



**Waverly Middle School, together with parents and our communities, will prepare each student to meet academic and social challenges by creating meaningful learning experiences in a safe, nurturing environment based on the needs of early adolescents.**

## Notes from the Principal's Desk-

We are off to another great start to the school year. I have been pleasantly surprised at the focus our students have shown since the first day of school. I have a few general announcements to make below. Most of these are the typical announcements I make at the start of the year, but it is important information to communicate to everyone.

You may have heard your student talking about teachers having a speaker system in the classrooms. All of our core teachers are using a REDCAT all-in-one, single speaker, no installation system that amplifies a teacher's voice (or another student's voice when doing classroom presentations) so that every student can hear instruction clearly. We know when students hear, they are more engaged in their learning and this system helps provide for an optimal listening environment. In the few short weeks we have been using these, I have heard positive comments from teachers and students. I am excited for the academic benefits this instructional tool will provide. If you would like to learn more about the system, you can find it at: <http://www.lightspeed-tek.com/>

At the end of September, students will be coming home with magazine subscriptions that family members, etc. can order through our school fundraiser at discounted rates. A percentage of the sales are reimbursed to the middle school through this program. If you ordered magazines through this fundraiser last year, you can renew your subscription this year and it will still benefit the school. The money from this fundraiser is used for a variety of things within our school: helping pay for school assemblies, supporting the TRUE recognition program, and assisting in the purchase of materials for various clubs and classrooms. We do not have a lot of fundraisers at the middle school

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and this is the only school-wide fundraiser we do where students sell any merchandise. Also, and most importantly, students are not to sell these magazines door-to-door; subscriptions are for parents, grandparents, family, and family friends.

Additionally, I want to talk briefly about middle school students' attendance at high school football games. Typically, middle school students like to sit with their friends instead of their parents; this is only natural and high school games provide a great place for them to socially interact with their friends and give support to their school. The middle school student section is the very south section of the bleachers. While students do not have to sit in this section if they are with their parents or another adult, we do have a few rules that we ask students to follow while seated in this section. The rules have come about because of different situations that have arisen over the years and discussions at our middle school steering committee and PTO meetings. These expectations help us teach students proper sportsmanship, courtesy, and safety. We ask that students stay in the middle school section during the quarter of play. We do allow students to leave the section between quarters and during halftime. This allows for us to help supervise the concession area during those breaks. It also cuts down on the amount of traffic coming and going out of that section so that there is less interference for other spectators. Students who need to talk to a parent or need to use the restroom are allowed to leave; we just ask that they talk to one of the middle school supervisors before leaving the area. We encourage students to cheer on their high school classmates, but we do not tolerate negative chanting or comments. Also, we do, at times, have students sit during the game if we believe there is a safety concern.

Our goal is to provide a setting where students can socially interact with their friends, enjoy a football game, and practice appropriate social skills in a safe environment. I appreciate your support in this.

Mr. Picquet

## **PTO**

Welcome back to the fall schedule! It was nice putting names with faces at the Open House and we look forward to meeting more of you as the year goes on.

We are already in need of volunteers for working the concession stand and taking money at the gate. Watch your emails for the dates and times. If you didn't fill out a purple volunteer sheet, please contact Kristin Tabor or the school office to add you to the list. Our email address is [waverlymspto@yahoo.com](mailto:waverlymspto@yahoo.com) or you can email Kristin directly at [ktabor@windstream.net](mailto:ktabor@windstream.net) for more information.

Our next meeting will be held September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 in the library. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for your help in advance and hope you have a great school year.

## **The Food & Nutrition Services District 145**

*If anyone has an abundance of vegetables or fruits from their gardens the District 145 foodservice staff would be very happy to accept any donations at any of the 5 kitchens in the District. Please drop off any donations during school hours. Also, if any local organizations are selling local produce, we would love to hear from you. We would be proud to serve our locally grown produce to our students.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Philip Steffen –  
Foodservice Director @  
[psteffen@esu6.org](mailto:psteffen@esu6.org)*

Thank you, Philip Steffen  
Food Service Director

## **EMA Early Morning Advantage**

**Not completing homework assignments on time**  
**Cost: complete assignment during lunch**

**Not getting multiple assignments turned in**  
**Cost: staying after school**  
**possible call home to parents**

**Failing your classes**  
**Cost: office referrals**  
**parent meetings**  
**discussion of summer school**  
**discussion of grade retention**

**Passing all your class and turning in assignments on time**  
**Cost: PRICELESS**

Now with the EMA program you can get your homework done and get extra help with assignments. The EMA also offers individualized study skill help and one on one student help with assignments, study for quizzes and tests.

What: Before school and homeroom

Where: Room 905

When: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 to 8:47

Closed Wednesdays

Who: Students can come on their own or by teacher request

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Any parent wishing to help chaperone the first school dance, Friday, September 17th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please contact either Lisa Beeson or Abby Workman if you can help. Thank you!

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE**

Friday, September 17

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Cost of admission - \$3.00

You must dress and behave appropriately or you will be asked to leave the dance.

Only WMS students can attend this dance.



put names with faces. Open communication is the key to our success. Please feel free to contact any of us should a question or concern arise. E-mail is the most efficient way to communicate with the team teachers. You can also keep up to date with your student's assignments by checking in with his/her Angel account. Ask your son or daughter to show you how.

Many of your children will become student-athletes this year. Athletics offer young people countless opportunities to learn and grow as members of a team and as individuals. While we want them to be successful in their athletic endeavors it is important to remember that school still comes first. Should your son or daughter fall behind in the classroom or have missing homework, he/she will miss the first half hour of practice in order to get caught up. If you don't want your son or daughter to miss practice, encourage them to stay on track in the classroom.

Seventh Grade Team

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

### **Tips for a Successful Sixth Grade Year**

**W**ork hard.....

**E**nthusiasm is contagious

**L**isten to instructions and

**C**heck over assignments carefully

**O**rganize papers in folders

**M**ake lots of new friends and

**E**njoy your year!

Special thanks to all who attended the orientation and open house, we look forward to working with you throughout the year.

**Sixth Grade Teachers**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade News**

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start for the seventh grade team. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the families who were able to join us at open house. It was a great opportunity to

## **Pre-Algebra**

Students have been reintroduced to the Order of Operations (PEMDAS) and will apply this to problem solving. The students will continue to work with Integers and variable expressions and equations as they solve equations with variables. Chapter One! Look for a Habit of Mind Problem in September. Online text is at [www.pearsonsuccessnet.com](http://www.pearsonsuccessnet.com), students have their access information and practice activities and tutorials may be accessed at [phschool.com](http://phschool.com) and students know their web codes.

## **Algebra**

Classes have taken several review assessments up front and are now involved with solving expressions and equations involving variables. Classes should look at how to solve problems using algebra in their every day world. Chapter One! Look for a Habit of Mind Problem in September.

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## **Civics**

Classes are discussing and learning about Citizenship, rights, obligations, and the population of the United States today. The classes will study law, and the constitution throughout the fall. If you have an interest, know someone who works in a civics related field, or think of a possible great speaker for the students we would love to hear from you. Please call Ms. Wilcox or Mr. Cobelens at the Middle School.

## **English**

Students are beginning the school year with a review of capitalization and punctuation rules. Students will then study the parts of speech, and begin research skills. Accelerated reading is an important part of the eighth grade English class; students have STAR tested to determine reading ranges and goals. To meet reading goals, students are encouraged to read at least 30 minutes daily. Please feel free to contact Ms. Stake or Ms. Workman if you have any questions.

## **Science:**

Welcome Back!! In Life Science we are learning about the steps of the scientific method. We will use this information later in the semester when we begin our science fair. Science fair will be Wednesday, December 15th. Students will choose partners from their science class period. Parents visit with your children about possible topics. Students will report topics by the end of September. Students will receive more information about science fair in the next few weeks.

## **Breakfast/Lunch Reminders**

Just a reminder to the families that qualified for the free and/or reduced program last year, you must re-file each year to continue participating. The deadline for rollover is 9/13/10. Any questions please call the WMS office at 786-2348.

For any families that may want to apply for the current year, an application may be picked up in the office. Account balances must be kept positive. If the account becomes negative the student will not be allowed to charge, he/she must either bring money or cold lunch. At any time you may call and request a lunch printout or an account balance at 786-2348, or the student can view the account balance daily on the lunch computer. This balance will reflect the amount in the account prior to serving that day.



## Calendar of Events

9/6 No School (Labor Day)

9/9 Picture Day

9/17 M.S. Dance 7:00-9:00

9/20 No School

## 2010 WMS Football Schedule

### 7th Grade

9/14 Platteview @ Platteview 4:15

9/21 Elkhorn Mid @ Waverly 4:15

9/23 Gretna B @ Waverly 4:15

9/28 Elkhorn Ridge @ Waverly 4:15

10/5 Norris @ Norris 4:15

Coaches: Jeromy Doele & Taylor Wyatt



### 8th Grade

9/14 Platteview @ Waverly 4:15

9/21 Elkhorn Middle @ Elk Mid. 4:15

9/23 Gretna B @ Waverly 5:30

9/28 Elkhorn Ridge @ Elk Middle 6:00

10/5 Norris @ Waverly 4:15

Coaches: Mike Cobelens & Craig Thewke



## 2010 WMS Volleyball Schedule

### 7th Grade

9/13 Elkhorn Middle @ Elk Middle 4:15

9/16 Nebr. City @ Waverly 4:15

9/18 Norris Tournament @ Norris TBA

9/30 Norris @ Waverly 4:15

10/4 Gretna @ Gretna 4:15

10/7 Platteview @ Waverly 4:15

10/9 Elkhorn Tourn. @ Elk Ridge TBA

10/11 Plattsmouth @ Plattsmouth 4:15

10/14 Lincoln Lutheran (B&C)

@ Waverly 4:15

Coaches: Leah Wilcox & Nicki Noordhoek



## 8th Grade

9/13 Elkhorn Middle @ Waverly 4:15

9/16 Nebr. City @ Nebr. City 4:15

9/18 Norris Tourn. @ Norris 4:15

9/21 Blair @ Waverly 4:15

9/30 Norris @ Norris 4:15

10/4 Gretna @ Waverly 4:15

10/7 Platteview @ Platteview 4:15

10/11 Plattsmouth @ Waverly 4:15

Coaches: Vicki Fehringer & Brandi Lambert



## Upcoming Events

10/14 Picture Retakes

10/19 Parent/Teacher Conference

10/21 Parent/Teacher Conference

12/15 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair

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