



Walthill Public School



December 2016-January 2017 Newsletter



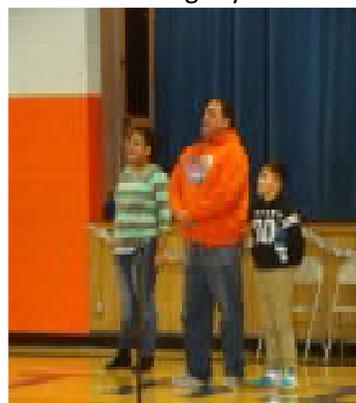
Veteran's Day Salute to the Military

Walthill School's AdvancED Resources and Support Committee (Standard 4), was in charge of this important day honoring our veterans' sacrifices, both past and present. Fortunately, Nancy Anderson was able to obtain a copy of the fallen veterans stretching back to the Civil War to use in our scrolling Wall of Honor, and students and staff added their military relatives and friends. Mike Grant graciously agreed to give the blessing prayer, sung the Umoⁿ hoⁿ Flag Song, and an Honor Song taught to him by his grandfather. There was also patriotic music provided by John Mangan and the Umoⁿ hoⁿ Nation High School Band. Fourth graders showed their appreciation with letters to the veterans, and the fifth grade performed a reader's theater tribute. The Culture class also handed out Veteran Gift Baskets from the student body that included notes of thanks.

We hope all our veterans and their families realize we will always remember their dedication, and sacrifice. Veterans, please join us every year to celebrate your courage. Thank you for accepting the call to patriotic duty. We'll honor you forever! We'll forget you never!



Mrs. Moldin's 4th Grade Class



Mike Grant and his helpers



Mr. Mangan and the Omaha Nation Band



5th Grade Readers Tribute



Honored Vets in attendance

Homework Room

"I can focus, and I get work done" Alizeah Lovejoy, 12th grade, said about the Homework Room offered after school. Lovejoy laughed that she also, "loved the snacks, too."

For 7-12 students, there is an after school tutoring room. Any night there is Project for the elementary, 7-12 students are able to work in Miss Holtgrew's room from 3:45 to 5:15 pm. Snacks, beverages, and limited transportation are provided. Students can work on their homework, surf the Internet, or read a book. ACT prep and credit recovery classes are also available. Since the beginning of school, the program has been used nearly 180 times.

"I get all my work done," said Alisia Morris, 11th grade.

Hanging out with his friends is the reason Priest Morris, 7th grade, stays after school. Levi Grant, also a 7th grader, added he likes the place to stay until his folks are home from work.

For more information about the Homework Room, please contact the high school office or Project Director Mrs. Jill Anderson at 402-846-5432.



11th grader Savannah Sheridan writes a reading journal during Homework Room.

Parent Online with GoEdustar

Did you know that you can check your child's grades by logging onto Parent Online using your Computer or smart phone?

To get signed up, simply call the school and provide your email address for Parent Online. This is a great and simple way to stay connected to your child's academics!



Walthill Public School requests your help in locating children who may be in need of early intervention services or supports. Child Find is a component of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that requires states to identify, locate, and evaluate all children with disabilities, aged birth to 21, who are in need of early intervention or special education services. Please use the following developmental milestones as a guideline for assessing your child's development. If you are concerned about your child's development, or that of another child in the community, please contact Shannon Burgett at Walthill School at 402-846-5432, Ext. 120.

DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES

BIRTH TO 4 MONTHS

- Vary cries to tell you what he/she needs
- Coo back and forth in conversation with you
- Roll from side to back
- Hold and swipe at objects
- Smile and laugh when you play
- Know and prefer your voice

4-8 MONTHS

- Touch you and her toys to signal for more
- Recognize names of familiar people, daily routines
- Roll over in both directions
- Pick up toys of all sizes
- Move objects from hand to hand
- Explore toys
- Turn and look toward sounds
- Sit without support

8-12 MONTHS

- Combine many different sounds
- Move forward to explore the environment
- Stand with support
- Place toys in containers and take them out again
- Cry and fuss when separating from you

12-18 MONTHS

- Use a few words to tell you what she wants
- Make simple choices
- Walk independently
- Learn how to make simple things work
- Place pegs or forms into boards or shape boxes
- Express many types of emotion with more intensity

18-24 MONTHS

- Say two-word phrases
- Climb on the furniture
- Throw a ball
- Pretend with dolls and household items
- Complete simple puzzles and fit toys together
- Play side by side with other children

2 YEARS

- Combine three to four words in phrases
- Ask questions
- Balance on one foot and learn to jump
- Climb up and down stairs
- Fit together objects of different sizes and shapes
- Learn about quantities
- Act out daily experiences
- Play with other children of the same age

3 YEARS

- Learn many ideas and use new words in short sentences
- Ask many questions and tell stories
- Become more coordinated for running, climbing and riding a tricycle
- Learn about gender and family differences
- Match colors and shapes
- Learn to play with other children
- Learn to solve problems

4 YEARS

- Use words to respond to others
- Use longer sentences in conversations
- Improve drawing, building and cutting skills
- Discover about sizes, volumes, shapes and colors

- Learn to count
- Participate in dramatic play
- Play cooperatively with other children
- Recognize some numbers and letters

5 YEARS

- Run, jump, hop, skip and climb with ease
- Follow three-step directions
- Recognize her printed name
- Ask and answer who, what, when, where questions
- Enjoy games and follow simple rules
- Understand right and wrong
- Draw with detail
- Show independence through strong emotion

MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Testing

begins December 1 for students in Kindergarten through 10th grade.

To ensure your student does their very best on the tests,
here are some helpful hints:

- *Get a good night sleep before the tests**
- *Eat a good breakfast the morning of tests (free at school!)**
- *All classroom work is completed, understood, and turned in**
- *Be to school on time, and do not get checked out**

For more information on MAP testing, and other State Assessment tests administered at WPS, visit our website at www.walthweb.esu1.org and select "Assessment Information" from the column on the left



SENIOR GAME PASSES

**Senior Game passes are available for seniors
65 years and older. Stop into the school office
to get yours today.**

(Pass is for home games only)

Winter Weather Information

During winter there will be some days when it is questionable whether to have school or not due to inclement weather. If possible, a decision about the next school day will be made by 9:00 p.m. for announcement during the 10:00 p.m. news. An early decision is not always possible because of uncertain weather conditions. School officials will make periodic assessments of conditions during the night and will decide early in the morning (by 6:30 a.m. if possible).

Occasionally, weather conditions will deteriorate during a school day to the point where early dismissals are necessary. We try to give a 1-hour notice prior to early dismissal, watch the stations listed below for an announcement.

The following is a list of where announcements about school closing, late start and early out can be heard:

Television

KTIV – Channel 4 – Sioux City
KCAU – Channel 9 – Sioux City
KMEG – Channel 14 – Sioux City

Radio

KMNS – 620 – Sioux City
KSCJ – 780 KHZ – AM – Norfolk
KTCH – 1590 AM – Wayne
KTIC – 840 AM – West Point

Walthill Public School also provides a service called “One Call”. This is an automated phone call to let you know of schedule changes, no school/early out announcements, etc. If you are not receiving these phone calls, please call Mr. Ross at 402-846-5432, to provide your phone number for this service.



During the winter months, all children are expected to go outside during recess unless it is raining or extremely cold (wind chill factor of 0 degrees or below) or a temperature below 20 degrees. During cold weather, students should be dressed warmly including hats, scarves, tennis shoes or boots and mittens. **No Shorts or Sandals.**



Wednesday, December 14, 2016 7:00pm

Please have students here by 6:45



Blujay Football and Volleyball Awards



1st Team All-District-Offense-Tyler Lovejoy Defense Grayden Hallowell
Honorable Mention Romello Porter and Marquel Grant

2nd Team All-District-Defense-Tavion Brown, Ben Lovejoy, and Jayden Sheridan

2nd Team All-State -Offense-Tyler Lovejoy Defense Grayden Hallowell
Honorable Mention Tavion Brown and Ben Lovejoy



All Conference Honorable Mention TomiSalie Parker, Stephanie Grant



To all of our Student Athletes!



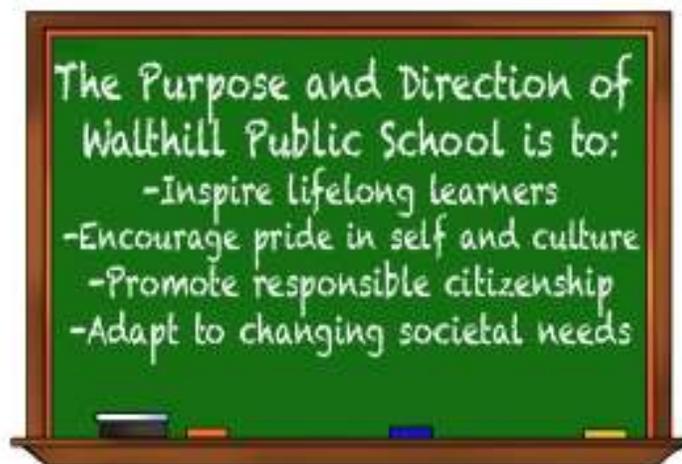
Walthill Public School is continually improving through our AdvancEd accreditation process. The Teaching and Learning Standard is committed to analyzing and improving our school's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practice guide. We also report teacher effectiveness and student learning. We are fully accredited and we take pride in providing an education for your children. Student success is one of our highest priorities. We are thankful to the parents, guardians, and community who support our school. Challenges are met much easier because of the teamwork we have. Our school year is in full swing and classrooms are busy, meeting all Nebraska State Standards, which have been implemented in all core subjects. With your help, let's work together to turn all of our good things into great things!

Our team has been giving away baskets at the Parent's Night Football game. We will be giving away baskets for both Girls and Boys Basketball games. This will be given out during the Parent's Night Basketball games. Thank you for all of the support of our student athletes.



Congratulations to the participants in the One Act Play for placing 8th at Conference!

A BIG shout out to Galen Aldrich who received an Outstanding Actors Award



Mrs. Burcham's Second Grade

We are learning and doing lots of fun things this year! We took our annual field trip to Vala's Pumpkin Patch in October. We went on a train ride, watched pig races, went down a big slide and lots of other fun things; but everyone liked the haunted houses the best. We brought back pumpkins, estimated and counted seeds, and carved them. We then wrote stories that we shared at Author Share.

We all agreed that the Veteran's Day Celebration was nice.

In math we made cookies when we learned to measure and read a recipe. The cooks baked them for us and said we did an excellent job of mixing. They were very good.

We wrote Thanksgiving stories and in reading we read a story about a trash eating robot. Now we are making a trash eating robot for our classroom. The janitors will really like that! We changed our classroom and no longer have desks. We get to choose who we want to sit by each day. We are getting ready for the winter MAPS testing and Christmas will be here before we know it.

Our year is going fast.



Jumping Pillow at Vala's Pumpkin Patch



Mixing up ingredients for cookies

Roslyn



1. How many siblings? What are their names? I have 4 siblings. Their names are Maria, Christopher, Xander, and my Leah <3
2. What motto do you live by? Once you start something, you have to finish it.
3. Who is your favorite musical artist? I have a lot but mostly Zayn Malik, Majid Jordan, Kings of Leon, and of course Beyonce ;)
4. What is your favorite season? Fall!
5. Advice for underclassmen? Get your work done! Don't be so drama, don't overthink, and try not to grow up fast. Enjoy being young.
6. Who are you most grateful for? My grandparents
7. What is an accomplishment you are proud of? Having straight A's throughout high school
8. How long have you attended Walthill Public School? Pre K-12 lol
9. Where do you see yourself in five years? Having my Bachelors of Science in Nursing and working in a hospital with children.

10. What are your hobbies? Reading and working out when I have time.

11. What is your favorite place to eat? Olive Garden, La Juanitas, Panda Palace, and Rosie's Pizza!

12. Describe high school in three words. Challenging. Fun. Memorable.

13. What are your tribe(s)? Umonhon Tribe

14. When's your birthday? November 18

15. Who are the 3 most important people in your life? My grandmother, grandfather, and my sister Maria.

16. What inspires you? My grandmother Christine

17. What makes you happy? Spending time with family, and food :)

18. If you could travel anywhere, where would it be? Bora Bora

19. What is your greatest fear? Not becoming successful

20. What is your favorite color? Maroon



Jayden Ray-Cal

How many siblings? 5 What are their names? Caine, Tay-Shaun, Hayleigh, Honey, & Caiden

What motto do you live by? Treat people how they treat me

Who is your favorite musical artist? Myles Mills (Skizzy Mars)

What is your favorite season? Spring

Advice for under classmen? Don't wait until your Senior year to start trying, push yourself to get all A's & B's all 4 years of high school.

Who are you most grateful for? My Grandma Loretta

What is an accomplishment you are proud of? Getting to accepted to college

How long have you attended Walthill Public School? 13 years

Where do you see yourself in 5 years? Working

What are your hobbies? Listening to music

What is your favorite place to eat? La Juas

Describe high school in three words. Hectic, Stressful, and Unforgettable

What is your tribe(s)? Omaha Tribe

When's your birthday? October 23

Who are the 3 most important people in your life? My mother Raylene, my Grandmother Loretta, and my Boyfriend P.J.

What inspires you? Nothing

What makes you happy? Skizzy Mars's music

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be? Amsterdam

What is your greatest fear? Spiders and snakes

What is your favorite color? Red

Marquesa Elise



1. How many siblings? What are their names?
Four siblings; Mikey, Marquel, Marco and Martese
2. What motto do you live by?
Don't really have one
3. Who is your favorite musical artist?
Kid Cudi
4. What is your favorite season?
Summer or fall
5. Advice for underclassmen?
Don't be stupid, just do your homework
6. Who are you most grateful for?
Shanna Elise and my mom
7. What is an accomplishment you are proud of?
Finally having good grades
8. How long have you attended Walthill Public School?
Since Kindergarten
9. Where do you see yourself in five years?
I hopefully see myself getting ready to graduate college with a good job and car

10. What are your hobbies?
Probably just dancing at powwows
11. What is your favorite place to eat?
La juas
12. Describe high school in three words.
Challenging, fun, stressful
13. What are your tribes?
Omaha
14. When's your birthday?
January 25
15. Who are the 3 most important people in
My mom, Ally and Alisia
16. What inspires you?
Seeing the way some people live makes me want to take my education further to be able to completely take care of myself and not have to rely on anybody.
17. What makes you happy?
Seeing my mom happy
18. If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?
Cali
19. What is your greatest fear?
Losing somebody close or not being able to make it to college
20. What is your favorite color?
Nude



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5pm VBB Home vs. Santee	2 6pm VBB at Winnebago	3
4	5 2:30 JHGBB 3:30 JHBBB At Omaha Nation	6 6:15 VBB home vs. Hartington	7	8 3pm JHBBB home vs Winnebago	9 6pm VBB home vs Whiting	10
11	12 3pm JHGBB home vs Winnebago	13 4pm JHBBB home vs Pender	14 7pm Christmas Program	15 4pm JHBBB home vs BRLD	16	17 5pm VBB at Freeman Academy
18	19	20	21 1:30pm Student Dismissal	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL VBB Mead	29 NO SCHOOL Holiday Tourney	30 NO SCHOOL	31

MERRY CHRISTMAS

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Teacher In-service 6:15pm VBB at Winside	4 SCHOOL RESUMES	5 6pm VBB home vs Cedar Bluffs	6	7 3pm VBB at McCool Junction
8	9 3pm JHGBB at Winnebago	10 6pm VBB home vs Omaha Nation	11 Family Fun Night 5pm-7pm	12 2:30 JHGBB 3:30 JHBBB At Santee	13 6pm VBB at St. Edward	14 9am JHBBB at Homer
15	16 NO SCHOOL Teacher In-service JHGBB vs Winside TBA	17	18	19	20 6:15pm VBB home vs Homer	21
22	23 6pm VBB home vs Allen	24 4pm JHGBB at Bancroft 6pm VBB at Wynot	25	26	27 VBB Lewis and Clark	28
29	30	31 2:30pm JHGBB at Emerson				



