



# WALNUT

## BITS AND PIECES



December 6, 2013

Coming Together.....to learn.....to grow.....to succeed!!

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**December 11 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:40PM - Teacher Professional Development**

December 13 – Fifth Grade Winter Concert at WHE at 2:30PM

December 20 – Winter Parties (2:30PM to 3:15PM)

**December 23 – January 3 – NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK**

**January 6 – Classes Resume**

**January 8 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:40PM - Teacher Professional Development**



Unfortunately, we receive many complaints regarding illegal parking in our school parking lot. Please contact the local law enforcement if you witness this happening.

To review the Iowa Code:

[http://www.dps.state.ia.us/regassist/IowaCode\\_321L.shtml](http://www.dps.state.ia.us/regassist/IowaCode_321L.shtml) - 321L1

# **PLEASE KEEP THE CHILDREN SAFE!!!**

When bringing your child to school, pull into the driveway and take an immediate right. This takes you to the long curbed driveway along which you are to pull along the curb, with your child exiting your vehicle CURBSIDE. PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD GET OUT OF YOUR VEHICLE IN THE DRIVEWAY. Also, please do not get out of your car to assist your child. There are supervisors all along the sidewalk who will help with doors, etc. After your child exits your vehicle, please carefully pull left into the inside lane and exit the parking lot.

If you choose to walk your child into the school, you must park in a parking stall in our parking lot. Please walk with your child in hand, using the school crosswalk, and then into our school.

**WE DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO DROP A CHILD OFF IN THE PARKING LOT. NO CHILD IS ALLOWED TO WALK ACROSS THE CROSSWALK BY HIM/HERSELF. AN ADULT MUST ACCOMPANY EVERY STUDENT BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL.** (Some parents choose to park in the lot and beckon their child across the crosswalk to meet them in the lot after school. This is very unsafe for your child and will not be permitted.)

## **GIVING TREE**



Walnut Hills Elementary will be sponsoring a Giving Tree project in the month of December by collecting NEW toys (unwrapped). The new toys will be collected on the morning of December 16<sup>th</sup>. All items will go to families within the Waukee Community School District, with several families at Walnut Hills receiving benefits. Remember, only NEW, unwrapped toys will be collected.

# **THANK YOU**

## OPERATION GRATITUDE UPDATE

Thank you for all of your donations! Our school collected over 400 lbs. of candy, 14 letters, 173 toothbrushes, 152 tubes of toothpaste, and other assorted hygiene items. These donations have been shipped to Operation Gratitude to be included in care packages sent to our Troops overseas. A special thank you to Waukee Family Dentistry for the boxes of toothbrushes and toothpaste that they donated and to Jacobson Logistics for shipping the items. And thank you to all who donated for making this project such a success!



### **INCLEMENT WEATHER LATE START DAYS**

When Waukee Schools have a late start due to inclement weather, NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON THOSE MORNINGS. Please be sure your child eats breakfast before coming to school on late start days due to inclement weather.

## **Parent University**

"State of the District Address"  
with Guest Speaker Dr. Dave Wilkerson,  
Superintendent of Waukee Community School District  
December 11th at 7:00AM  
and  
December 12th at 7:00PM

(please note...there is no PTO meeting immediately following)



## **PHONE NUMBER CHANGES!!!**

**Please remember to contact our office with any changes in phone numbers. It is important that we have current contact information so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency or illness involving your child. As your emergency contact numbers change, updates of that information is also essential. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## **District Looks to Fill Associate Job Openings**

The Waukee Community School District is currently searching for compassionate people to fill associate and substitute associate positions we currently have open in our district. Associates help teachers manage and meet the needs for our students. Some associates work in study-hall settings while others monitor students during recess or lunch. The majority of associates are assigned to help meet the needs of our students within the classroom who may require additional support for academic, behavioral, health and movement within the building.

We are looking for people who would like to help. Associate hours range in scheduling from 12-35 hours per week and the pay is: \$12.20-13.20/hr and does not include benefits. Substitute Associates work 1-3 days per week. All associates only work when school is in session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Human Resources office at 515-987-5161. Press "4" for Human Resources.

## **Community Preschool Enrollment to begin Dec. 9**

Our mission at Waukee Community Preschool is to provide a quality, age-appropriate early childhood education that nurtures every child as an individual, empowers every child as a learner, and celebrates each child's talents and abilities. The Waukee Community Preschool is designed to be a two-year program; one year for 3-year-olds and a second year for 4-year-olds. Please note that our preschool is made up of a combination of children with disabilities (children served through special education programming) as well as children without identified disabilities.

**Online enrollment will begin at 10 a.m. on Dec. 9, 2013.**