

Wahoo Elementary News

Inspiring Our Students to Thrive

February 2018

February Reminders:

February 6
Pizza Hut Night

February 9
Spirit Day

February 12
Chips Night

February 13
4/5 Program

February 16
No School

February 19
No School
Teacher In Service

February 27
Dr. Seuss' Birthday
Breakfast

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See us at:

www.wahooschools.org

Calling all Five-Year-Olds

We are already working on our Kindergarten list for next year. If you know of a child who will be five on or before July 31, 2018 please call Colleen at 443-4250.

Our meeting for parents of incoming kindergarten students will be on March 12th at 6:00pm.

Paraprofessionals, Cooks and Bus Driver Subs Needed

We are looking for community members that are interested in subbing as Para professionals, cooks or bus drivers in our district. Please contact Kris Pokorny in the Superintendent's office 402-443-3051 if you are interested.

4/5 Music Program

February 13 our fourth and fifth students will perform "Go West." The program will begin at 7:00 and take place in the Performance Learning Center.

The fourth/fifth grade choir will also perform that evening.

Pizza Hut Night-Febr. 6

Please make sure you take the coupons we send home to these special nights. We will only receive credit for those orders with a coupon included.

Reminder: Changes to afterschool plans may only be made with 24-hour notice.

Outside Temperature Outside Recess

We are very careful to watch that both the temperature and the wind chill are 20 degrees or warmer before we send children outside before school or for recess.

Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather when they come to school. You will need to send a doctor's note with an explanation why if they need to remain indoors for medical reasons.

Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration

It is time for our annual **Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast**. Wahoo Elementary PTO will be sponsoring this celebration for students and families on February 27. Come join us for an awesome breakfast, meet Cat in the Hat and Thing 1 and Thing 2! Watch for details!!!!!!

Continue to Save

Please continue to save Box Tops, Sun Mart Receipts, and Corner Market Receipts. These are great money making projects for our PTO.



Principal's Pride



February	1	Tobin Harris
	1	Alejandra Perez
	1	Audrey Waido
	1	Taylor Shull
	1	Calder Simonsen
February	2	Emma Rehmann
February	3	Liviana Bowers
	3	Sidney Roth
February	3	Colton Nutzman
February	4	Drennen Hall
	4	Hannah Barber
	4	Jacee Price
February	5	Quincy Gigstad
February	6	Harrison Krueger
	6	Jack Krueger
February	7	Audrey Hutson
	7	Jakob Werth
February	8	Gracelynn Speights
	8	Mrs. Sailer
	8	Abigail Johnson
February	10	Valerie Vinderslev
	10	Jayce Axtell
February	11	Kadence Nelson
	11	Konner Bunjer
	11	Landon Glock
February	12	Alana Kleffner
February	16	Leelan Oum
	16	Sophia Valish
February	14	Noah Wesley-Bornemeier
February	17	Mrs. Harders
February	18	Taylor Trutna
	18	Bentley Oppelt
	18	Julia Walker
	18	Axel Eckley
February	19	Quinn Penry
	19	Maci Maxson
	19	Nadia Paunganwa
February	20	Mrs. Pfligler
February	21	Austin Anderson
	21	Mrs. Dobesh
	21	Addison Bohaty
	21	Ms. Mensik
	21	Tatum Watts
February	23	Mrs. Zysset
February	25	Marshall Strom
	25	Maizielyn Josephsen
	25	Ethan Urban
February	27	Taylor Nice
	27	Mrs. Malousek

Kindergarten

Mrs. Beaver	Hudson Niven & Jaxson Hancock
Mrs. Fletcher	Reod Thomas & Drew Ostransky
Mrs. Gregg	Colson Chadwell & David Nelson
Mrs. Stukenholtz	Chloe Vandevoorde, Bryson Vanek & London Vasa

First Grade

Ms. Ludi	Paxton Dwerlkotte & Azalea Epp
Mrs. Meyer	Zander Pokorny & Stella Sather
Mrs. Sailer	Deeanna Johnson & Sara Dahlsten
Mrs. Sherman	Conner Haynes & Hannah Schall

Second Grade

Mrs. Chmelka	Alex Christian & Brennan Nelson
Mrs. Cooper	Ali Clemon & Deven Morton
Mrs. Dwerlkotte	Baxter Hall & Chloe Hauswald
Mrs. Lindstrom	Quincy Gigstad & Lily Schneider

Third Grade

Mr. Carlson	Hayden Feilmeier & Jaison Meduna
Mrs. Christen	Fox Davis & Avery Hanson
Mrs. Nelson	Ellie Warford & Rylee Harmon
Mrs. Quick	Evelin Menjivar & Chloe Strait

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Gigstad	Dominic Kruse & Luis Loya
Mr. Kramer	Bailey Lofgren, Jeremiah Phelps & Owen Pokorny
Mrs. Pearson	Sophia Rafteseth & Eli Shada
Mrs. Shada	Reed Nisley & Jamie Engel

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Anderson	Caden Smart & Marshall Strom
Mrs. Dobesh	Alicia Foster & Neveah Jindra
Mrs. Rezac	Brock Lofgren & Dylan Simons
Mrs. Thrasher	Davian McClain & Hayden Nelson

LEAP Room

Delia Quitana & Avery Vasa

BOOSTER vs. SEATBELT

Did You Know?



4'9"

is the magic number.

In most vehicles children smaller than 4'9" do NOT fit properly in the seat belt. They still need to use a child restraint to position the seat belt correctly.

It's not age, not weight.

It's all about the height.

- ◆ **Booster seat misuse is 41%.**
- ◆ **Child safety seats have been shown to reduce fatal injury by 45% for children ages 4-8.**
- ◆ **We can improve these statistics by using seats correctly and not "graduating" children to seat belts to early.**
- ◆ **According to Nebraska law, a child must be in a car seat or BOOSTER seat until age 6.**

When is your child ready to ride without a booster seat?

When all 5 of these things are true:*



Back is against the vehicle's seat



Lap portion of seatbelt is over thighs, not belly.



Knees bent comfortably at edge of seat.



Top part of seatbelt between shoulder and neck.



Child sits without slouching or playing with seatbelt.

* Most children are not ready to ride safely without a booster seat until age 10-12.

Learn more at blogs.babycenter.com

Call Three Rivers Public Health Department at 402-727-5396 to talk with a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for questions, or if you are in need of a booster seat.

**THREE RIVERS**
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Dodge, Saunders & Washington Counties

Third Grade News

The second semester is off to a great start. After a nice break, we are in the full swing of learning.

We continue to practice math facts with a focus on multiplication. The students benefit greatly if they learn the math facts, so they can quickly solve math problems. Please watch for daily homework practice sheets for students to complete and return. Encourage your student(s) spend time daily on homework.

We practice reading every day with whole group, small group and independent reading activities. We are still working on reading goals for Book It, and reading at home is another way for students to boost their skills.

Each week we have new spelling and vocabulary words to challenge the students to expand their vocabularies. We have many different comprehension strategies to encourage understanding of printed material.

We are sharpening our writing skills as we add new elements to our writing. We continue to cover various topics in social studies and science.

We have practiced upper and lower case letters in cursive, as well as, some words, and groups of words. We are now incorporating cursive into our daily work.

Thank you for your help and support toward your child's education.

Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Quick, Mrs. Christen and Mr. Carlson

2nd Quarter Honor Roll - Wahoo Elementary School - 5th Grade

All A's

Nathan Urban
Karina Rainey
Aubrie Pehrson
Sawyer Lavaley
Chloe Kasischke
Alexis Pehrson
Dylan Simons
Landon Brigham
Abi Johnson
Samuel Marxsen
Jaxsen Wilt



A's and B's

Madison Hajek
Maddie Snyder
Audrey Waido
Adelia Dunlap
Madden Dwerlkotte
Alicia Foster
Anica Gannon
Christopher Johnson
Logan Kleffner
Wyatt Rezek
Isabel Smith
Noah Taylor
Luke Specht
Hayden Nelson

Miranda Keller
Alyssa Havlovic
Trevor Cerveny
Alex Borchers
Nash Beasley
Mackenzie Chadwell
Kaydence Decker
Kaitlinn Henderson
Connor Herndon
Hailey Pfligler
Kaitlyn Scott
Caden Smart
Marshall Strom

Reading Connection

Tips for Reading Success

Beginning Edition

February 2018

Wahoo Elementary School
Jane Wiebold, Principal

Book Picks

Read-aloud favorites



■ **The Invisible Boy** (Trudy Ludwig)
Brian is not really invisible, but he certainly feels that way. His classmates never pick him for kickball teams, invite him to birthday parties, or notice his drawing talent. When the other students tease a new boy named Justin, Brian draws a picture for him and finally makes a friend. A story about acceptance.

■ Hooray for Chefs

(Kurt Waldendorf)
Tucked away in the kitchen, a chef prepares meals for others to eat. This nonfiction book takes readers behind the scenes to see how chefs follow recipes, use special tools, and serve up delicious food. (Also available in Spanish.)



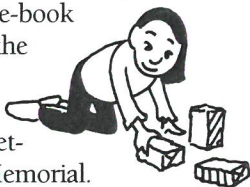
■ Mercy Watson to the Rescue

(Kate DiCamillo)
Oh, no! Mr. and Mrs. Watson's floor is collapsing, and they're counting on their pet pig, Mercy, to save them. Instead of going for help, however, the pig goes looking for breakfast and gets into mischief. The first book in the Mercy Watson series.



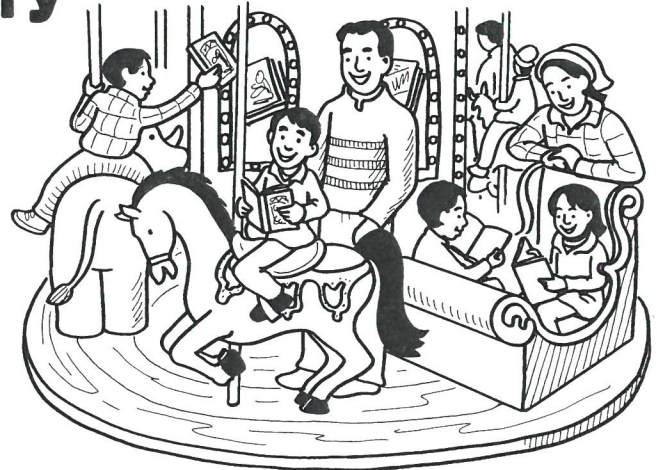
■ Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines

(Jeanne Walker Harvey)
When Maya Lin was a little girl, she built buildings and towns made of paper and dreamed of being an architect. This picture-book biography tells the story of the girl who grew up to design the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.



I ♥ poetry

Colorful descriptions, kid-friendly topics, and playful language make children's poems a fun tool for boosting your youngster's reading skills. Welcome poetry into your family's reading routine, and use these activities to enjoy it together.



Notice descriptions

If a poem mentions "pretty painted horses" and "spinning dizzily 'round and 'round," will your child guess that the verse is about a carousel? Call his attention to descriptive language with this idea. Secretly choose a poem, and read a few lines without telling him the title. Ask him what it's about. Now have him read a poem aloud so you can figure out its topic.

Bring poetry to life

Your youngster may understand a poem better—and appreciate it more—if he explores its subject firsthand. After reading about "a stack of fluffy pancakes with a melting square of butter," plan a

pancake breakfast. Or read a poem about "prickly pinecones," and let your child collect pinecones outside to examine how prickly they feel.

Play with words

Poets might swap beginning sounds in words (*puddly cuppy* instead of *cuddly puppy*) or rhyme words at the ends of lines ("I'd love a bowl of *custard*, but you can hold the *mustard*"). Encourage your youngster to listen for wordplay like that when you read poetry to him. Then, have fun making up your own silly words or rhyming pairs together. ♥

Listen while you walk

Encourage your little one to practice listening while you take a walk together. Try this twist on I Spy.

Tell your child you're going to walk quietly so you can hear sounds all around you. Choose a sound to imitate, and have the other person try to identify it.

You might say, "I hear, with my little ear, a sound that goes *ring ring*." Can she guess that you're hearing bells or wind chimes? Or your youngster may say, "I hear, with my little ear, something that sounds like *rumble-rumble-rumble*." You might say a garbage truck or a motorcycle.

The next time, take a new route or walk at another time of day so your youngster can listen for different sounds. ♥



Story writing: Beginning, middle, end

Your youngster probably has lots of exciting stories in her head. Help her write them down with these tips for getting started, adding details, and wrapping things up.

● **Beginning.** Starting her story will be easier if your child zeroes in on a specific event. Encourage her to “think small.” Instead of writing, “We had a snow day,” she might focus on one part of her day: “I went sledding with my friends on our snow day.”

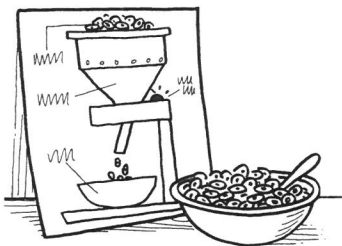


● **Middle.** Ask your youngster questions that will help her find at least two or three details to include. You could say, “How did you feel while you were soaring down the hill?” or “What happened that you didn’t expect?” She may write about snow flying into her face or spotting a deer.

● **End.** A new writer may need help deciding how a story should end. Try asking, “What’s the last thing you remember?” Perhaps she’ll complete her tale with a sentence about going inside to drink hot chocolate with you!♥

Engineer and write

A machine that pours cereal and milk? A robot that tracks down missing socks? Drawing and labeling diagrams of imaginary devices encourages your child to combine engineering and writing skills.



First, explore a few diagrams for real machines together. You can often find these in instruction manuals for household items like a vacuum cleaner or a blender.

Next, ask your youngster to draw a diagram of a contraption he would like to own. Suggest that he label each part. His “cereal maker” could include a timer you set the night before so cereal is ready at breakfast time. Or his “sock finder” might feature a radar dish for zeroing in on any sock without a partner.

Finally, have him walk you through his design and describe how the machine works. What else can he invent?♥



Parent to Parent

Reading the forecast

My daughter Ava was fascinated by the idea of a groundhog “predicting” the weather on Groundhog Day. I decided to have her read a forecast so she could see how people really get information about the weather.

Together, we looked at the weather page of the newspaper. She figured out that a sun symbol with a tiny cloud means mostly sunny, and I explained that a squiggly line tells us it’ll be windy. Then, I had her read the high and low temperatures. Finally, we read tomorrow’s full forecast together.

When I mentioned this to Ava’s teacher, she said it was a great way for my daughter to see nonfiction reading as useful in everyday life—and to practice reading words, numbers, and symbols. Now Ava checks the forecast as part of her bedtime routine and proudly reports the weather so we know what to wear.♥



Q&A From pictures to words

Q When my kindergartner “reads,” he often ignores the words and makes up his own story based on the pictures. What should I do?

A Your son’s behavior sounds totally normal for a youngster who is just learning to read.

Gently nudge him toward the next step—noticing words—by running your finger under the text as you read aloud to him. When you come to a word that’s

illustrated (say, giraffe), tell your son, “This word starts with G. Can you look at the picture and figure out the word?”

You can also say, “Do you see a word on this page that you know?” He’ll be excited to point out ones he has learned in school like *the*, *and*, and *friend*. Another idea is to ask a librarian to help you find a book with a character who shares his name—he’s guaranteed to spot at least one word he recognizes throughout the book!♥



OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ways to promote their children’s reading, writing, and language skills.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			1 French Toast, Yogurt, Banana, Juice, Milk Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Tri Tater, Celery Sticks, Cuties, Milk Bologna Sandwich	2 Egg Omelet, Muffin, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Cole Slaw, Pears, Milk Bologna Sandwich
5	6	7	8	9
Combos, Applesauce, Juice, Milk BBQ Pork W/Bun, Whole White Potatoes, Corn, Peaches, Milk Ham Sandwich	Pancake, Ham Pattie, Red Grapes, Juice, Milk Chicken Pattie, Chicken & Rice, California Blend, Pears, Milk Ham Sandwich Pizza Hut Night	Breakfast Sandwich, Apple Slices, Juice, Milk Fiestada, Mac Salad, Fresh Cauliflower, Pineapple, Cookie, Milk Ham Sandwich	Waffle, Bacon, Mandarin Oranges, Juice, Milk Hot Beef Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Banana, Milk Ham Sandwich	Scrambled Eggs, Green Grapes, Juice, Milk Mini Corndogs, Tater Tots, Tropical Fruit, Peas, Milk Ham Sandwich Spirit Day
12	13	14	15	16
Blueberry Muffin, Oranges, Juice, Milk Pork Tenderloin, Scalloped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Milk Turkey Sandwich Chips Night	French Toast, Mixed Fruit, Juice, Milk Walking Tacos, Lettuce, Cheese, Fresh Broccoli, Peaches, Cookie, Milk Turkey Sandwich 4th & 5th Music Program	Egg Omelet, Mini Bagel, Red Grapes, Juice, Milk Fish Sticks, Mac & Cheese, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Turkey Sandwich	Pancake, Sausage Pattie, Cuties, Juice, Milk Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Bread, Peas, Mixed Fruit, Milk Turkey Sandwich	NO SCHOOL
19	20	21	22	23
NO SCHOOL Staff In-Service	Pancake, Yogurt, Pineapple, Juice, Milk Chicken Legs, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Oranges, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Scrambled Eggs, Strawberries, Juice, Milk Cheesburger W/Bun, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pears, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Waffle, Sausage Pattie, Kiwi, Juice, Milk Sloppy Joe W/Bun, Tri Tater, Corn Apple, Milk Bologna Sandwich	Egg Omelet, Biscuit, Peaches, Juice, Milk Cheese Pizza, Potato Salad, Tropical Fruit, Rice Krispie Bar, Milk Bologna Sandwich
26	27	28	1	2
Breakfast Bites, Green Grapes, Juice, Milk Pasta Bar, Garlic Bread, Cole Slaw, Pineapple, Milk Ham Sandwich	Dr Seuss Breakfast Green Eggs and Ham, Muffin, Banana, Milk Hot Dog W/Bun, Sun Chips, Baked Beans, Mandarin Oranges, Milk Ham Sandwich	Breakfast Sandwich, Strawberries, Juice, Milk Chicken Nuggets, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Mixed Fruit, Milk Ham Sandwich	Pancake, Yogurt, Tropical Fruit, Juice, Milk Egg Omelet, Sausage Pattie, Muffin, Carrots, Peaches, Milk Ham Sandwich	Breakfast Pizza, Pears, Juice, Milk Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Goldfish Crackers, Celery Sticks, Cuties, Milk Ham Sandwich

