

Wahoo Elementary News

Inspiring Our Students to Thrive

April 2018

April Reminders:

Dairy Queen Month

March 26-April 27
3rd, 4th & 5th grade
NSCAS testing

March 30-April 2
Spring Break

April 9
Chips Night
April 10
Pizza Hut Night
5:00-8:00

April 11
Early dismissal

April 13
Spirit Day

April 26
Culture Day

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Summer Academy

Please watch for Summer Academy letters that will come home soon. We strongly encourage parents to make certain that students for whom we have recommended summer academy be in attendance. Dates: June 4-22.

Two for One Book Fair

Thank you to Candace Hansen and Stacy Berggren for all their hard work coordinating another successful book fair. They spend two weekends and several evenings setting up, taking down and working the registers.

This is a great opportunity for our students. Everyone really appreciates getting great books at sale prices.

If you worked even one shift we are grateful. If more parents could find a few hours to help out we could open the book fair for more hours.

Dairy Queen Month

April is DQ month. Please take your coupon in to earn extra cash for the PTO.

Look for information coming home about our fundraiser, "The Fun Run". We will have the fundraiser the same day as field day just like last year. Students will be working to secure pledges for laps run.

Field Day is planned for May 18th, rain date May 21st.

NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) Testing

Our third, fourth and fifth grade students have been practicing for the Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS, formerly NeSA) for Reading and Math and Science. The testing has already begun and will continue until April 27.

Please visit with your child about their testing days and make every effort to schedule appointments around these dates. We appreciate your help in doing all you can to ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Calendar Changes & Last Day of School

We have used all of the four additional days that were built into our calendar plus one more. If we do not take any more days the last student day will be May 22nd. We will have an early dismissal at 1:15 on the 22nd.

Shrek

On April 11 our students will be treated to a dress rehearsal of "Shrek." The High School choir will be performing this musical April 12-15. Tickets \$6/Students and \$10/Adults

Kindergarten Visitation

The kindergarten students for next year's class will visit on May 11th. There will be no school for this year's kindergarten students that day.

Please "Like" Wahoo Elementary PTO on Facebook.



Principal's Pride



April	1	Kinsli Wessels
April	2	Luke Williams
	2	Matthew Dokulil
April	3	Mrs. Stukenholtz
	3	Mrs. Rezac
	3	London Vasa
April	4	Kaydence Decker
	4	Henry Carlson
April	5	Jaxson Hancock
	5	Evie Nygren
April	6	Brett Carlson
April	8	Wyatt Bohaty
	8	Mr. Dunn
	8	Eli Shada
	8	Caleb Dale
April	9	Aidan Penry
April	10	Jake Brabec
April	12	Jaxon Kreifel
	12	Abigail Nisley
	12	Avery Vasa
	12	Brody Coufal
April	13	Laine Peterson
April	15	Kellen Wilt
	15	Jade Maly
	15	Sophia Rafteseth
April	16	Gavin Sutton
	16	Mrs. Brabec
April	18	Evelin Menjivar
April	19	Erica Yeager
April	21	Zachary Mahrous
April	22	Addison Kenning
	22	Payton Swenson
April	24	Trinity Rummel
April	25	Noah Keep
April	28	Karryn Eddie
	28	Samantha Rodgers
April	29	Bailey Hitz
April	30	Emma Meyer
	30	Lilly Cuda

Kindergarten

Mrs. Beaver	Matthew Dokulil & Parker Girmus
Mrs. Fletcher	Alivia Shada & Anela Brown
Mrs. Gregg	Krysta Olson, Jaxson Thomas & Leelan Oum
Mrs. Stukenholtz	Rosealee Haynes & Ryan Yeager

First Grade

Ms. Ludi	Bobbi Jo Palm & Jacee Price
Mrs. Meyer	Brady Cooper & Landon Shanahan
Mrs. Sailer	Jalen Gahan & Adam Dokulil
Mrs. Sherman	Wyatt Rafteseth, Hannah Schall & Amberlee Seger

Second Grade

Mrs. Chmelka	Payton Lepore & Joel Simon
Mrs. Cooper	Addie Gregg & Grayson Styskal
Mrs. Dwerlkotte	Griffin Hancock & Payton Maldaner
Mrs. Lindstrom	Emma Meyer & Daniel Green

Third Grade

Mr. Carlson	Gracie Johnston & Isaiah Speights
Mrs. Christen	Aaralyn Dunlap, Kellen Wilt
Mrs. Nelson	Brayden Schuler & Ayden Humpal
Mrs. Quick	Addison Darling, Jayden Beatty & Linquin Krivanek

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Gigstad	Dominic Kruse & Luis Loya
Mr. Kramer	Payton Swenson
Mrs. Pearson	Reid Koehler & Gracie Peterson
Mrs. Shada	Addysen Hancock, Brianna Morales & Logan Lihs

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Anderson	Jessi Hasenkamp & Katelyn Scott
Mrs. Dobesh	Evan Rezek & Wyatt Rezek
Mrs. Rezac	Dani Baker & Madison Hajek
Mrs. Thrasher	Rowen Sabatka & Karina Raney

LEAP Room	Keyshaun Wynne & Erica Yeager
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Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

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Jane Wiebold, Principal

Book Picks



Read-aloud favorites

■ *We Dig Worms!*

(Kevin McCloskey)

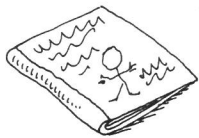
Little wiggly worms have big important jobs. This comic-style nonfiction book blends humor and facts to teach your youngster about earthworms. She'll learn where they live, how they help the soil, why they come out when it rains, and more.



■ *Daisy Dreamer and the Totally True Imaginary Friend*

(Holly Anna)

Daisy is a daydreamer and doodler who spends most of her time pretending. When she receives a magic journal, Daisy's doodle of her imaginary friend Posey comes to life. Now she's off on a trip to the World of Make-Believe! The first book in the Daisy Dreamer series.



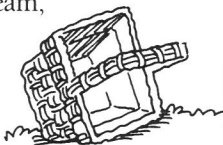
■ *Life in Numbers: Write Haiku*

(Lisa Holewa)

Haiku are short poems that follow a pattern. This guide explains the history of haiku and gives your child advice for writing them. He'll find tips for finding topics, choosing words, and playing with structure to create powerful poetry. (Also available in Spanish.)

■ *The Lost Picnic*

Two children and their grandfather set off on a picnic, but along the way, their lunch falls out of the basket. Your youngster will enjoy using clues from the story to spot the missing watermelon, ice cream, and other foods in the busy illustrations.



Writing: Inspired by nature

Spring is the perfect time to head outside and encourage your youngster to use nature as inspiration for writing. Here are ideas for enjoying different types of writing in the great outdoors.



Rainbow list

Let your child decorate the sidewalk with a colorful list of nature words. Help him use green chalk to write the names of green things he spots (*grass, leaves, caterpillar*) and yellow chalk to list yellow things (*daffodil, butterfly, sun*). Can he find and list something for every color in his box of chalk?

and black feather. I think it came from a blue jay.”)

Animal tales

What is that cute little chipmunk thinking about as he scurries around? What is the grasshopper doing? Your child can work on creative writing skills by writing a story from an animal's point of view. Maybe the chipmunk is training for a marathon. Or the grasshopper is having a jumping contest with his friends. Let your youngster illustrate his story and read it to you.♥

Nature guide

Give your youngster a basket for collecting items like pebbles, feathers, and twigs. Then, suggest that he use the collection to write a nature guide. He could sketch each object in a notebook and add a description. (“This is a blue

Read how-to books

Crafts, science experiments, drawing...there's a how-to book for just about every young reader. Try these tips for introducing them to your child:

- Encourage your youngster to choose books based on her interests. If she loves magic, she may like a book on performing tricks. If she's into science, she might pick a book of experiments.
- Help your child see how words and illustrations work together to explain things. For example, she could read the text and then follow a diagram to make a tricky fold for a paper airplane.

Idea: Suggest that your youngster write and illustrate her own how-to book about something she enjoys—perhaps building marble runs or making jewelry.♥



What's that word?

Reading new words is kind of like cracking a code. Share these code-breaking strategies with your youngster.

Break it up. Help your child split a longer word into separate syllables. Ask her to cover up the word with her hand. She can slide her fingers to reveal each syllable, reading them in slow motion as she goes. (“Un-der-cov-er. Undercover!”)

Switch vowel sounds. Long and short vowel sounds sometimes make words tricky. For instance, your youngster might misread *robot* as



rowboat if she thinks both Os are long. If a word doesn't sound right, she could substitute a different vowel sound to see if that works better.

Leave a blank. When your child comes across a word she can't easily sound out, suggest that she read the entire sentence, saying only the first sound of the unknown word. (“The dog jumped over the fff.”) Then, have her think of a word that starts with that letter and makes sense in the sentence (*fence*). She can try reading the sentence with the word to decide whether it's right.♥

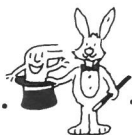
Characters with character

Storybooks are full of good role models for your child. This activity will get him thinking about positive character traits he has in common with his favorite fictional friends.

Identify traits

First, read a book together. Ask your youngster to pick a character to draw a picture of.

Then, help him think of good traits the character showed. For instance, maybe an owl demonstrates perseverance and a positive attitude about learning to fly. Help your child write the character traits in the margins around the drawing.



Fun with Words

Musical chairs

Put on a little music, and let your youngster and his friends practice spelling words they're learning in school with this version of musical chairs.

Set chairs (one per player) in a circle, and pick one player to be the leader. That person will be in charge of starting and stopping the music and calling out spelling words from a list.

To play, the leader turns on music. The children walk around the chairs and freeze in place when he stops the music. Then, the leader gives each person a different word to spell. If the speller gets it right, he sits down in the nearest chair. If not, he's out and removes a chair from the circle.

Once everyone has had a chance to spell, the leader restarts the music. Play until one person is left—he wins and becomes the new leader. *Note:* If you use up all the words on the list, play regular musical chairs with the remaining players to find the winner!♥



Look at me!

Next, have him draw a “character sketch” of himself showing the same traits, say, while learning to roller-skate. As he discovers examples of good character in other books, he can draw more sketches.♥

Parent to Parent

Our family tree

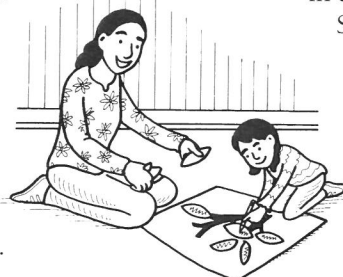
My daughter Tara recently had an interesting homework project—to make a family tree.

She had drawn a tree trunk and bare branches on paper, and she brought home a stack of green construction paper leaves. Her assignment was to write each family member's name on a separate leaf and put them in the right spots.

I helped Tara spell the names of her grandparents, great-grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Then, she glued the leaves on the branches.

After Tara shared her finished tree in class, she got to bring it home.

She likes to practice reading the names, and she takes pride in showing off the tree when relatives visit. Recently, she was excited to find out she'll soon need to add a new leaf—for her baby brother or sister!♥



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3rd Quarter Honor Roll

4th Grade All A's

Elizabeth Brennan
Faith Davis
Lauryn Hallowell
Harrison Krueger
Hunter Williams
Konner Bunjer
Kaiden Christen
Callen Fischer
Jack Krueger
Cameryn Sather
Kip Brigham
Grady Meyer
Gracie Peterson

4th Grade all A's and B's

Hannah Girmus
Addysen Hancock
Kenzie Koranda
Brianna Morales
William Mortensen
Jase Kaminski
Alexis Jonas
Cody Hesser
Josh Fox
Blake Hitz
Addison Kenning
Dominic Kruse
Taylar Shull
Lea Govind
Clara Sherman
Tenley Watts
Jayse Styskal
Eli Shada
Sophia Rafteseth



3rd Quarter Honor Roll

5th Grade All A's

Adelia Dunlap
Alicia Foster
Madison Hajek
Landon Brigham
Caden Smart
Karina Raney
Aubrie Pehrson
Sawyer Lavaley
Chloe Kasischke

5th Grade All A's and B's

Madden Dwerlkotte
Anica Gannon
Alexis Pehrson
Wyatt Rezek
Olivia Schneider
Isabel Smith
Noah Taylor
Austin Clemon
Braylon Iversen
Kristen Mika
Gaia Rodgers-Norris
Dylan Simons
Madelyn Snyder
Audrey Waido
Nash Beasley
Mackenzie Chadwell
Kaydence Decker
Connor Herndon
Abi Johnson
Samuel Marxsen
Jake Scanlon
Katelyn Scott
Jaxsen Wilt
Nathan Urban
Hayden Nelson
Davian McClain
Hailey Malousek
Miranda Keller
Alyssa Havlovic
Alex Borchers



APRIL 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2	3	4	5	6
NO SCHOOL	French Toast, Ham Pattie, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk Crispito W/Cheese Sauce, Tri Tater, Carrots, Pears, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Breakfast Sandwich, Applesauce, Juice, Milk Cheeseburger W/Bun, Baked Beans, French Fries, Banana, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Pancake, Yogurt, Peaches, Juice, Milk Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pineapple, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Breakfast Pizza, Pears, Juice, Milk Fiestada, Mac Salad, Celery Sticks, Fruit Mix, Cookie, Milk Bologna Sandwich
9	10	11	12	13
Biscuits & Gravy, Strawberries, Juice, Milk Chicken Pattie, Chicken and Rice, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk Ham Sandwich Chips Night	Waffle, Sausage Links, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk Soft Shell Taco, Lettuce, Cheese, Oranges, Rice Krispie Bar, Milk Ham Sandwich Pizza Hut Night 5-8	English Muffin, Grapes, Juice, Milk Mini Corndogs, Sun Chips, Calif. Blend, Tropical Fruit, Milk Ham Sandwich Early Dismissal	French Toast, Yogurt, Cuties, Juice, Milk Pork Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Bread, Peas, Peaches, Milk Ham Sandwich	Combos, Kiwi, Juice, Milk Egg Omelet, Sausage Pattie, Hash Browns, Muffin, Carrots, Pears, Milk Ham Sandwich Spirit Day
16	17	18	19	20
Blueberry Muffin, Watermelon, Juice, Milk Pasta Bar, Garlic Bread, Cole Slaw, Apple, Milk Turkey Sandwich	Pancake, Ham Pattie, Oranges, Juice, Milk Corndog, Tri Tater, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Mix, Milk Turkey Sandwich	Breakfast Sandwich, Cantaloupe, Juice, Milk Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Peaches, Milk Turkey Sandwich	Waffle, Bacon, Grapes, Juice, Milk Ham, Turkey, Cheese Wrap, Lettuce, Baked Potato Chips, Pineapple, Cookie, Milk Turkey Sandwich	Scrambled Eggs, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk Popcorn Chicken, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Pears, Milk Turkey Sandwich
23	24	25	26	27
Combos, Pineapple, Juice, Milk Pizza, Potato Salad, Peaches, Cake, Milk Bologna Sandwich	French Toast, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread, Calif. Blend, Applesauce, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Pancake, Sausage Pattie, Pears, Juice, Milk BBQ Pork W/Bun, Whole White Potatoes, Corn Mandarin Oranges, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Egg Omelet, Churro, Cuties, Juice, Milk Hot Dog W/Bun, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Banana, Milk Bologna Sandwich Culture Day	English Muffin, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk Walking Tacos, Lettuce, Cheese, Strawberries, Cookie, Milk Bologna Sandwich
30				
Breakfast Bites, Cantaloupe, Juice, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Hash Browns, Carrots, Fruit Mix, Milk Ham Sandwich				

