



Walthill Public School



October/November 2013 Newsletter

A Note to Parents/Guardians:

To stay on track in school, students need to be present every day. Missing 18 or more days of school in a year puts a child's high school graduation at risk, according to BoostUp.org, a national dropout prevention campaign. Being absent for just two days every month of the school year can put a child behind academically. Students with regular attendance are more likely to read well by third grade and score higher on tests. They also tend to be more engaged in school and feel better about themselves. Put your child on the path to success with these attendance strategies.

Make school a priority. Every absence (excused or not), can impact a child's academic achievement. Talk to your child about how important their education is. Make daily routines for homework and waking up on time for school.

Maintain communication with teachers and keep an eye on your child's academic progress. If your child seems disconnected from school or is prone to skipping class, try signing him or her up for an after-school activity. A report by the University of Minnesota found that students in an after-school program attended 18 more days of school and missed nine fewer than their peers.

Make a plan. If your schedule or transportation situation makes getting your child to school a challenge, ask for assistance. Make a carpool or transportation plan with other parents or family members, or ask your school principal for community programs or school initiatives that may help.

Report In. Know your school's attendance policies. If an absence or early dismissal is unavoidable, contact your school. If your family's religious observances fall on school days, let teachers know early in the year which days your child will miss.

Carefully weigh sick days. If your child is sick, talk with your health care provider to determine whether they should stay home from school. If the doctor or nurse recommends that your child stay home, find out exactly how long and on what conditions he or she can return to class (for example, after 24 hours of antibiotics). Before keeping your children home, make sure they aren't faking symptoms. Regularly faking sickness may be a sign that your child is anxious about facing a challenge at school, such as bullying.

Schedule wisely. Know your school's calendar, and arrange doctor and dentist appointments after school, on weekends, or during holiday breaks, if possible. Resist the urge to schedule vacations when students will miss school. This gives students the impression that school is not a priority.

Help students' complete assignments. When your child has to miss school, make arrangements with teachers to pick up a packet of make-up work. Ensure that your child follows through, and be available to explain concepts or monitor their work. If your child's absence will be lengthy (for surgery, for instance), alert teachers as soon as you know and pick up assignments as the days go on.

Remember, If your child is going to be absent from school, please call and let us know!



Family Fun Nights!!

October 9 and November 13

Watch for more information from you students!

Walthill Public School welcomes three new teachers!



Interview with Emma Buchholz

By Jalise Randol

On August 30th Jalise Randol conducted an interview with Walthill Public School's newest kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Emma Buchholz. The following questions were presented:

What is your name? Emma Buchholz

Where do you currently live? Bancroft, Nebraska

Where are you from? Avoca, Nebraska

Were you born there? Yes

How many siblings do you have? Two younger sisters

Do you have any children? No

What made you want to become a teacher? My second grade teacher.

Do you enjoy working here at WPS? Yes

Where did you attend high school? Syracuse, Nebraska

Did you play any sports, if so which ones? Softball, volleyball, basketball, and track

Where did you attend college? USD in Vermillion, South Dakota

What are some of your hobbies, or things you like to do during your spare time? Hang out with family and friends, reading books, and I love watching the Huskers.



Interview with Crista Waldman

By Jasmine Springer

On August 30, Webpage students from Walthill Public School interviewed first grade teacher, Crista Waldman. They asked her the following questions:

Q: Do you enjoy working here at WPS? A: I've enjoyed every minute of being here, everyone makes me feel welcomed.

Q: Have you taught anywhere else? If so, which school or schools? A: I was a preschool teacher at a daycare center, but not in a school setting.

Q: Where did you attend High school? A: Norris High school in Firth, Nebraska,

in the middle of a cornfield to be exact.

Q: What sports do you like? Do you prefer NFL or College Sports? A: I prefer College Sports.

Q: Are you married? A: No I'm not.

Q: What's your favorite type of music? A: I grew up listening to country music, so I like country.

Q: Who is your favorite Artist? A: I would have to say Brad Paisley.

Q: Where are you from? Were you born there? A: I'm from Hickman, Nebraska, but I was born in Lincoln.

Q: What made you want to become a teacher? A: Growing up I struggled in school and so I had teachers help me along the way. Also, I love being around kids

Q: Have you played any sports? If so, which ones? A: I played volleyball my freshmen year of high school and basketball.

Q: What are some of your hobbies or things you like to do during your spare time? A: I like to hang out with my friends.



Interview with Becky Rogers

By: James Granay

On August 30th I, James Granay, decided to have an interview with the Special Education teacher, Becky Rogers, who is brand new at Walthill Public School. I came up with nine questions to ask her and these were the questions and answers she gave me.

Q: What is your name?

A: My Name is Becky Rogers

Q: Where you in any sports when you were in high school?

A: I played basketball and I was out for track

Q: What type of teacher are you?

A: I'm a Special E.D. teacher

Q: What influenced you?

A: I have a son who is ten years old that is autistic, and some of the teachers he had before when he was a little bit younger when he was about 4 or 5, they pretty much inspired me to want to help other kids kind of like him or kids with different things wrong with them.

Q: What college did you go to?

A: Wayne State

Q: What was your major?

A: Special Education

Q: Are you married?

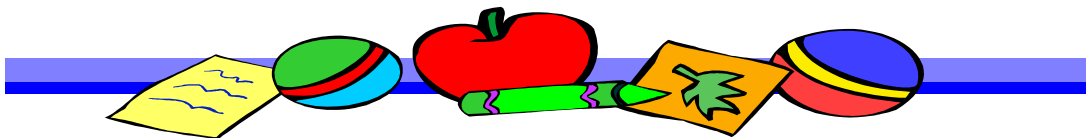
A: Yes, with 5 kids, four sons and one daughter

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: Gardening

Q: What is your Dream job?

A: Here at Walthill Public School

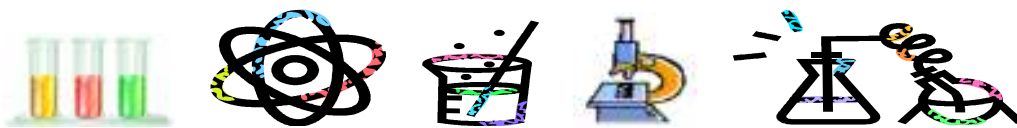


Child Find/Special Services:

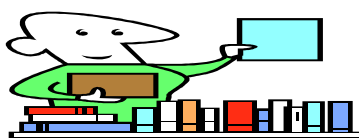
The Walthill Public School requests your help in locating handicapped children. The Federal Handicapped Children's Act (PL 94-142) guarantees a free appropriate educational program for all children between the ages of 0 and 21 years of age. If you have a child, or know of any young person with special needs between 0-21 years of age that is not enrolled in an appropriate education program, please call 402-846-5432 or write to:

Shannon Burgett, Walthill Public School, P O Box 3C, Walthill, NE 68067.

Mrs. Spoeneman's clothing class went on a field trip to the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln on September 11. Quilted textiles, from all times and places, tell stories of family, culture, trade and creativity. Three galleries showcase changing exhibitions drawn from a world-class collection of more than 3500 quilts, gathered from over 30 countries and spanning four centuries. This month there were over 50 colonial quilts on display as well as 25 geometric quilts produced by an engineer from David City. In addition to the quilt museum, the class of Pearl Pan and Shani Parker went to JoAnn's fabric and purchased materials for their upcoming star quilt projects. The FCCLA group is also making star quilts which will be available for purchase upon completion. For more information call the school and ask for Mrs. Spoeneman.



Mrs. Fernau's 6th Grade Science received a new Interactive Science book and supplies this year. The books are in magazine form, where the students get to write their responses down IN the book (without a teacher getting angry about it!) The students also get to take their books home at the end of the school year to show their caregivers what their year was about. We are almost done with the Technology info. in the books and will be ready to start Physical Science hopefully by Homecoming week!



Want to Go Digital Through the School Library?

We have big news from the library this month. First, the Fall Book Fair is scheduled for Monday, October 7th to Monday October 14th. As always, we will be open during until 7:00 on Thursday during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Students who attend with an adult will get prizes and treats. All purchases benefit the school library, and profits are used to purchase more books for every student to check out.

Next, we are going digital! Mr. Stansberry has located an online digital library through ESU #2. So soon, our students will soon be able to check out books to read on computers and tablets. Don't worry; we will still have print books available. This is just one more step we at Walthill School felt was necessary for our students' success. I will be training students and staff as soon as the digital librarian at ESU #2 can arrange a time in her busy schedule. Your patience is appreciated.

Did you know that good reading skills boost your child's confidence in all school subjects, and help kids think creatively and critically? So read with your kids as much as possible. See you soon!

Mrs. Low and Mrs. White Eyes



Walthill Public School is continually improving through our AdvancEd accreditation process. The teaching and learning team 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. Our first round of MAP testing has been successfully completed and classes will begin celebrating successes for academic growth.

With your help, let's work together to turn all of our good things into great things!

Standard 3 Teaching and Assessing for Learning Team



Day Care News



The toddlers are off to a busy start reading new books like, Brown bear Brown bear and singing new songs like, "If You're Happy and You Know It". When they aren't reading or singing they are learning patterns, colors, counting and the weather. The toddlers are also spending lots of time up at the big school enjoying story time with Mrs. Low on Mondays and Fridays. They even get to check out books once a week that we take back to our classroom and enjoy during the week. The kids have also been busy on the new Promethean Board that Mr. Stansberry bought us. Our favorite activities so far are learning a new letter each day with Starfall, and tracing the letters of our name and the number of the day. We continue to

work on motor skills and knowledge, while also learning how to solve problems and to work together with our friends.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 10th

3-7pm

Homecoming Week Sept 24-27

Twin Day



Nerd Day



Pajama Day



Stars over Europe
Homecoming 2013





**Sophomore Attendants
ShayLynn Jackson & Kobe Smith**



**Freshman Attendants
Truleano Gonzalez & Roslyn Saunsoci**



**Junior Attendants
Jamal Yacub & Pearl Pan**

**King & Queen
Austin McNeill & Jasmine**

Stars Over Europe Homecoming

On September 27, 2013, the Student Council put on this year's Homecoming festivities, which included a parade, dance, and after party. The event was a huge success, with ninety students attending the dance, and seventy eight attending the after party. The Student Council would like to thank the following people and organizations for assisting us:

Cheryl Miller and the Alcohol Program

Jacenda Begay, Mike Grant, and all at Project Hope

Charter West Bank

Lisa Beaudette and all at the Village Office

Chesterman Bottling Company



The purpose and direction of Walthill
Public School is to:

- *Inspire lifelong learners
- *Encourage pride in self and culture
- *Promote responsible citizenship
- *Adapt to changing societal needs

Varsity Football & Volleyball



Go Big Blue!

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.

Along with Walthill Public School's One Call, where the school will send an automated phone call to the phone number you provided, 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

Norfolk

KMEG – Channel 14 – Sioux City

Radio

KMNS – 620 – Sioux City
KSCJ – 780 KHZ – AM –

KTCH – 1590 AM – Wayne
KTIC – 840 AM – West Point

SNOWCAP is a Winter Weather Alert service. Any delays, cancellations, or postponements will appear on the website. You can also subscribe to receive alerts via email or text message for Walthill Public Schools. To subscribe to this service, visit SNOWCAP's website at: <http://www.snowcaponline.net/main.php>

Search for Walthill Public Schools and follow the online instructions.





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.





October 2013



Sun	Mon O ^o ba Waxube Thishto ^o	Tue O ^o ba Weno ^o Ba	Wed O ^o ba Wethabthi ^o	Thu O ^o ba Weduba	Fri O ^o ba Wesato ^o	Sat
		1 3pm JHVB @ Winnebago 5pm VVB O-N/Winnebago	2 3pm JHVB @ Santee 4pm JHFB @ Santee	3 6pm VVB HOME vs. Allen	4 3pm VFB @ Silver Lake	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL	8 4pm JHFB HOME vs. Winnebago 5pm VVB HOME E-H/Wynot Book Fair	9 Family Fun Night 5pm-7pm Book Fair	10 1:30 Student Dismissal 3pm-7pm P/T Conferences Book Fair	11 NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 Book Fair-Last Day	15	16 	17 5:30pm VVB @ Hartington vs. Hartington + Ponca	18 1:30 Student Dismissal 2pm MT VVB @ Cody- Kilgore 4pm MT VFB @ Cody- Kilgore End of 1 st Quarter	19

20	21	22 3pm JHVB HOME vs. Emerson/Hubbard	23	24	25 2:30pm VFB HOME vs. Arthur 4:30pm VVB HOME vs. Arthur	26
27	28 Lewis & Clark VVB	29 Lewis & Clark VVB	30	31 		

November 2013

Sun	Mon O ⁿ ba Waxube Thishto ⁿ	Tue O ⁿ ba Weno ⁿ Ba	Wed O ⁿ ba Wethabthi ⁿ	Thu O ⁿ ba Weduba	Fri O ⁿ ba Wesato ⁿ	Sat
					1 VVB Tournament TBA	2
3	4 VVB Sub Districts	5 VVB Sub Districts	6	7 VVB Sub Districts	8 	9

10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Family Fun Night 5pm-7pm		VVB State @ G.I.	VVB State @ G.I.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			1:30 Dismissal	NO SCHOOL Happy Thanksgiving!	NO SCHOOL Go Big Red!	

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Breakfast: Offered Daily

School

Milk and Juice, Canned or Fresh Fruit
employer and provider

Lunch: Offered Daily

Milk and Fruit and Vegetable Bars K-12 (With All Five Vegetable Groups)

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Mon O ⁿ ba Waxube Thishto ⁿ	Tue O ⁿ ba Weno ⁿ Ba	Wed O ⁿ ba Wethabthi ⁿ	Thu O ⁿ ba Weduba	Fri O ⁿ ba Wesato ⁿ
	1 Breakfast Burrito/Fruit Crispito w Cheese Sauce W/G Spanish Rice Corn Pineapple Tidbits	2 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Meatloaf Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Diced Peaches W/G Roll	3 Glazed Ring Donut/Cereal Hot Dog on W/G Bun Macaroni & Cheese Peas & Carrots	4 Waffle Sticks/Sausage Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Tropical Fruit W/G Roll

			Orange Jell-o Cup	
7 Symposium WSC No Students	8 Sausage/Egg/Cheese W/G Biscuit Tomato Soup/Crackers W/G Grilled Cheese Sand. Veggies/Dip Diced Peaches W/G Cookie	9 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Orange Chicken W/G Rice Pilaf Stir Fry Vegetables Egg Roll Mandarin Oranges	10 Yogurt/Cereal/W/ G Toast Pepperoni Pizza Romaine Lettuce Salad Banana Chocolate Pudding	11 Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences No School!!!
14 Breakfast Bites/Fruit Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baked Beans Rosie Applesauce	15 Omelet/Bacon/W/G Toast Chili/Crackers Cinnamon Roll Carrots/Celery Apricots	16 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Beef Stroganoff Green Beans Diced Peaches W/G Roll	17 Muffin/Cereal Ham in Au Gratin Potatoes California Blend Pineapple Tidbits W/G Roll	18 French Toast/Bacon Taco Salad Garnishes Corn Chips/Salsa White Cake Strawberry Cup
21 Breakfast Pizza/Fruit Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Puffs Corn Tropical Fruit	22 Bacon/Egg/Cheese Sand. Vegetable-Beef Soup Cheese Stick Biscuit Orange Smiles	23 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Roast Pork in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Diced Peaches W/G Roll	24 W/G Turnover/Cereal Spaghetti w Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Peas Diced Pears	25 Pancakes/Sausage Fish Sticks Macaroni + Cheese Broccoli Jell-o Fruit Cup
28 Granola Bar/Cereal Hamburger on W/G Bun French Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pi ckle Rosie Applesauce	29 Breakfast Burrito/Fruit Chicken Noodle Soup W/G PB + Jelly Sandwich Carrots/Celery/Cra ckers Apple	30 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Chicken Pot Pie With Mixed Vegetables Over Biscuit Cherry Crisp w Topping	31 Glazed Ring Donut/Cereal Bat Wings Maggots in Puss Lizard Legs Mashed Brains Worms in Dirt	31 Actual Lunch Menu For Halloween Lunch Chicken Strips Rice Pilaf Green Beans Rosie Applesauce Chocolate Pudding

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4 Breakfast Bites/Fruit Brd. Chicken on W/g Bun Potato Wedges Corn Tropical Fruit	5 Sausage/Egg/Cheese Biscuit Goulash w Meat Sauce W/G Bosco Stick Peas Diced Pears	6 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit Tater Tot Casserole With Green beans Peach Crisp w Topping W/G Roll	7 Yogurt/W/G Toast/Cereal Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Tropical Fruit W/G Roll	8 French Toast Sticks/Bacon Hot Dog on W/g Bun Macaroni + Cheese Peas + Carrots Jell-o Fruit Cup
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25 Breakfast Bites/Fruit Hamburger on W/G Bun French Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle	26 Breakfast Burrito/Fruit Chicken Noodle Soup W/G PB + Jelly	27 Sausage Gravy/Biscuit W/G Sausage Pizza Romaine Lettuce Salad	28 No School!!! Thanksgiving Break	29 Thanksgiving Break

Rosie Applesauce	Sandwich Veggies/Dip Diced Peaches	Banana Banana Pudding		
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ENCLOSED

**October and November
Calendars for Activities, Lunch and Project
are enclosed**

Important Dates to remember



- Oct. 7~ NO SCHOOL**
- Oct. 9~Family Fun Night 5pm-7pm**
- Oct. 10~1:30 Dismissal**
- Oct.10~Parent/Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm**
- Oct.10-14~Book Fair in Library**
- Oct.11~ NO SCHOOL**
- Oct.18~1:30 Dismissal**
- Nov. 13~Family Fun Night 5pm-7pm**
- Nov.27~1:30 Dismissal**
- Nov.28&29~NO SCHOOL**

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