

LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

November 2021

Elementary:

Veteran's Day: On Thursday, November 11 our elementary schools will observe Veterans Day. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have served for our country, past and present.

Mackenthuns Bag Hunger Community Event: Each elementary is supporting the community Bag Hunger sponsored by Mackenthuns. This is a great service opportunity for our students and families to give back to the community and support families in need.

Conferences: Thank you to all of our families for your partnership during Fall conferences. Conferences were held virtually with an option if a family needed an in-person conference. Participation was again extremely high and we are so thankful for the collaboration and partnership with all of our families in our school communities.

Faculty Professional Learning: During the 2019-2020 school year a new phonics program was implemented in K-2 called Wilson Foundations. This school year the program was extended to grade 3. The teaching and learning department has provided ongoing support for the implementation and refinement of this program and we are seeing a positive impact on student learning. This past week Mona, a Wilson Foundations Coach, was in the district virtually to model, observe, and provide individual reflection/coaching sessions with our staff.

On Friday, November 12th is a no school day for students. Staff will be using this day to further their learning and work in areas of Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). MTSS is a systematic approach to supporting the academic and social emotional needs of all students. At the elementary we have taken steps toward implementation of MTSS including incorporating scheduled What I Need (WIN) time into our daily schedule. November 12th will provide time for our staff to continue to enhance our understanding of MTSS and develop next steps in our journey toward full implementation.

Fall Fundraisers: Each elementary school has now completed our fall fundraisers. We continue to be so thankful for the support of our school communities who graciously donate to our PTO's. The PTO's play an important role in enhancing learning opportunities for all of our students.

Waconia Middle School:

We removed the majority of the 6th-grade mitigation strategies on Wednesday, 10/27/21 due to the drop in positive Covid-19 cases at the front end of the week. We were happy to see only one positive case in 6th-grade after a week of nine positive cases followed by eight positive cases. The strategies to stop the spike in positive cases worked well and we have been able to

keep students learning in-person. A big thanks to the students, teachers, and families for following the mitigation strategies and keeping each other safe both in and out of school.

For the past month, 7th grade language arts students have been reading *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-li Jiang. As students have read about her experiences during the chaos of the Cultural Revolution in China from the ages of twelve to fourteen, they have analyzed how Jiang brought her memories to life for her readers. To round out the learning experience, Ji-li Jiang herself zoomed in for a virtual author visit on October 27th to give a presentation and answer student questions.

October's Teacher of the month is Mr. Young. Mr. Young is one of our 7th grade US history teachers and is new to ISD 110 this year. He was nominated by one of his 7th-grade students Jayda DeFoe. In the nomination, Jayda wrote that Mr. Young has made US History her favorite class and that he is always helpful and kind to her and all of his students. She shared that he makes students laugh and always makes class fun.

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Waconia High School & Activities: www.waconiaathletics.com

Congratulations to Senior Adorisa Kaeding on qualifying for the **Class AAA State Girls Cross Country Championships** that will take place on the campus of St Olaf College in Northfield this Sat, Nov 6 at 10:30am! Adorisa qualified with an impressive 19:07 in the highly competitive Section 2AAA Championships held last week at Gale Woods Farm. Congrats and Good Luck Addy!!

We are also pleased to announce that **four** of our student athletes will be signing letters of intent to continue to pursue their passion for learning as part of a DI or DII collegiate athletic team!

Please join us **Wednesday, November 10th at 8am in the WHS Performing Arts Center** for our WHS ceremony and to celebrate their signing day!

Julia Bartell signing with Brigham Young University - Swimming

Ava Stier signing with Minnesota State University - Mankato - Girls Basketball

Audrey Swanson signing with Southwest Minnesota State University - Girls Basketball

Ella Swanson signing with Southwest Minnesota State University - Swimming

I look forward to seeing you there! **GO WILDCATS!**

Community Ed:

Community Education will now be offering various intramural options at the Middle School after school. In November, CE will be offering volleyball, basketball and dodgeball. Kids that want to take part in these activities, can register with Community Education.

The Winter/Spring online brochure will be made live the week of November 22, 2021.

Our Wildcat Preschool program will be having parent teacher conferences on November 22 and 23, 2021

Human Resources:

Virtual "Preparing for Retirement" seminars are being held in November for all ISD 110 employees interested in learning more about their defined-benefit state pension plans, which are lifetime income, cost-sharing retirement plans. Employees at all stages of their careers are encouraged to attend and learn more about this important benefit of public employment. School District employees belong to one of two state pensions: 1) Public Employment Retirement Association (PERA); or 2) Teachers Retirement Association (TRA). PERA and TRA continue to have moratoriums on in-person group presentations, but both organizations were very willing to offer our School District's employees virtual learning sessions.

Support Services:

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) met October 26th, 2021. Two parents participated in the meeting and provided valuable feedback. Topics included the Special Education Director update, bylaw reviews, and new membership planning. The next meeting will be scheduled for January/February and the parents that completed the application this fall will be invited to participate.

Also on October, 26th, 20 special education staff participated in an after school due process work time session to complete required paperwork for Covid recovery services. It was a beneficial couple of hours for staff and an opportunity for them to ask questions while they are working on due process paperwork.

Superintendent:

Welcome Brian Rothstein as our interim school board member.

On October 27th, Brian Rothstein officially became a ONE10 School Board member again. Brian is one of four candidates who applied to fulfill the vacant position and, on September 27th,

received a 6-0 vote to complete the 14-month term. By statute there is a 30-day waiting period for this appointment to become official. We look forward to having Brian back on the school board and rejoining the ONE10 team.

ONE10 Fall Activities Performed Well

ONE10 students all represented the school district well throughout Wildcat fall activities. Each sport, club and fine arts program did an excellent job of demonstrating great sportsmanship, character and teamwork in their respective activities. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful kids and coaches/advisors/directors involved with our ONE10 Activities Programs. A BIG Thank You to all who made and are continuing to make us proud at ONE10. Well done.....WE Are ONE10....Go Wildcats!!

On a fun note.....The Section and State Activity Officials have found out how great our ONE10 facilities are. Since we opened our new activity facilities, we have hosted many Section events and some State competitions. The officials in charge of finding sites for these competitions are loving our great facilities. The exciting part of hosting these high level events is that we get to have the top teams in the state compete here, sometimes it means we get to compete at our own facilities, and it brings many spectators to our community to enjoy our town and give a boost to the local economy. Pretty cool. We are thankful to have such great facilities.

November is Gratitude Month

As part of November "Gratitude" month, the Wildcat Media Production team will be filming students and staff talking about what they are thankful for at ONE10. We are looking forward to hearing how our ONE10 community lets us know what they like about coming to school/work, some fun event or just what brings them joy at ONE10. We will share the video with staff and parents on the Friday before Thanksgiving.

Supporting each other during stressful times

The pandemic has created some stressful times and has given us experiences that upset us, make us feel unappreciated and not valued due to a disconnect in the way we would like to see things happen. During these challenging times, it's important that we continue to watch out for each other and take care of each other. We have programs that can help any staff or student who could use some additional help in handling the stress. Please reach out to the office, counselor, or HR if you are looking for ways to cope. The caring nature for ALL at ONE10 will give us the strength to persevere and make it through tough times.

Covid-19 Updates

- We are pleased to see a continual slow down in reported positive [covid cases](#) at ONE10. October 2021 is the highest reported positive COVID-19 case month at ONE10 on record, but the end of the month trend gives us hope.
- We are looking forward to the vaccination opportunity for our younger students. I am a firm believer that vaccinations are our best way out of this pandemic. Be well!

- We are now offering N95 masks to any employee who would like one and COVID-19 take home tests are available.

Covid-19 Testing Opportunity at ONE10

ISD 110 is excited to share that, starting Monday, November 8, 2021, the district will begin our School COVID-19 Testing Program. This is made available through MDE COVID-19 School Testing Program Grant. Vault Health tests are individual, saliva PCR tests and will be made available to students and staff to take at home. These test kits will be available Monday - Thursday and are administered over Zoom by a Vault test supervisor. The kits can be picked up by contacting the health services office or front office in your child's school building. The kit will include instructions on how to administer the test through Vault and where to deliver once completed. The program will be for symptomatic students and staff. It is also available for household contacts of positive cases who are interested in a shortened quarantine.

Tests will be administered at home and brought to the following centralized drop-off site:.

Testing Drop-Off Site

ISD 110 Educational Service Center
512 Industrial Blvd.
Waconia, MN

Test kits will be picked-up at noon daily Monday - Friday.

Results are typically available from Vault Health within 48-hours of being received. Results are provided directly to the user ID or email associated with the participant's Vault Health account. Schools will not receive test results or Vault Health account information directly. Students and staff should inform schools of positive results, so steps can be taken to prevent the spread of the virus. Lab results are reported to MDH by Vault Health as required by law.

Locally, Carver County Public Health is also offering free PCR tests at the Waconia Event Center on Mondays 2pm - 6pm, Wednesdays noon - 4pm and Fridays 10am - 2pm [Carver County Local Testing Event and Sign-up](#)

Covid-19 Vaccination for K-12 students is available and optional

Following an extensive clinical trial and final recommendations from CDC for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for 5-11 year-olds, it's been announced that Minnesota can start vaccinations for 5-11 year old children this week. [Read the news release.](#)

Carver County Public Health plans to hold specific COVID-19 vaccine clinics with the Pfizer vaccine for children aged 5-17 years old only.

Carver County Public Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for Kids 5-17 Years Old Only

Dates: Tuesday, Nov. 9, 4-8 p.m.; Tuesday, Nov. 16, 4-8 p.m.

Location: Carver County Government Center (Township Hall), [600 E Fourth St. Chaska](#)

- Pfizer (5+) vaccine available
- First and second vaccine doses available
- Vaccine is free; no health insurance needed
- Registration is strongly encouraged. Limited walk-in appointments available. Reserve your dose at www.co.carver.mn.us/covid19vaccine
- Questions? Call (952) 361-1559

Carver County Public Health also plans to host school-based COVID-19 vaccine clinics for the 5-17-year old age group during the last weeks of November, one at a school in the western part of Carver County and another in the eastern part of Carver County. Once those plans are finalized, Public Health will communicate those clinic details through schools, its website (www.co.carver.mn.us/covid19vaccine) and its associated social-media channels.

Finally, we also encourage families wishing to get the vaccine to also use the [State of Minnesota's Vaccine Locator Map](#) or consult with your health-care provider.

If Waconia Schools is selected for a vaccination site, it will mainly be conducted outside of the academic hours of the day, be totally optional and parents will be notified of this opportunity.

Kids Deserve a Shot! Vaccine Incentives Campaign

The State of MN recently announced a list of Minnesota experiences that will be awarded to weekly drawing winners of the ['Kids Deserve a Shot' vaccine incentives campaign](#) for 12-17 years old who complete their COVID-19 vaccine series.

Parents/guardians can register their fully vaccinated kid for a \$200 Visa Gift Card, \$100,000 Minnesota College Scholarship Drawings and additional Minnesota experience drawings.

Learn more about [this initiative](#) from the Minnesota Department of Health and please share with your school communities.

November 11th is Veterans' Day

ONE10 would like to recognize our ISD ONE10 employees who are veterans:

Tracey Asplund
Shane Clausen
David Grandy

A BIG Thank You to you and all of the veterans in our ONE10 community for their service. We appreciate all you have done and continue to do to keep the USA the Land of the Free!

We are full of Gratitude for All You Do!
WE Are ONE10!!

