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Elementary Schools:

Congratulations to Kari Werdahl and Lisa Lozito for directing the MN ACDA Elementary Honor Choir on May 4th. A total of 31 boys and girls from the Waconia three elementary schools and middle school performed. This choir consisted of 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. The Waconia students and directors did an amazing job representing our district.



May 6th-May 10th is Teacher Appreciation Week!

Teachers play a pivotal role in our children's lives, inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success. Thank you to our teachers.

May 8th is National Nurses' Day

Thank you to Amy Johnson, Whitney Thulin, Marissa Clark, and Kathleen Schultz. Our nurses optimize student health and learning every day of the year. On National School Nurse Day, we take special time to celebrate and recognize the contributions that school nurses are making to the health and learning of our students.

This week all schools are doing a variety of activities to honor our wonderful teachers and nurses.

Grandparents' Day

It's great to have a day that honors grandparents. It's a wonderful chance to thank and honor them for their love and support. We are extremely grateful to our "fill in" grandfriends from our supportive community, all children in first grade have a special guest for this celebration. The students enjoy showcasing their talents and creating projects together.

HONORING PAUL HOEN



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Bayview night time lead custodian has lost his battle to cancer. Paul Hoen, 55, of Waconia passed away at his home. Paul had worked for the District for over 19 years. His siblings said he loved coming to work and seeing the kids. He always came to work with a positive attitude and ready for whatever needed to be done.

He will be missed.



Waconia Middle School:

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated at WMS throughout the week. Students were encouraged to keep it simple with a note or comment of appreciation. Teachers welcomed the snacks and treats from student council (root beer floats), support staff (dessert bar), administration (bagels), WMS PTO (lunch), and the school district (ice cream). It was a great week to show our excellent teaching staff our gratitude.

Seussical Jr. the musical is receiving rave reviews. As of Friday afternoon, the cast and crew have already performed two shortened shows for elementary students, a shortened show for 6th grade students, a full parent preview and Thursday nights first public performance. The final two performances are at 7:00 Friday and Saturday night. The talents, energy and excitement of the 72 members of the cast and crew is awesome.

On Thursday, May 2nd, 8th-grade students and staff had the unique opportunity to attend the Festival of Nations at the St. Paul Rivercentre. The focus of this trip was to give students the experience of discovering the rich diversity of world cultures while enhancing geography and English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum. Students tried a variety of foods, observed performances, and interacted with people from all over the world. It was a positive and meaningful learning experience for everyone. See pictures below.

The Pennies for Patients Prize patrol visited WMS to unveil our ranking in this year's Pennies for Patients Campaign. It is exciting to share that after raising \$16,625.74 we are the #2 overall fundraising school for 2019 campaign. Our students, staff and community fundraising continued to be highly generous in their donations to support cancer patients and cancer research. The



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Prize Patrol included members of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society along with cancer survivors and family members of cancer survivors. Additional thanks to both our student and staff committees for another successful campaign.

Congratulations to 7th/8th-grade social studies teacher, Mrs. Melius, on being identified as the WMS April Teacher of the Month! Mrs. Melius was nominated by 8th-grade students Evelyn Fenner and Lily Roth. Both letters were well written and highlighted a multitude of reasons Mrs. Melius should be recognized as the teacher of the month. The students' comments included, "... I needed to write to you about how much I appreciate you and all the things you do. You have been such a nice teacher to me and everyone else (me and my friends talk about how nice and caring you are). Your class was one of my favorites." "You have inspired me in so many ways to try hard and push through." "You prepare us for high school and our future lives." "Thanks for not just teaching us, but treating us like we matter." Thanks for being you Mrs. Melius... you really mean a lot, not to just me but to everyone."

Waconia High School:

We've officially entered the craziest month of the year at the high school with activities and events filling the schedule. It's truly a sprint to the May 31st finish line.

AP tests are being administered the past two weeks. We have over 300 students taking at least one test, with over 400 total tests being taken. Our teachers and students take great pride in the hard work and preparation that goes into doing well on these tests, and our overall passing rate remains very high.

We had 18 students participate at the MSHSL Visual Arts contest last week in the areas of Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Graphic Design. Our students did a fabulous job with 13 students earning Superior ratings and 2 earning Excellent. Art instructors Amy Fischer and Sarah Christian-Garceau do a great job each year of tapping into the pool of our students' artistic abilities and preparing our students for this event.

We held our Academic Lettering ceremony on May 9 as we recognized our 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who have earned a cumulative 3.33 (B+) or higher. Over 550 students were recognized for this honor, along with 23-10th graders, 19-11th graders and 9-12th graders who are holding 4.0 GPAs. The 9 seniors graduating with 4.0 GPAs are Ryan Biehn, Hannah Gootzeit, Elizabeth Hartmann, Abigail Kramer, Kaitlin Kramer, Alina Martel, Litsi Ocampo Sorto, Sophia Osterberg, and Jessa Waligoski.

Our annual NHS ceremony is being held May 13, 8:00 pm, in the auditorium. 156 students who have successfully met the qualifications set for Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service will be inducted. Advisors Alyssa Larsen and Nelia Von Glan have done a great job with this prestigious organization and student interest in qualifying for membership is strong.



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The Senior Awards Night ceremony is set for Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm, in the Auditorium. The vast majority of scholarships are awarded at this ceremony, along with department awards and honor student medals. Community interest in providing scholarships continues to grow and the financial support provided to deserving seniors is greatly appreciated.

The Senior Breakfast and commencement rehearsal is set for Friday, May 24, along with our annual picnic at Baylor Park. There is some very preliminary talk about starting a new tradition with this year's graduating class. It would involve our graduating seniors visiting the elementary schools on their last day with their caps and gowns as they prepare for graduation - more info will follow.

Hang on!!!

Activities: www.waconiaathletics.com

Community Education:

Community Education held the 10th Annual Father/Daughter dance on April 27. Normally this event is held in mid-May but we moved it to April because of all of the dance recitals. We normally have about 170 dads and daughters. This year we had a total of 370!! There were so many daughters that danced the night away. It was a great event and was glad that we switched the date to accommodate more girls.

Human Resources: Individual teaching contracts have been extended to eight new teachers and applicant reviews and interviews are currently taking place for our four remaining teaching positions. Our new teachers will begin their time with our school district during our New Faculty Orientation, which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. School Board members are welcome to join us for the 11:30 AM luncheon that day, which will be held in the Waconia High School's New Commons. Please let Jessica Kilian know if you are available and plan to attend.

Exit interviews are being conducted with our school district's retiring employees and a summary of their responses will be included with Superintendent Devine's June report to the school board. Our retiring employees consistently talk about how proud they are of our school district and its commitment to educating students. When asked how they're going to remember our school district, the most frequent answer is always "fondly!" They express thanks for the opportunities they have been provided over their many years of employment and for the wonderful connections they have made within our ISD ONE10 team.

Superintendent:

Sad News

We have some sad news to share that has happened in the last month. Our condolences go out to the families of Paul Hoen and Rosie Steinborn. Paul worked for us as a custodian for the past 20 years and Rosie was a longtime cook that worked for ISD 110 and retired in 2012. They both



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recently passed away and will be remembered for the compassionate way they approached their jobs and all the great relationships they made.

Congratulations to the WHS Class of 2019

This year WHS will graduate 332 students. We are very proud of the class of 2019 and know that a high school diploma will serve them proud. The graduation ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 26th at Waconia High School.

Honoring Retirees

At the end of the school year, there are always a lot of emotions because of the many transitions that are happening and, among the biggest change, is for those who are transitioning into retirement. This year marks another year to honor some exceptional staff members who have made an incredible impact on our students and school with a combined 204 number of years at ONE10. We are so thankful for their dedication. They will definitely be missed:

- Doug Sayles 32, Leslie Kurtz 32, Kari Werdahl 33, Nancy Wittman 4, Lisa Lozito 25, Reva Hortsch 19, Linda Simonson 18, Aggie Bluemke 41

Busy Time of Year

May is always a busy time of year at school and the events fill up the schedules. We want to thank our parents, students and staff for handling the busy schedule and for finishing off the school year strong. ONE10 sports teams are also very busy juggling their spring schedules with competitions almost every day. Here are some of the other school events happening in May:

May 4 Prom

May 9 WMS Play

May 13 NHS Awards

May 14 6th grade choir concert

May 16 District Choral Concert

May 17 LT Kinderama Music Program

May 20 BV Staff Retirement Celebration, WHS senior awards

May 21 WMS Band Concert, LT Track & Field Day

May 23 WHS Spring Band Concert, SV Track & Field Day, T110 Graduation

May 24 Preschool Graduation

May 26 Class of 2019 Graduation

May 28 SV Kindergarten Graduation

May 29 LT 5th grade farewell, BB/SB/TF Sections

May 30 8th grade farewell, LT celebration

- As we wrap up Teacher Appreciation and National Nurses Week, hopefully, you took a moment to let teachers and nurses know how much you appreciate the awesome work they do with our students every day of the school year. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful teachers and nurses at ONE10! It was great to be in the schools this week and see the appreciation coming in from all sides -- students, PTO's, parents and even



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other staff members. We are so grateful to have the incredible teachers and nurses that give such student care and compassion in our district and who are committed to student learning and success.

Quick messages:

- We have announced the top winners of our Explore Wild Ideas event after 57 idea submissions and over 22,000 votes. We will have the three winners go through a Human Centered Design exercise to create lean prototypes for the idea proposed.
- As part of the ISD ONE10 Strategic Roadmap review, we will be collecting data to help us complete the Vision Card. We will be sending out a survey to the parents, the students and the staff to determine how we delivered on the Desired Daily Experiences.
- The MN State Capitol has May 20th as a deadline for completing their work. They still cannot agree on a budget. There is still time to communicate with legislators about how their new funding formula and cross subsidies are causing many schools serious financial issues. We make it easy for you to contact legislators. Just go to our website at: www.isd110.org and click on the Special Education Funding banner.
- May 13 is Random Act of Kindness Day - this year All's Well is honoring a person in the community, the honoree for Random Act of Kindness Day is Kory Melchert. Kory is a ONE10 graduate and currently works at Auburn Meadows in Waconia.

A BIG thank you to student board representatives for serving on the school board and providing such wonderful updates of our schools from a students point of view. Congratulations as you graduate from WHS. We wish you the best as you move on to your next stage of life.