



Willow Wind Community Learning Center

October 2016
Newsletter

Notes from the Office

Calendar of Events

Tuesday October 11th
Parent Council Meeting
1:15-2:30pm

Thursday October 13th
Book Orders Due

Friday, October 14
No Classes-Teacher
Inservice Day

October 17th-19th
No Classes—Parent
Partner Conferences

Friday October 21st
Community Friday
11:15-11:45

Friday October 21st
Pizza Friday

Monday October 24th
Drop-in Q&A with
Debbie for new families
8:30-9:30am

Friday October 28th
Pumpkin Festival
1:00-2:30pm

As I write this message, the chill in the afternoon air is signaling the change of the season. The weather forecasters have promised a warm day so we are working at staying warm with bare toes and legs, waiting for the warmth of the late afternoon. Fall is quickly arriving and with the change of the season, we have all returned to Willow Wind. Farm Stand is open Monday afternoons and the students are busy selling produce and flowers from the Willow Wind garden. The proceeds from this project helped us to maintain the garden over the summer which has resulted in a much more productive and neat garden this fall. Thanks to all of the families who support this project by stopping at the Farm Stand on Monday afternoons and purchasing fresh produce.

The Welcome Back Picnic was a wonderful success with returning families and new families coming together for an evening of fun. The famous cakewalk was a huge success—raising over \$500 to help support projects here at Willow Wind.

Make sure you go out of your way to meet someone new this month and welcome them to the Willow Wind Community. I want all of the returning students (and parents) to remember how awkward it can be to be new to a group. Introduce yourself—we want everyone to feel welcome and connected.



Enjoy the changing colors of the trees in early fall. We are lucky to have such a beautiful location, watching the seasons change in the natural environment.

- Debbie



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Events and Announcements

PARENT PARTNER FAMILIES GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES October 17th, 18th and 19th

Goal setting conferences for all Parent Partner students and families are scheduled for October 17, 18, and 19. Families will be hearing from your consultant to set a conference time. There will be no classes on the conference days. All Parent Partner families in grades K- 8 must schedule a conference during this time. Teachers will not be available to conference on other days.



Upper School Field Trip at Lake of the Woods

WHAT NEXT? A TIME FOR NEW FAMILIES TO ASK QUESTIONS..... Monday, October 24th 8:30-9:30am in the Willow Wind Office

Now that the semester is well underway, you may have some questions about what is next. Do you have questions about planning for second semester? Do you want to know about the January Focus weeks? Do you have unanswered questions about family service or homeschooling? Debbie will be available in the office to answer any questions you may have about the workings of Willow Wind. Please drop by and share what is on your mind.

PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Friday October 28th 1:00-2:30pm

The annual Pumpkin Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 28th 1:00-2:30pm. Wear a costume, bring a pumpkin to carve, have your face painted, play games, and have FUN, FUN, FUN! Family service volunteers designated to assist with the festival will be contacted and receive a festival assignment. Debbie will be organizing the activities and would love to hear any ideas you may have. This is always a fun day at Willow Wind. Please remember—no masks or scary costumes!

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday October 11th 1:15-2:30 pm in Office

The Parent Council meets the second Tuesday of each month to talk about Ashland School District and Willow Wind issues. Decisions are made by consensus. At the first meeting we will determine the things we would like to work on this year. We will also review the course selection process and determine the make-up of the committee. All parents are encouraged to participate.

VROOM DAILY

Parents with Children ages 0-5 will want to know about *Vroom Daily*, the phone app created by the Bezos Family Foundation and its educational partners to promote positive parent-child interactions and healthy brain development. More information can be found at <http://joinvroom.org/>.

SHARE YOUR SPRING SEMESTER CLASS IDEAS

Although the fall semester is just beginning, it's time to start planning for spring classes. We will continue using the age level meeting format for fall class planning, but for spring we have a more informal system. If you have ideas for spring classes come by the office and share, or send them in an e-mail to Debbie (debraschaeffer.pew@ashland.k12.or.us). We will record all of the suggestions and share the ideas with teachers. Many of the current fall classes are yearlong but there is always room for new electives in the spring schedule. The deadline for spring course proposals is November 1. Your input and ideas are appreciated and helpful. Take some time to talk to your children about their ideas and we will work together to create classes. The planning process at Willow Wind is a partnership between families and teachers—many of our most successful classes have come from concepts presented by families. **YOUR INPUT REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Now it's easier than ever to find the perfect books for your child—shop the NEW online Book Clubs website. Choose from a much wider selection of books than in the printed flyers. Plus, you can send your orders directly online and use your credit card to pay. Best of all, we earn a FREE book for the classroom libraries every time a parent places an order.

SIGN UP at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, click the “Register” button on the “First Time Here?” section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one-time class activation code LL8ZZ.

SELECT the books you'd like to order.

SEND your order online by October 13th and your books will be delivered directly to the school.

Of course, you can still order using the forms from the printed flyers located in the Office lobby. When using the flyers to order, please submit your completed order form and payment by check to the Office by October 13th. Please contact the office with any questions at 541-488-2684.

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Willow Wind Community Association (WWCA)

Kick up your heels at Willow Wind's **Barn Dance**

Live Music

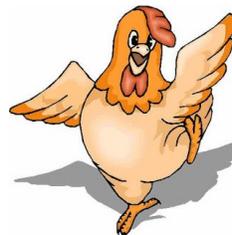
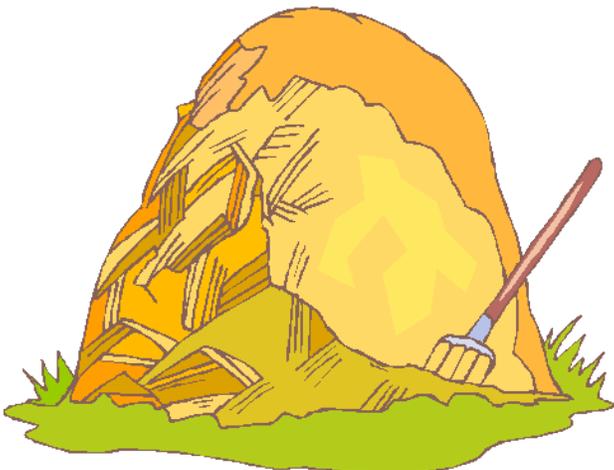
Thursday, October 13, 2016

5:30 - 7:30pm

**A free family event open to
all grades!**

Come and strut your stuff!

**A Caller will
lead the way!**



SYSTEMS STUDY: SKYROCKETS, SNAPDRAGONS AND SHINING STARS

This month has been quite a start to our schoolwide “system” study. In the elementary grades, students have been working on grasping the definition of what makes a system a system. The definition that we are working with is; *a system is made up of parts that have a certain structure which interact/work together to perform a function.* We are exploring this concept in various ways across grades throughout the year.

As part of the introductory learning of systems, the fourth graders read a book in their reading class called Systems. As part of this reading lesson, the Shining Stars learned a strategy of reading a page and then discussing the big ideas of the page with their reading group, and then moving on through the book. This was a great way to really understand the concepts of what makes a system.

As an extension of this reading lesson, and part of the collaborative peer-learning that makes Willow Wind so unique, we asked the fourth graders to lead reading groups of the same format with the primary grades. So, in collaborative, mixed-age reading groups, the SkyRockets and Snapdragons read the Systems book with Shining Star group leaders... Wow! This was incredible- everyone in every group was engaged, reading, discussing, listening, and *learning*. Together. What a system!



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DATE: July 25,2016
TO: Students, Parent/Guardians of Students, Teachers, Staff and Employee Organizations
FROM: Ashland School District
RE: AHERA Notification

Uncontrolled asbestos contamination in buildings can be a significant environmental and public health problem. Both the public and private sectors have been dealing with the asbestos issue for many years. In 1986, Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) primarily to require school districts to identify asbestos-containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. In 1987, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a regulatory program which enforces the AHERA.

In compliance with the AHERA regulations, we had our school facilities inspected by an EPA accredited building inspector. During the inspection, samples were taken of building materials suspected of containing asbestos. The results of the inspection and laboratory analysis of the samples confirmed the presence of ACM in portions of the school facilities. **It is important to note that these materials are in a form and condition that does not pose an imminent health threat to students, faculty or employees.**

With confirmation of the presence of ACM, an Asbestos Management Plan was developed for our schools by an EPA accredited management planner. The Management Plan includes the inspection and physical assessment reports, the training program for our custodial and maintenance personnel, the plans and procedures to be followed to minimize disturbance of the asbestos-containing materials, and a program for regular surveillance of the ACM. Every three years, a re-inspection by an accredited inspector must be conducted on all friable and non-friable known or assumed asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) to determine whether the condition of the ACBM has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. This re-inspection occurred most recently in August of 2015, with the next 3 year re-inspection scheduled to occur in August of 2018.

During the 2016-17 school year, periodic surveillance inspections will occur every 6 months to check the condition of the remaining asbestos and to determine if any action is needed. During the 2015-16 school year, Asbestos-containing building materials (ACBM) were removed from Walker Elementary: Pipe insulation taken off at Walker heater room. Ashland High School: Experiment cabinet removed in science 4, 9x9 tile removed around experiment cabinet science 4 and Roof vents removed from old snack shack before demolition. The Ashland School District does not have any scheduled asbestos abatement projects for the period of September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017. However, there may be asbestos related activity that will occur in the course of maintaining the buildings.

For further details on the locations of the remaining ACBM or on the asbestos activities, you are welcome to review a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan in our facilities department during regular office hours. Gary Sisk is our designated Asbestos Program Coordinator, and all inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to him at (541) 482-1626.

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Welcome to our new Educational Assistants!

We are pleased to welcome Erika Lowe and Teri Crosby to our team of Educational Assistants this year at Willow Wind! Erika and Teri will be joining our returning EAs Stacy Bloodworth, River Hardy and Ines Diez working in the elementary classrooms and coordinating Morning Break and Lunch Bunch. If you see our new staff out and about on the playground please stop and say hello!

W i l l o w W i n d C o s t u m e S w a p

Get the skeletons out of your closet & GREEN your Halloween!

October 20th
3:00 to 5:00

Drop off gently used costumes & accessories anytime prior to the event
Designated boxes on back porch

SWAP!
Take a **NEW TO YOU** costume



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