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Special Interest Articles:

- New Staff at WIS
- School Forms, Student Schedules and Class Fees
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- Parent Drop Off and Pick-up

Important Dates:

- Aug. 18 Back to School Celebration
- Aug. 22 Open House 6:30-8:00 PM
- Aug. 24 First Student Day
- Sept. 5 Labor Day –No School
- Sept. 6 Rachel’s Challenge Kick-off Assembly
- Sept. 16 Student Picture Day
- Sept. 20 Board of Education Meeting 5:00 PM
- Sept. 30 Interim Grades Sent Home
- Oct. 20 Grandparents Day 3rd Grade Students
- Oct. 20 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 PM
- Oct. 21 Grandparents Day 4th Grade Students
- Oct. 28 End First Quarter
- Nov. 4 Grade Cards Sent Home
- Nov. 10 & 15 Parent Teacher

New Staff at WIS

The 2016-17 school year will bring several new faces to Woodlands Intermediate School. It is our pleasure to welcome the following new staff members: Mrs. Melissa Allen, Intervention Specialist; Ms. Tabetha Ramey, 4th Grade Math and Social

Studies; Mrs. Whitney Steinmetz, Grade 3 Language Arts; and Mrs. Ashley Tapp-Craig, Title 1.

The new staff members have been in the building working hard preparing for this upcoming school year. They

are going to be a great addition to our already dedicated and hard working staff. Again, welcome to the new Woodlands Intermediate School staff members! We hope you all have an enjoyable and rewarding year.

School Forms, Student Schedules and Class Fees

Enclosed in this mailing, please find several important pieces of information: school calendar, supply lists and a letter from our transportation department. On the first day of school students will be bringing home several forms that will need to be completed and returned. The forms we will be sending home are: Emergency Medical, Free and Reduced Lunch, Student- Parent Handbook Signature Page, Acceptable Use Policy, and Photo Release.

Schedules for 5th and 6th grade students can be picked up, during Open House Monday, August 22nd. Students will also receive a copy of their schedule in their homeroom class on the first day of school. Any 6th grade student wishing to change his/her schedule will need to bring in a letter signed by his/her parent informing the school of the request. There will be no schedule changes after Friday, September 16th.

Homeroom lists will be posted on the front doors for all grade levels starting Friday, August 19th.

Student fees again this year will be \$50 for all grades. Fee statements will be sent out by the treasurer’s office in October. We will **NOT** collect fees prior to that. Upon receiving your fee statement, fee money can be sent into school with your child, paid online through E-Z Pay or mailed directly to the Treasurer’s office.

Back to School Night and Open House

We will be kicking off the school year with a Back to School Celebration on Thursday, August 18th from 6:00-7:00 P.M. at the Huron Boat Basin. Parents, students, community members and district staff are invited to an official kick-off to the 2016-17 school year. Class lists and room assignments will be posted. Along with performances by the Huron High School Cheerleaders and the Tiger Marching Band, Tofts ice cream will be served.

is scheduled for Monday, August 22, from 6:30-8:00 P.M. We will have the building open for students and parents to meet their teachers and become reacquainted with the building.

Open House also affords the students the opportunity to bring in school supplies ahead of time. Students can bring their supplies in during Open House and leave them in their homeroom so that they do not have so much to carry on the

first day.

Our secretary, Mrs. Moscioni, will be in the office that evening to hand out schedules for the 5th and 6th grade students.

We will also have staff present to enroll students in the Tiger Kids Club program. They will be located in room 101.

Mrs. Klein the cashier in our cafeteria will be present in the cafeteria to accept payments onto student lunch accounts.

Student Pick Up and Drop Off

Parents are reminded that they are to use Lake Erie Parkway along the west side of our building to drop off and pick up students. The front driveway is for bus traffic **only**. After dropping off or picking up your student please continue to follow Lake Erie Parkway back out to Cleveland Road. Any parent needing to make any other accommodations with regards to location of student pick-up or drop-off will need to contact the school office.

Cafeteria Prices

Intermediate School Breakfast	\$1.50
Intermediate School Lunch	\$2.70
Extra Milk	\$0.50
*Prices for ala-carte items and nutritional information can be found on the district web site.	

Getting Organized is Your Ticket to Success

Keep Your Locker Neat

Remove trash and keep supplies in order.

Use Your Agenda

Keep track of when things are due. Be sure you write down each assignment.

Use a Notebook

Use a different section in your notebook for each class. For each section, be sure to write:

- Class name, room number and time it meets.
- Teacher's name.

Make Time for Homework

- Find a quiet place to work. Make sure it has plenty of light. Get the supplies you need before you start.
- Do not take phone calls from friends.
- Ask family members not to disturb you.

Break Up Big Projects

For example, for a research project, collect research one week, take notes the next, and begin writing the next.

Get Ready the Night Before

- Finish assignments that are due the next day.
- Pack your schoolbag right after you finish your homework.
- Get your clothes ready before you go to bed.

Opening of School

The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 24th. The first bell will ring at 8:45AM allowing students to enter the building and go to their locker/classroom. Students entering before

8:45AM must go directly to the cafeteria, and must enter through the front doors. The tardy bell to signify the start of the day will ring at 8:55AM. Students are to report to homeroom to start the first school day. (Homeroom lists will be posted at the Back to School Celebration on August 18th at the Huron Boat Basin and then will be posted on the front doors by Friday, August 19th.) Actual hours for school are from **8:55 A.M. to 3:45 P.M.** During the first day of school, there will be an adjusted time schedule. Students will remain in their homerooms for an extended period of time so that teachers will have adequate time to distribute information, assign lockers, review the student handbook items, answer questions, etc.

School Pictures

Ripcho Studio has been scheduled to take individual student pictures the morning of Friday, September 16th. Additional information will be sent home regarding student pictures at a later date.

Volunteer at the Woodlands Gardens

Do you have a green thumb? Even if you don't, we need you! The lovely Woodlands Children's Garden is a fully volunteer-created and supported venture. If you have some extra time or know of a group or organization that is willing to help maintain this 'outdoor classroom' for your child and other Woodlands students, please call or stop into the office. Every little bit helps (even if it is pulling a few weeds while waiting to pick up your student at the end of the day)!

News from the Nurses

Medication – Medication must be brought to the school by the parent/guardian in the container in which it was dispensed with the child's name clearly labeled. No student may be administered medication unless the school

has received a medication request form completed by his/her physician; this includes over the counter meds. This form must be resubmitted each year. These forms may be picked up in the office, or downloaded from our website.

Cafeteria

Parents are asked to deposit money to their student's cafeteria accounts by sending cash or check to the school with their student. Parents may also place money on their child's lunch account using the EZ-Pay system on our web site.

A student wishing to deposit money to his/her account may do so by giving the money to his/her first period teacher during the first few minutes of the period. The money or check should be in a sealed envelope with the student's name and his/her first period teacher's name on the envelope. Money for deposit will be picked up each morning and taken to the cafeteria for immediate deposit. The deposit will then be available for debiting as the student makes his/her daily meal purchases. Students may also deposit money on their account at the Open House on August 22nd.

If paying by check, please make the check payable to HURON CITY SCHOOLS and for the exact amount to be deposited, as no change will be given.

This year we will be offering a grab and go breakfast in the morning. The cost for breakfast will be deducted from the students lunch account. Students that receive free/reduced lunches can also receive free/reduced breakfast.

The lunch menu will be a five-week rotation menu this school year. Each student will receive a large magnet to take home at the start of school that contains the school menu for the entire school year. This menu can also be downloaded from our website.

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Parent and Student Access to Grades

Parent Access provides parents with a constant and updated look at their children's current class progress, past and future assignments, any insights shared by the teacher, and any other meaningful information like attendance. This is a very valuable tool allowing parents to track their student's progress. You will need a user name and password to check grades and progress of your child.

From our school web site (www.huronhs.com) you will find a link in the left hand column titled Parent Access. This link will take you to the Parent Access site. Select the Huron Schools logo and enter your user-name and password.

Any parent needing information on Parent Access, or are in need of a user-name and/or password should email Mark_Doughty@huronhs.com. We will also be sending home information on setting up an account for those parents who have never used parent access the first week of September.

Tiger Kids Club

Tiger Kids Club is a before and after school program offered by the school system. The before school program is held at Shawnee Elementary, while the after school program is held at Woodlands Intermediate. Information on Tiger Kids Club can be obtained from the school office or the district web site. Tiger Kids Club will also have staff at our Open House to provide information for parents; they will be located in room 101.

The Guidance Corner

By Mrs. Dayle Ritter – Guidance Counselor

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I look forward to having the students back again and welcoming those who are new to our buildings. I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are looking forward to an exciting new year.

With a new school year comes many changes for the students . . . new teachers, new schedules, and new buildings. This can be exciting AND/OR overwhelming because everyone reacts differently to change. Do you embrace it?? Do you cringe at the thought of it?? Change is inevitable and it is important to prepare children for it and to help them navigate the unfamiliar. You, the parents, are the most important people in the lives of your children; therefore, you have the most important influence on how your children cope with change.

With our young students, preschool through 3rd/4th grade, these changes may bring about some behaviors which might be indicative of separation anxiety. Here are some tips to ease this anxiety.

- Develop a “goodbye” ritual. Rituals are reassuring and can be as simple as a special wave through the window or a goodbye kiss. (A good book for this is, “The Kissing Hand” by Audrey Penn.)

- Have a consistent primary caregiver. If you need to have a caregiver before and/or after school, be consistent with the person and location.

- Leave without fanfare. Tell your child you are leaving and that you will return, then go – don’t stall. This is equally important when placing your child on the school bus for transportation to school. Have him/her board the bus, use your “goodbye” ritual and walk away from the bus.

- Try not to give in. Reassure your child that he/she will be just fine – setting limits will help the adjustment to separation.

- Provide a consistent pattern for the day. Predictability is soothing for children. If your family’s schedule is going to change, discuss it ahead of time with your child.

- Keep calm during separation. This is more reassuring for your child.

- Help a child who has been absent from school return as quickly as possible.

- Praise your child’s efforts. Use the smallest of accomplishments—going to bed without a fuss, a good report from school—as reason to give your child positive reinforcement.

In our older students, 5th – 8th grade,

the changes of a new school year may bring about feelings of school anxiety and/or school avoidance. Some of the above tips can be modified to suit the situation for them.

Three websites I visited for some of the above information are:

http://helpguide.org/mental_separation_anxiety_causes_prevention_treatment.htm

http://www.cyh.sa.gov.au/Health_Topics/HealthTopicDetails.aspx?p114&np=122&id=1848

<http://www.aafp.org/afp/2003/1015/p1555.html>

DEALING WITH CHANGE!

Do you embrace it?? Do you cringe at the thought of it?? Change is inevitable!!! The most dramatic change for the typical student at Woodlands Intermediate School is for the incoming 3rd graders. They face the change of a new building, new teachers, and a new routine. However, all of us at Woodlands will be facing changes such as a change in the number of class periods in the day and new teachers.

You, the parents, are the most important people in the lives of your children and therefore, the most important influence on how your children cope with change. Below are some suggestions for helping your children with the transition of a new school year.

1. Be positive!!! Even when people do not know what to expect the outcome can be influenced by a brighter outlook.

2. Discuss possibilities. Ask your child what the worst-case scenario would be, then discuss possible ways to turn that negative into a positive. (eg. “I might not like the teacher.” Positive – “You might decide that the teacher is the best teacher you have ever had if you give yourself a chance to find out.”) Be sure to also ask your child what the best-case scenario would be and talk about that.

3. Share feelings. Children need to know that it is okay to feel a bit apprehensive about the unknown changes. Think of a similar situation when you felt apprehensive and where the outcome was positive and share this with your child. Share with them how you felt and how you dealt with the situation.

4. Communicate openly. Communications between parents and teachers is essential so that you can work together to alleviate stress due to the changes. Communications between parents and children is crucial. Children need to have a sounding board –

someone who will love them no matter what their feelings are. Sometimes all they need to do is state the concern out loud and they can figure out a solution. Also, it is important for you to help your children learn to express concerns with the teacher.

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

To the three “R”s taught in school, many parents and teachers would like to add a fourth – Responsibility. They know that responsible students grow up to be responsible adults. Responsible students don’t have any one secret for their success... but they do practice some habits that help them.

1. They set goals.

- Goals keep kids focused on the future. That’s why they are the foundation of responsible behavior and success in school. So help your child set goals.

2. They plan their time.

- Responsible people meet their obligations on time but it takes planning.

3. They study everyday.

- Responsible students set aside time every day for homework or studying. Review vocabulary words, or class notes.

4. They take notes in class.

- Students who earn all “A”s seem to have one thing in common—they take notes in class. They have learned that teachers will almost always spell out what is important.

5. They have the tools they need.

- A carpenter wouldn’t think of showing up for work without a hammer. A nurse always has a stethoscope, but some students seem to think they can go to class without the pencil, pen, paper and other tools they need.

6. They keep their commitments.

- Responsible people honor their commitments to others and themselves. They succeed at school by doing their assignments well and on time.

7. They get ready ahead of time.

- Teach your child to take five to ten minutes before bedtime to get ready for the next day. Responsible students have come to realize that being late or early isn’t something that simply happens to them, they prepare ahead of time.