumes to school. Time will be allowed before the parade for students to change clothes.
2. In keeping with our nonviolent environment, please do not include costumes with blood or toy weapons, such as guns, knives, or swords.
3. Face makeup and hair paint are acceptable, however we ask that it be applied immediately before the festivities rather than worn to school. Due to health considerations, please supply make-up and hair paint for your own child only.

Students will not be permitted to share.

Community Service Club News

Community Service Club will be starting in October. Four students from each class have been selected to be part of the club that meets once a month before school at 8:45 am in Mrs. Feco's class. If your child was not selected, we still need your help.

This year Worden School will continue our recycling efforts. We will be collecting the following items for the 2018-2019 school year:

***Printer Cartridges**

***Unwanted Shoes**

***Tab Tops**

This year Worden Elementary will be collecting aluminum can tabs with the proceeds going to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

***Milk Jug Lids (Prairie Farms)**

Each time a plastic milk jug is recycled at your house, please send the lid to school with your child. Our goal is to collect 3000 lids in order to earn a bench for our school playground.

***Coke- Cola Products Lids/ Flaps**

We are still collecting all products from Coca Cola. Please send the soda caps and end flaps from the cardboard packages. The funds will go to Relay for Life.

Flip-Flops

Flip-flops are often not the best choice for footwear at school due to the high activity level during the school day. We have many more accidents on the playground and on the stairs when students wear flip-flops. If your child does wear flip-flops to school, please put an extra pair in their book bag. Many of the flip flops break and they cannot be fixed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Go Math News:

Home Math help is available to all families! Just follow the link below, find your child's grade level and explore. There is a student orientation link that explains how to access and utilize the site, and a video to introduce you to the Go Math site. You'll find the journal pages your child uses in class and helpful games and activities.

http://www.ecusd7.org/for_parents/math-resources.asp