



SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE

As I sit down to write this month's article, I am reminded just how fast a school year goes. We are already into the 4th quarter of the 21-22 school year, and it doesn't show any signs of slowing down. I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight a few things that will be happening as we enter the last quarter of the year. We will be administering the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP) over the next few weeks to students in grades 3-11. ISASP replaced the Iowa Assessments about 3 years ago. The statewide assessment is administered on the computer and provides students and the district with information regarding how our students

are doing academically on a standardized test that is given in every district in Iowa. While we want our students to do their very best on these assessments, we also realize that a single test score isn't the most accurate measure of the growth they have demonstrated all year.



Several of our elementary

classes will be taking field trips over the next two months to extend their learning opportunities beyond the classroom. We would like to thank all of the chaperones and volunteers in advance for helping to make sure these trips go smoothly. Our spring sports seasons kick off here shortly, and we would like to encourage all of you to come out and support our student athletes as they continue to have an outstanding year. Several of our elementary and middle school classes will be conducting their spring music concerts and showcasing all that they have learned over the course of the year.

School Calendar:

As we enter what we hope are warmer days and better weather I am hopeful that the need to cancel school due to inclement weather is behind us. Every year we build our calendar around 178 student contact days, which provides more than the required student contact hours of 1080. Doing so builds in enough hours that we typically do not have to add days back on at the end of the year, which

barring any unforeseen circumstances is the case again this year. We are on track to end school as scheduled on May 27th.

Staffing Changes:

We are in that time of the year where we are hiring new staff to replace staff who are retiring or who have chosen to pursue other teaching positions in another district. While we hate to see good people leave our district, it is also an opportunity to recruit and hire new staff who bring with them new ideas and experiences that can help lead our district moving forward. We will be hiring a new high school principal, a new 7-12 assistant principal, and a new middle school principal for the 2022-2023 school year. We are fortunate due to our size and location that we will attract some great candidates to lead our district in these positions next year. In addition to these administrative positions, we have several teaching positions that we have already filled, and a few more that we are actively working to fill currently.

April Monthly Highlights

April 9th - Jr./Sr. Prom

April 18th -No School/No Pre-School

April 27th- HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)

Finishing Strong:

We were able to bring in our district Capturing Kids Hearts coach in March to spend a day in each of our buildings. During his time with our staff, he challenged us to finish strong and not coast to the end of the year. As I listened to him speak, I couldn't help but think about the 4th quarter of a football game or basketball game. You will often see coaches and players at the end of the 3rd quarter right before the 4th quarter start hold up 4 fingers,

signaling that they intend to win the 4th quarter. I think this is a great analogy for us all as we approach the last quarter of the year. Let's all plan to finish strong by supporting our students and staff to do their very best up until May 27th. Let's make the 4th quarter our best quarter yet.

Yours in Service,

Justin M. Gross
Superintendent

Elementary Music
Concert Dates

1st grade - April 4

Kindergarten - April 5

Concerts will be in person this year, at the high school auditorium.

WHS STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATES

The Winterset Student Council has been extremely busy during the month of March. During the first week of the month (2/28/22)-(3/4/22), Winterset Student Council members signed up to read Dr. Seuss literature to Winterset elementary students in honor of National Read Across America Day, or Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We really enjoyed reading to younger Winterset students and interacting with them throughout the week!

Another main event in March was the Mother-Son Dance held on Friday, March 25th. Various committees worked long and hard to create a fun atmosphere for mothers and sons of the Winterset community! On Thursday, March 24th, Student Council members joined together with fellow high school peers to speak

with Winterset 8th graders for a "What is high school like?" Q&A session. The 8th graders were very excited to learn about the next chapter of their Husky careers and to meet their potential role models.

In the upcoming month of April, the Winterset Student Council will be preparing for the blooming Spring season. Senior Josie Burkett is leading a voter registration drive at the high school with the ultimate goal of getting 90 percent of eligible students registered to vote. This event will take place on April 15th, 2022. If you are interested in helping out in any way, feel free to email Josie Burkett for more information! Brainstorming is continuing for Teacher Appreciation activities in order to show our respect and gratitude towards

Winterset faculty teachers as a student body. Junior Elise Petsche is helping to lead a new program called Husky Helpers. These meetings will take place on Fridays during learning seminar. Lastly, Student Council members are researching nearby high schools to schedule a Student Council Exchange with. The goal of a Student Council Exchange is to gain new knowledge and ideas to further improve Winterset High School, as well as its students and faculty. We are also working on Husky Help Day planning for May 10th. Lastly, we will be brainstorming teacher appreciation ideas for April. Soon we will start our new member drive and officer applications. We are looking forward to what Spring of 2022 has to offer!

By Lauren Carter, Secretary

All Kindergarten students must be up to date on their preschool shots and have received their 4 year old boosters of Dtap, Polio, MMR and Varicella.

All 7th grade (and above) students must show proof of having received a Tdap (Tetanus/Acellular Pertusis) vaccination booster AND a Meningococcal vaccination on or after 10 years of age, before the first day of school.

All 12th grade students must show proof of receiving 2 DOSES of Meningococcal vaccine; or 1 dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older before the first day of school.

All Kindergarten students must have a dental screen performed between the ages of 3 and 6 years old with a dental certificate on file. All 9th grade students must have a current, within the past 12 months, dental certificate on file.

All Kindergarten and 3rd grade students must have a current, within the past 12 months, vision certificate on file.

Lunch Menus

Use the new school app for the most up to date menus each day.

[Elementary Lunch Menu](#)
[Middle School Lunch Menu](#)
[JH/HS Lunch Menu](#)

Free & Reduced-Price Meals Applications

- Log into your Parent Portal
- Click on More, then click on Meals Benefits
- Complete Free & Reduced Form, click Submit

You will receive confirmation in your Parent Portal inbox once the application is processed. Questions: Call the administration office at (515) 462-2718.

SCHOOL FEES

Attention parents: This year's school fees were due October 15th. You may pay them through your **Parent Portal**, at any of the school offices or at the administration office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE

When you have a change of address or phone number, please contact the school or the administration office. It is important for the school to have updated information on our students for messages and emergency situations.

STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOKS

The Winterset Student/Parent Handbooks are posted **on the district website under the Parent tab**. We have produced a district-wide handbook that aligns to board policies and current state law. The handbook includes addendums for each school, covering building specific expectations. Paper copies are available in each school's office. All students are expected to follow the policies, procedures and expectations. Please take the time to review the handbooks with your child.



2022-2023 ONLINE REGISTRATION AND YEARLY INFORMATION UPDATE

OPENING MAY 16th, 2022

**FOR ALL CURRENT AND NEW STUDENTS
4 Yr. OLD PRESCHOOL - 12TH GRADE**

CURRENT STUDENT: Must use your Infinite Campus parent portal

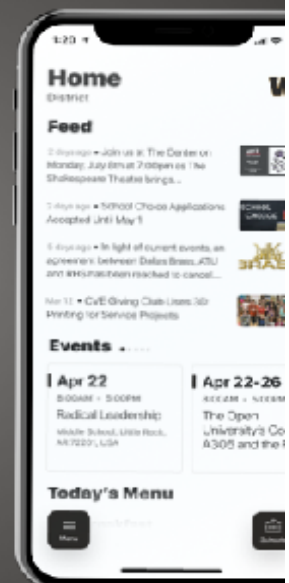
NEW STUDENTS: A link will be provided on the school's website

www.winterset.k12.ia.us

Any questions, please call 515-462-2718

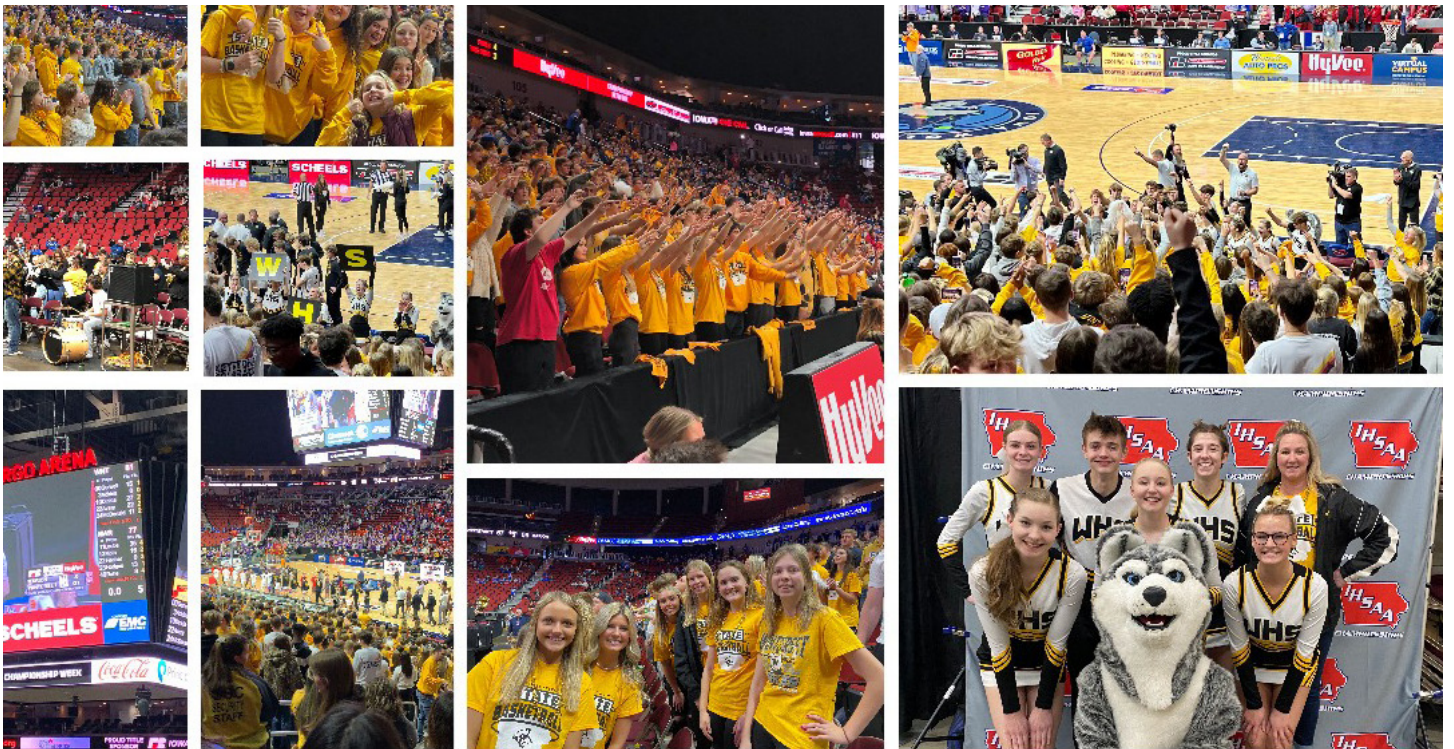
It's everything Winterset,
in your pocket.

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CONGRATS TO THE WHS BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM AND THEIR STATE QUALIFICATION!



World Travel Information Event

Every year students ranging from junior high to college travel all over the world to gain valuable life changing experiences. Have you ever wondered what that entailed and what experiences you could offer your student? If so, join Mr. Shaw for an evening of general information about this opportunity on Wednesday April 13th at 6:00 pm in the JH Commons. This is a non school-sponsored program through EF (Education First) Tours that provides students a great learning experience that will change their perspective on life forever. This general information event will be a chance to learn about the program he offers as an extension to the general curriculum experience.

The trip will be the summer of 2023 and will be to New Zealand / Australia with a stop through Hawaii. Registration information will be available to anyone that may be interested as well. Attending this informational event does not mean you are committing to a trip, but simply that you are interested in learning more. This informational meeting and travel program in general is not connected to Winterset Schools and is solely represented by EF Tours, a leader in world travel for educational purposes around the world. The goal of EF Tours is to provide students with an educational experience through gaining new perspectives and building skills for the future. This trip is a supplemental opportunity and is not funded or sponsored by the Winterset Community School District. You may contact Dennis at dshaw@winterset.k12.ia.us with additional questions.

WCSD is Gearing Up for State Testing

It's difficult to believe that April is approaching. As in the past, around this time is when we begin to plan for and administer the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). This school year we will be administering the assessment district-wide towards the end of march and during the month of April. Soon, each building will be communicating out specifics regarding scheduling of each of the assessments students will be taking. The state assessment is organized in the following manner:

All assessments will administered online

Language/Writing: Grades 3-11

Math: Grades 3-11

Reading: Grades 3-11

Science: Grades 5, 8, and 10 only

We are excited to see the progress that students have made from the prior year, which will also help us in evaluating the programming we offer. Further, this year two of the assessments will look a little more different than we are used to. The Reading and Science assessments will be adaptive, which means they will not be the same questions for every student in specific grade levels. The goal of this adaptive assessment is to dig deeper into the determination of where students are at and what skills they have mastered and what they need to work on. The adaptive questioning will allow students to see items that are more challenging or less extensive dependent upon previous responses. This will allow us as a district to provide a better understanding of where students are and where they need to go in the future in areas of Reading and Science. All other tests will be fixed meaning all students in each grade level will receive the same items. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at cstjohn@winterset.k12.ia.us or 515-462-2718.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey St. John

Director of Teaching and Learning



WHS Guidance Department

Visit the Guidance Webpage at www.winterset.k12.ia.us/Page/1552.

All students have registered for next year's classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Seufert at mseufert@winterset.k12.ia.us

ACT's at WHS:

April 2 (deadline to register has passed)

June 11 (deadline to register without late fee is May 6)

Juniors, Seniors & Parents:

The financial aid process can be daunting. From completing the application to understanding award letters, developing a plan to pay for college is one of the most important steps in the college process. Fortunately, there are many resources available to help. We will be hosting an informational event on Financial Aid on April 13th, 5:00-6:00 PM in the Miller Auditorium. The FAFSA should be filed by July 1st. This application helps determine eligibility for Pell Grants and State aid. Get it filed now!

Senior Activities:

May 10-	Husky Help Day
May 18-	Awards Program
May 20-	Graduation Practice
May 22-	Graduation Ceremony

Local Loan Opportunities

Winterset graduates should be aware that our school is privileged to have two well-funded loan programs.

The Lillard-Miller and Eva Rogan Funds were established to help students finance post high school education. The funds are financed through private contributions. Each academic year, a student can only be awarded ONE scholarship loan for \$1,000 and a maximum of

\$3,000 per student. No interest is charged, but the loans must be paid back. Applications are available on the guidance webpage and in the guidance office or the administrative office and may be completed anytime now through August.

SCHOLARSHIPS- All scholarships are on our website, visit the guidance page here!

Abner & Eliza Black Scholarship- Money is set aside for students with a disability. You must be under 21 years of age when first applying. Deadline is April 1st.

Farmers Electric Cooperative Scholarship- For high school seniors whose parents are members and reside in FEC's service territory. Deadline is April 1st.

Madison County Cattlemen's Association- Open to all high school seniors who are currently involved in a Madison County 4-H Club, FFA Chapter, Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association, Iowa Beef Team, and/or their parents or grandparents are members of the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. Deadline is April 1st.

Madison County Health Trust Scholarship- Must be a current resident of Madison County or a graduate of any Madison County high school or a current high school student in Madison County. You must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited health care field program. Deadline is April 1st.

The Charles & Lois Taylor Scholarship- The 2019 Applications are available at the First Christian Church office. First Chris-

tian Church has awarded over \$1,600,000 in scholarships to more than 1300 applicants since 1989. Requirements are: resident of Madison County and graduate of Madison County Schools. Financial Need is a prime consideration. Deadline is May 1st.

Winterset Professional Educators of Iowa Scholarship- Two Winterset High School seniors will be awarded a \$250 stipend, one majoring in the field of education and the other studying any academic major. Deadline is April 1st.

Lorimor Lions Club Scholarship- this scholarship is for any graduation senior that is planning to attend a college, university, nursing, trade school, commercial, or vocational education in an accredited school operated within the state of Iowa. Amount of the scholarship is \$300.00. For more information and to apply, please visit the guidance webpage. Deadline is April 2nd.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank Scholarship- Recipient is selected based on scholastic ability, extra-curricular activities, community involvement, etc. Deadline is April 15th.

Madison County Pork Producers Association- Open to students residing in Madison County will be up to four (4) \$500 scholarships. These may be awarded to high school seniors, or to students presently enrolled in a two-year, four-year college, or trade school. Deadline is April 15th.

Winterset Quarterback Club Scholarship- Open to students who participated in football all four years

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of high school and plan to participate in football at the college level. Please see the application for all eligibility requirements. Deadline is April 15th.

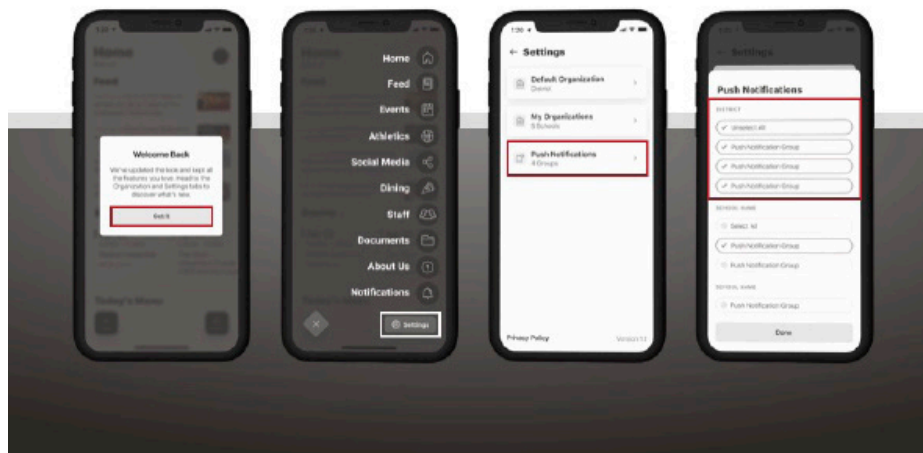
Melvin Bricker Scholarship is for a graduating senior from Winterset High School who has consistently demonstrated commitment to the high school wrestling program and its ideals of sportsmanship, determination, hard-work, and loyalty to the program and the School. You may use this scholarship at any accredited college, university, community college, junior college or business or trade school of your choice. See Coach Jensen or the guidance website for applications. Deadline is May 1st.

Gary Ridout Sr. Scholarship- The Husky Mat Club offers a scholarship for seniors who have been involved in the WHS wrestling program and will be wrestling as a freshman in college. See Coach Jensen or the guidance website for applications. Deadline is May 1st.



Don't miss any updates from Winterset!

1. Search **'Winterset School District'** in your phone's app store and download the app
2. Select **'ALLOW'** when prompted on initial download to ensure you receive notifications
3. Open the app, and navigate to the bottom menu then tap **'SETTINGS'**
4. Ensure your settings are turned on and your organization is selected



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Use the QR Codes & Links to book an appointment with Mr. Seufert or Mrs. Olson!



Mrs. Olson

<https://mrshayleyolson.youcanbook.me>



Mr. Seufert

<https://mseufert.youcanbook.me>

Google Classroom:

9th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, and much more!

Class of 2025 Code: 5j3bscm

10th Grade Student and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, and much more!

Class of 2024 Code: tcifbe5

11th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, and much more!

Class of 2023 Code: omgo7jk

12th Grade Students and Parents:

Join this Google Classroom for grade specific information from the Guidance Department! Here you can find information regarding Course Registration, College and Career Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, Graduation, and much more!

Class of 2022 Code: aly6cjw



SPRING ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Check for updates at raccoonriverconference.org
or call the high school at 462-3320.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Mar 31	5:30 PM	JV/V	Pella	Pella
Apr 4	5:30 PM	JV/V	North Polk	North Polk
Apr 7	5:30 PM	JV/V	DC-G	DC-G
Apr 12	5:30 PM	JV/V	Perry	WInterset
Apr 14	4:15 PM	JV/V	DM North	WInterset
Apr 16	10:00 AM	V	Winterset Tournament	WInterset
Apr 18	5:30 PM	V/JV	Ballard	Ballard
Apr 19	5:30 PM	JV/V	Greene County	WInterset
Apr 22	5:30 PM	JV/V	Gilbert	WInterset
Apr 28	5:30 PM	V/JV	ADM	WInterset
Apr 30	TBA	JV	Bondurant-F	Bondurant

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Mar 29	5:30 PM	JV/V	Pella	Pella
Apr 4	5:30 PM	JV/V	North Polk	WInterset
Apr 8	5:30 PM	Jv/V	DM Roosevelt	DM Roosevelt
Apr 12	5:30 PM	JV/V	Perry	Perry
Apr 14	6:00 PM	V	Creston	Creston
Apr 18	5:00 PM	JV/V	Ballard	WInterset
Apr 21	5:30 PM	JV/V	DM East	DM East
Apr 22	5:30 PM	JV/V	Gilbert	Gilbert
Apr 25	6:00 PM	V/JV	DC-G	Earlham
Apr 28	5:30 PM	JV/V	ADM	ADM

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TRACK

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Mar 28	4:30 PM	V	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant
Apr 1	4:30 PM	V	Winterset Invite	WInterset
Apr 5	4:30 PM	Coed V	ADM	Adel
Apr 7	4:30 PM	JV	Clarke	Osceola
Apr 7	4:30 PM	Coed V	Van Meter	Van Meter
Apr 11	4:30 PM	Coed V	Norwalk	Norwalk
Apr 14	4:30 PM	JV/V	ADM	Adel
Apr 19	4:30 PM	V	Madrid	Madrid
Apr 21	4:30 PM	Coed V	Winterset Invite	WInterset
Apr 27-30	TBA		Drake Relays	Drake
Apr 26	4:00 PM	V	Carlisle	Carlisle
Apr 28	4:45 PM	JV/V	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Mar 28	4:45 pm	Coed V	Bondurant-Farrar	Bondurant
Mar 31	4:30 PM	V	Ogden	Ogden
Apr 5	4:30 PM	Coed V	ADM	Adel
Apr 7	4:30 PM	Coed V	Van Meter	Van Meter
Apr 11	4:30 PM	Coed V	Norwalk	Norwalk
Apr 14	4:15 PM	V	Knoxville	Knoxville
Apr 18	4:45 PM	JV/V	Bondurant-F	Bondurant
Apr 19	4:15 PM	JV/V	DM East	DM East
Apr 21	4:30 PM	Coed V	Winterset	Winterset
Apr 25	4:30 PM	V	Winterset	Winterset
4/27-30	TBA	V	Drake Relays	Drake
Apr 28	4:15 PM	V	Carlisle	Carlisle

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK

DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Apr 11	4:30 PM	Boys	Earlham	Earlham
Apr 12	4:15 PM	Girls	ADM Invite	Adel
Apr 14	4:30 PM	Girls	Van Meter Invite	Van Meter
Apr 15	4:30 PM	Boys	Husky Relays	WInterset
Apr 19	4:30 PM	Girls	Van Meter Invite	Van Meter
Apr 19	4:15 PM	Boys	Creston Invite	Creston
Apr 21	4:00 PM	Boys	Carlisle Invite	Carlisle
Apr 21	4:30 PM	Girls	BF Invite	Bondurant
Apr 25	4:15 PM	Boys	RRC Meet	ADM
Apr 25	4:15 PM	Girls	RRC Meet	Boone
Apr 29	4:30 PM	Coed	Winterset	WInterset

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF



DATE	TIME	LEVEL	OPPONENT	SITE
Apr 5	4 PM	Girls-JV/V	Van Meter	Lakeview CC
Apr 11	4 PM	Girls-JV/V	ADM/Carlisle	Lakeview CC
Apr 11	4 PM	Boys-JV/V	ADM/Carlisle	ADM
Apr 12	4 PM	Coed-JV/V	Creston/Clarke	Clarke
Apr 14	4 PM	Boys-JV/V	Carroll/B-F	Carroll
Apr 14	4 PM	Girls-JV/V	Carroll/B-F	Lakeview CC
Apr 18	1 PM	Girls-V	Winterset Tournament	Lakeview CC
Apr 21	1 PM	Girls-V	Oskaloosa Tourn	Edmundson GC
Apr 21	4 PM	Boys-JV/V	Perry/North Polk	Lakeview CC
Apr 25	2 PM	Girls-JV/V	Ballard/Carlisle	Ballard
Apr 25	4 PM	Boys-JV/V	Ballard/Carlisle	Lakeview CC
Apr 26	2 PM	Boys- V	Oskaloosa Tour	Edmundson GC
Apr 28	1 PM	Girls-V	PCM Tournament	Gateway Rec GC
Apr 28	4 PM	Boys- V	ADM/Boone	Boone

ADMISSION PRICES

**BUY TICKETS ONLINE ON TICKET SPICKET
IN ADVANCE OF THE GAME**

Admission prices to all Varsity events will be \$6 for everyone. Tournaments will be \$6 for everyone. Junior high events will be \$4 for adults and for students

2022-2023 Winterset Community School – Preschool Calendar Board Approved (12-13-21)

CALENDAR LEGEND	
Start/End	
No School	

M	T	W	Th	F	Days	Date	Events
September							
			1	2			*No Preschool on Wednesday plus the additional days noted
5	6	7	8	9			
12	13	14	15	16			
19	20	21	22	23		Sept 1	First Day of Preschool
26	27	28	29	30		Sept 5	Labor Day (No School)
October							
3	4	5	6	7			
10	11	12	13	14			
17	18	19	20	21		Oct 21	No Preschool (PD Day)
24	25	26	27	28		Oct 24	No Preschool (Innovation Day)
31							
November							
	1	2	3	4			
7	8	9	10	11			
14	15	16	17	18		Nov 3 & 8	No Preschool (Conferences)
21	22	23	24	25		Nov 21-25	No Preschool
28	29	30					
December							
			1	2			
5	6	7	8	9			
12	13	14	15	16			
19	20	21	22	23		Dec 23-Jan 2	No Preschool
26	27	28	29	30			
January							
2	3	4	5	6			
9	10	11	12	13			
16	17	18	19	20		Jan 3	Classes Resume
23	24	25	26	27		Jan 13	No Preschool (PD Day)
30	31						
February							
		1	2	3			
6	7	8	9	10			
13	14	15	16	17		Feb 9 & 14	No Preschool (Conferences)
20	21	22	23	24		Feb 13	No Preschool (PD Day)
27	28						
March							
		1	2	3			
6	7	8	9	10			
13	14	15	16	17		March 13-17	No Preschool
20	21	22	23	24		March 24	No Preschool (PD Day)
27	28	29	30	31			
April							
3	4	5	6	7			
10	11	12	13	14			
17	18	19	20	21		April 10	No Preschool
24	25	26	27	28			
May							
1	2	3	4	5			
8	9	10	11	12			
15	16	17	18	19		May 19	Last Day for Preschool

2022-2023 Winterset Community School Calendar

Board Approved (12-13-21)

CALENDAR LEGEND

- Start
- No School
- End of Quarter
- 1hr Late Start

Teacher Contract Days

- 178 Student Contact Days
- 2 Conference Comp Days (11/23 & 4/10)
- 5 Pre-Service Days (8/15-8/18 & 8/22)
- 1 Work Flex Day** (8/19 or 5/30)
- 2 PD Days (11/22 & 2/13)
- 1 Innovation Day*** (10/24)
- 1 TQ Day*** (11/21)

190 Days

***TQ=contract day as long as funded by state

New Teacher Days

- August 2nd (1/2 day, 8am-noon)
- August 11-12
- New teachers work August Flex Day - August 19

Late Start Wednesdays

- School begins 1 hour late every Wednesday for professional development.

*Cancelled school days may be made up at end of school year (June).

**Teacher work day is flexed for returning teachers. Work 1 day either August or May/June. Notification to principal at checkout in spring.

***Innovation and TQ Days are professional development for certified staff.

****Adjustments may be made to end of 2nd, 3rd or 4th quarter/term if more than 2 days are cancelled.

August					Hours	Days		
M	T	W	Th	F				
1	2	3	4	5			Aug 2	New Teacher Day (8:00am-noon)
8	9	10	11	12			Aug 11-12	New Teacher Days
15	16	17	18	19			Aug 15-22	Teacher Pre-Service
22	23	24	25	26	25	4	Aug 18	Elem Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
29	30	31			44.5	7	Aug 18	MS Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
							Aug 18	JH Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
							Aug 18	HS Family Engagement (4:00-8:00)
							Aug 19	Teacher Work Day – Flex**
							Aug 23	First Day of School
September								
			1	2	56.5	9	Sept 5	Labor Day (No School)
5	6	7	8	9	81.5	13	Sept 23	Homecoming
12	13	14	15	16	113	18		
19	20	21	22	23	144.5	23		
26	27	28	29	30	176	28		
October								
3	4	5	6	7	207.5	33	Oct 3	HS Conferences (3:30-7:30)
10	11	12	13	14	239	38	Oct 5 & 12	Middle School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
17	18	19	20	21	268.5	43	Oct 11 & 13	Elementary Conferences (3:30-7:30)
24	25	26	27	28	293.5	47	Oct 21	End of 1 st Quarter (43 days) 2-hour early dismissal
31					300	48	Oct 24	Innovation Day (No School)
November								
	1	2	3	4	325	52	Nov 1 & 3	Junior High Conferences (3:30-7:30)
7	8	9	10	11	356.5	57	Nov 21	TQ Day (No School)
14	15	16	17	18	388	62	Nov 22	PD Day (No School)
21	22	23	24	25			Nov 23	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
28	29	30			406.5	65	Nov 24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)
December								
			1	2	419.5	67	Dec 7	High School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
5	6	7	8	9	451	72	Dec 23-Jan 2	Winter Break (No School)
12	13	14	15	16	482.5	77		
19	20	21	22	23	507.5	81		
26	27	28	29	30				
January								
2	3	4	5	6	532.5	85	Jan 3	Classes Resume
9	10	11	12	13	562	90	Jan 11	Middle School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
16	17	18	19	20	593.5	95	Jan 13	End 1 st Semester (90 days) 2-hour early dismissal
23	24	25	26	27	625	100		
30	31				638	102		
February								
		1	2	3	656.5	105		
6	7	8	9	10	688	110	Feb 13	PD Day (No School)
13	14	15	16	17	713	114	Feb 22	High School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
20	21	22	23	24	744.5	119		
27	28				757.5	121		
March								
		1	2	3	776	124	March 7 & 9	Junior High Conferences (3:30-7:30)
6	7	8	9	10	807.5	129	March 8	Middle School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
13	14	15	16	17			March 7 & 9	Elementary Conferences (3:30-7:30)
20	21	22	23	24	837	134	March 13-17	Spring Break
27	28	29	30	31	868.5	139	March 24	End of 3 rd Quarter (44 days) 2-hour early dismissal
April								
3	4	5	6	7	900	144		
10	11	12	13	14	925	148		
17	18	19	20	21	956.5	153		
24	25	26	27	28	988	158	April 10	Teacher Comp Day (No School)
							April 26	High School Conferences (3:30-7:30)
May								
1	2	3	4	5	1019.5	163		
8	9	10	11	12	1051	168		
15	16	17	18	19	1082.5	173	May 19	Seniors Last Day
22	23	24	25	26	1112	178	May 21	Graduation
29	30	31					May 26	Last Day for Students* (45 days) 2-hour early dismissal
							May 29	Memorial Day (No School)
							May 30	Teacher Work Day – Flex**
			1	2				
*+2 PT Conf days = 16					1128	180		
June								

Date Events



Date: June 13th-June 17th 2022

Times: K-1st-2nd Grade 9:00 AM -10:00 AM (Limited to 20 golfers per session)
3rd-4th-5th-6th Grade 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (Limited to 20 golfers per session)
*Grade based on 2021-2022 School Year

Location: Winterset Lakeview Country Club (ALL Days)

Instructor: Brett West Winterset High School Head Boys Golf Coach
Jack West College Golfer at DMACC

- Learn to play golf
 - Clubs provided if needed
 - Rules and Etiquette Lessons
 - Contests and Prizes
- Monday: Orientation and Chipping
Tuesday: Iron Play
Wednesday: Drivers
Thursday: Putting
Friday: Play golf holes this day

Rain Information

If it is raining prior to the start of the clinic please call 515-577-7910 for information.
Cost: \$55

Checks Payable to: *Little Legends Golf* (515) 577-7910

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade 21/22: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Parents Name: _____ Work/Cell #: _____
Name: _____ Work/Cell #: _____

E-Mail Contact: _____

Right Handed _____ Left Handed _____ Golf Skill _____ (1 beginner- 5 Advanced)

- Does your golfer need golf clubs: YES _____ NO _____

_____ has my permission to participate in the Little Legends Summer Golf Clinics. I will accept responsibilities for any injury that may occur as a result of his/her participation. I will not hold Little Legends Summer Golf Clinics, its employees or volunteers responsible for any injury that may occur.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

* Mail to Brett West % Little Legends Golf * 1872 Nature Court * Winterset, Iowa 50273

Give a kid a book, and you change the world. In a way, even the universe.

-Neil DeGrasse Tyson

You probably know that all students in grades PreK through 6th grade have the chance to visit our school libraries at least once per six-day cycle to check out books. Did you know students can also select gently-loved books to take home for their very own? Our elementary and middle school buildings each have a book nook called Cheap & Keep!

- Classroom teachers can take their students shopping at Winterset Elementary School's Cheap & Keep any time. Books are 25¢ or students can trade in a book they've finished and pick a new one for free.
 - Contact your child's teacher to find out when they will be visiting Cheap & Keep
- Winterset Middle School's Cheap & Keep is located inside the library and students can shop for books any time. Books are 25¢ or students can trade in a book they've finished and pick a new one for free.
 - Encourage your child to check in with Mrs. Millhollin or Mrs. McDonald to shop Cheap & Keep

Why is this so important to us? The mere presence of books at home increases academic achievement, vocabulary development, attention, and even job attainment later in life. Having as few as twenty books in the home can have significant impacts on your child's educational success...and each additional book adds to that impact. And when kids pick their own books, it's even better! Self-selected reading is twice as powerful as teacher-selected reading in developing motivation and comprehension. We want to get books into your child's hands!

If you have gently-loved books to donate to Cheap & Keep, please contact one of the people below.

- Michelle Macumber mmacumber@winterset.k12.ia.us
- Carrie Nedved cnedved@winterset.k12.ia.us
- Darla Millhollin dmillhollin@winterset.k12.ia.us



ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

303 Wambold Drive - PO Box 30 - Winterset, IA 50273-0030
Phone -- 515.462.2718 -- Fax -- 515.462.2732

Mr. Justin Gross, Superintendent
Cammy Leners, Business Manager/Board Secretary

March 21, 2022

Dear Prospective Preschool Parents/Guardians,

Good morning, hopefully all of you were able to enjoy spring break and the warmer weather we had last week. Now that we are back from spring break and the end of the 2021-2022 school year is quickly approaching it is time to start preparing for the start of the 2022-2023 school year. Each year as we prepare for the upcoming school year we quickly begin looking at preschool and the potential number of students that we will need to serve. In collaboration with our community partner, Barb LaGrange at Wee Learners, we work to provide programming for as many students as possible while remaining fiscally responsible.

When choosing to offer a voluntary preschool program we are required to provide 4-year old programming and programming for any 3-year old student who qualifies for early intervention services. Each year we look at the number of students we are able to serve and still meet the requirements as set by the state with regards to the number of students within a classroom based on staffing requirements. In the past we have been able to offer 3-year old programming as well as 4-year old programming based on the number of students we are required to serve first. Based on the information we have as we prepare for the upcoming school year we will not be able to offer 3-year old programming for any children who do not qualify for early intervening services. We have been informed that 3-year old programming will be available through Wee Learners; however, since the district isn't providing 3-year old programming the rate for these services will be set independently by Barb LaGrange at Wee Learners, her contact info is: phone # (515)-473-5284 or via email at barb@lagrange.ws

We wanted to share this information with you as soon as possible. We will continue to evaluate annually what programming we are able to provide based on the staff we have and the needs of the students we are being asked to serve. You will be receiving pre-enrollment information in the near future as well so that we can continue to plan accordingly for the 2022-2023 school year preschool program.

Yours in Service,




Justin M. Gross
Superintendent


Clint Driftmier
Elementary Assistant Principal
Preschool Director

Winterset Preschool Pre-registration

***Any Child that is 3 or 4 years old on or before September 15, 2022 is eligible for Pre-School for the 2022-2023 year.**

***Please scan the correct QR Code to complete the Pre-Registration Form. This will give us an idea of the number of preschoolers we will have for next year.**

3 Year Old	4 Year Old
	

If you cannot scan the QR Code, please go to the Elementary page on the web site for a link to pre-register. www.winterset.k12ia.us

***This will NOT take the place of On-Line Registration which will open May 16, 2022**



Questions? Call Stacy @ Administration Building 515-462-2718 or email Clint Driftmier at cdriftmier@winterset.k12ia.us



Friends Spring Book Sale

at the Winterset Library

Free-will Donation

Thursday, April 28, 4 - 7pm
Friends only, memberships may
be purchased at the door

Friday, April 29, 9am - 5pm
Open to all

Saturday, April 30, 9am - 1pm
Open to all

CHILDREN TO ADULTS
BOOKS-DVDS-PUZZLES



FOUR OAKS

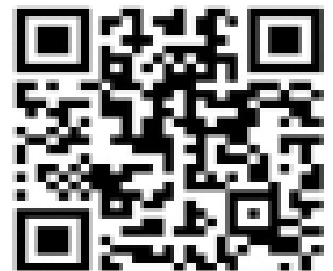
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Family Connections*

LOCAL YOUTH NEED YOU!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED FOSTER CARE?

*Last year in Iowa, 4,000 children were in
need of a safe, temporary, loving home.*

*Visit Four Oaks Family Connections at
www.iowafosterandadoption.org*



**VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS ARE HELD EVERY
SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY AT 8PM
SCAN TO REGISTER**

5 Ways to Help Your Child Become More Independent By Robert Myers, PhD / July 23, 2019

As children grow older, they should be given more responsibility. You're not doing your children any favors when you perform basic tasks for them. In fact, children can develop learned helplessness. Learned helplessness is when a child lacks independence and cannot or will not do age-appropriate tasks. In order for your child to gain confidence and become more responsible, follow these five tips.

1. **Make a List:** Create a list of tasks that your child should be able to do on their own, such as getting dressed or putting their toys away. Talk to them about which tasks they think they can do. If they're unsure, have them practice in front of you. Eliminate any tasks that they don't seem to be ready for. Keep in mind, children perform better when they know what's expected of them.
2. **Don't Expect Perfection:** Children are still figuring out their motor skills, so some mishaps may happen, such as spilling juice when they want to pour themselves a drink. If they mess up, try not to criticize them. Instead, gently show them the correct way to do things. Explain that everyone makes mistakes, and no one is perfect.
3. **Allow Enough Time:** Children tend to need more time to finish tasks compared to adults. Give them the time they need to prevent them from becoming stressed. For example, if it takes your child ten minutes to put on their clothes in the morning, start your daily routine earlier. As they practice, they will get faster at their tasks.
4. **Develop a Routine:** Children need routine to manage their responsibilities. If their daily schedule is constantly changing, they'll become confused. Explain to them when they have to complete specific tasks. For example, you can tell your child that they need to pick up their toys before getting ready for bed. When it gets close to their bedtime, remind your child that they need to clean up before they put on their pajamas.
5. **Offer Praise:** Children love to be recognized for the things that they do. Give your child praise when they do something on their own, especially if it's something they needed help with before. You can even turn mistakes into praise. For example, if your child puts their shirt on backward, you can acknowledge that they were able to pick out clothing and dress themselves. Give your child encouragement when they're feeling frustrated.

In short... It might seem easier and quicker to do things for your children instead of allowing them to do it themselves. However, when you give children the opportunity to perform tasks on their own, they begin to develop a sense of responsibility and accomplishment. As they grow older, they will be able to use their problem-solving skills to tackle new situations with ease. In the larger scheme of development, fostering independence and responsibility results in a person who is self-confident, resourceful, respectful, and able to recognize needs and meet them. In my new book, *The Well-Balanced Family*, I provide tips, guides, and tools to help children become more autonomous while at the same time being a contributor to the functioning and well-being of the family as a whole.

2022 Husky Football Development Camp

Mission: ALL athletes will be prepared to be in position to be successful by playing hard, playing fast, and having fun. This camp is for all Middle School students (flag football, little husky football, and anyone interested in football) and Junior High student athletes.

The camp will promote sportsmanship and physical activity through the promotion and support of football for the young athletes of our community. It is the goal of the program to provide a life of participating in multiple sports and develop the total athlete.

Date: Tuesday August 2nd - Thursday August 4th

Grades: 4th - 8th (Based on Fall 2022)

Registration: PLEASE REGISTER EARLY SO WE CAN HAVE A COUNT FOR T-SHIRTS.

Camp Fee: \$30 (Checks: Winterset Football) (2nd Athlete ½ Price - 3rd Free) Includes Camp T-Shirt

Where: High School Facility (South of Game Field)

Safety Note: Parents-Please drop and pick up your athlete by the gate on South 4th Ave. by Athletic Building. Please do not access the drive to the athletic facility. Thank you.

2022 Camp Schedule		
Dates	Grades 4-6	Grades 7-8
Tuesday August 2nd - Thursday August 4th	8:30 - 10:00 AM	10:15 - 11:45 AM

Camp Emphasis: Learn Proper Fundamentals of the game through drill emphasis.
Small group fundamentals and Team Building and Activities

Camp Equipment: Shorts or sweats
T-Shirt or Sweatshirt
Football Shoes (Not Required)
No Hats or Jewelry

Contact information:

Coach Dennis Shaw (School) *Winterset High School* *624 Husky Drive* *Winterset, IA 50273*
*515.462.3320
(Home) *Dennis Shaw* *1224 West Court Ave.* *Winterset, IA 50273*
*515.745.6807

This Camp Waiver must be signed and returned with fee prior to participation in camp.

In consideration of this application, I intend to be legally bound, hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the Winterset Public Schools, the camp staff, or any other person associated with this camp, for any and all damages which may be sustained and suffered by me in connection with my association with this camp.

Athlete: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Grade: _____ Cell # _____

2022 Husky Football Camp

Mission: ALL athletes will be prepared to be in a position to be successful by playing hard, playing fast, and having fun. It is the goal of the program to provide a life of participating in multiple sports and develop the total athlete.

Date: Thursday July 14th-Friday July 15th

Grades: 9th - 12th (Based on Fall 2022)

Registration: PLEASE REGISTER EARLY SO WE CAN HAVE A COUNT FOR T-SHIRTS.

Camp Fee: \$30 (Checks: Winterset Football) (2nd Athlete ½ Price - 3rd Free) Includes Camp T-Shirt

Where: High School Facility (South of Game Field)

2020 Camp Schedule	
Date	Time
Thursday July 14th-Friday July 15th	8:00 - 11:00 AM

Camp Emphasis: Learn proper fundamentals of the game through drill emphasis.
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Athlete: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____ Cell # _____

(In case of emergency.)

Why I changed my mind about adopting teens

February 9, 2022 By AdoptUSKids

Heidi Kaplan thought she was living the life of her dreams. "I'd had success in my career and had just bought a new home."

Then a conversation with her mom prompted her to think about becoming a foster parent.

When she mentioned a friend who had been adopted through the foster care system, her mom's response took her by surprise: "You should do that too."

A safe space for kids - "At first, I brushed off my mom's suggestion," Heidi said. "But then I thought about how my new home could become a safe space for kids."

Heidi decided to attend an information session, where she learned about county programs that supported foster parents. Respite care could make it possible for her to continue work travel. The county guaranteed placement for a child in afterschool care. "I'm a cautious person, so I came into the session with a list of concerns. In the first few minutes, the speaker addressed every one of them," Heidi remembers.

Heidi completed months of training to become a foster parent. After becoming certified, she received two consecutive placements of younger children. Both kids were reunited with their birth families, so adoption wasn't even discussed. She also provided respite care for other children.

Teens for three months? - After completing a 15-month placement and taking a few months off, Heidi called her social worker about another placement. At this point, she'd been providing foster care for three years. "I thought that my sweet spot was one child, a girl, who was elementary-aged," Heidi said. In September, the social worker contacted Heidi about a pair of siblings who needed a three-month placement. Heidi soon met 15-year-old Ana and 13-year-old Elian.

Ana and Elian were born in El Salvador and spent most of their childhood there, followed by time in the US, where they entered the foster care system in 2016. "I was uncertain about teens but decided that I could do anything for three months," Heidi remembers.

"I changed my mind about my parenting sweet spot" - At the end of three months, Ana and Elian asked Heidi if they could stay with her longer. "I realized that I was wrong about my sweet spot. Teens were great, and these were good, wonderful, and lovely kids," Heidi said. She was won over by Ana's brave spirit and kindness, and Elian's big heart.

Making a family - After extending Ana and Elian's placement, the three began to discuss forming a permanent family through adoption.

Through the county, Heidi found a family therapist who specializes in adoption and foster care, and the family attended counseling together through the transition. "I was making a family in my 40s with kids who were in their teens, and therapy helped us communicate about it," Heidi said. "But with Ana and Elian, I had no big reservations. It felt natural, like a fit."

The adoption process took about six months from the filing date and was finalized in 2019. A network of support helped Heidi and the siblings through the process, including their foster parent support group, social worker, CASA volunteer, and the children's attorney.

Today, Ana is a first-year college student and working as a medical assistant. Elian is a high school junior who loves playing soccer on his travel team. Both teens are happy to be active and attending in-person school, after remote schooling and canceled activities during the first year of the pandemic.

Supporting extended family ties - The family maintains ties with Ana and Elian's cousins who live in the area. Spending Christmas Eve together is a tradition, along with regular get-togethers. "The kids wish I could cook Salvadoran food a little better, but we have a local Salvadoran restaurant that's a favorite," Heidi said. The family plans to travel to El Salvador in the future.

Advice for prospective parents - Heidi has this advice for other prospective adoptive parents:

Your instincts will tell you if adoption is right for you.

Focus on how you connect with the child, before assuming they're the wrong age for you.

Build a support network, especially other families.

To parent teens, let them be themselves, but provide some guard rails and guidance.

People may think teens want independence more than anything, but most kids just want a safe place and a home.

"Parenting is work, but it's rewarding and all worth it," Heidi said.



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Parenting Tip: Use Connection During Transitions

Moving our kids from a desired task to an less-than-desired task can be tricky.

Here are a few common examples:

- Watching TV to brushing teeth
- Riding bikes to coming in for dinner
- Playing with toys to leaving for school

I'm sure you can think of plenty of scenarios that play out in your house on a daily basis.

It's normal for kids (and adults!) to prefer to do something fun and carefree, rather than something mundane and boring.

Instead of lecturing, using logic and reasoning, engaging in a power struggle, or giving out threats and bribes, I would encourage you to focus on connection.

This means, getting into their world, being playful, asking questions, and making them feel seen before you give a request or direction.

Here's how it may sound:

- "Oh, you're watching Paw Patrol! What's happening in this episode? (Wait for a response) Really? Then what happened? OK, it's time to brush teeth, how about I'll be Skye and you be Rubble, let's go!"
- "Hi girls! It looks like you're having so much fun on your bikes! (Wait for their attention) Dinner is in two minutes, but I'd really like to watch you ride first. What would you like to show me before we put the bikes away?"
- "Wow! How did you get those blocks to stack so high? (Wait for a response) I know you don't want to stop playing. Let me give you a big, huge, before school hug. Oh no, we're stuck together! (Pretend to struggle to get away) How will we get in the car?"

Of course, your kids may be still disappointed, frustrated, or sad about ending their preferred activity. And of course, there are more strategies to help your children transition well.

But for now, stay focused on your own emotions, offer empathy, and prioritize connection.

Stay Connected with WCSD!



Upgraded Website:

- www.winterset.k12.ia.us
- District homepage updated weekly
- School homepages are updated frequently with information
- Daily calendar of events for schools as well as athletics/activities is located on district homepage

Electronic Backpacks:

- Located on both the district and school homepages - includes fliers, newsletters, important and timely information

Facebook:

- Winterset Community School District:
[@wintersetschools](https://www.facebook.com/wintersetschools)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates:
[@WintersetHuskies](https://www.facebook.com/WintersetHuskies)



Twitter:

- WintersetSchools: [@WintersetSchool](https://twitter.com/WintersetSchool)
- Winterset Huskies for Athletics and Activities updates: [@WintersetHusky](https://twitter.com/WintersetHusky)

Infinite Campus:

- Must have a **portal account** - contact your school's office or the Administration Building to request account

Madisonian:

- Article by Superintendent every other week