



Back To School

WELCOME BACK!

Aniin, Its that time a year again, everyone is wrapping things up for the summer and getting their sleeping routine back in check,

Some exciting new things happening with this school year is upon us ,

Some changes at W.O.W.E, that has happened over the summer, and that includes, new staff and students, school forest program for 4-6th graders. With the

Summer flying by we can

not wait to see and share all the exciting new things with our students and families.

As we prepare for the days to come, there will still be many adjustments we face, one thing will always be for certain, and that is your safety,

commitment, education and how much the community and students mean to our staff here at WO.W.E.

We look forward to another great school year as we continue to rise!





Reminder

If you haven't filled out a lunch Application Please do so ASAP and return it to the district office.

<u>School Menu Rates:</u>	<u>Breakfast:</u>	<u>Lunch:</u>
KS, 1-6 Regular	\$1.15	\$2.40
Kindergarten	Free	Free
KS-12 REDUCED	Free	Free
Grades 7-12, Regular	\$1.30	\$2.50
Adult Rate	TBD	TBD

The Waubun School District is committed to serving healthy meals with healthy portions. Breakfast and lunch are served daily in the cafeteria. The following are the prices for a serving of breakfast or lunch.

Indoor Air Quality notice



The Waubun-Ogema-White Earth School District is proud to be taking a leadership role in providing a safe, comfortable and productive environment for our students and staff so that we achieve our core mission- educating students. Our school will follow the EPA guidelines to improve our indoor quality by preventing as many indoor Air Quality (IAQ) problems as possible, and by quickly responding to any IAQ problems that may arise. Good air quality requires an on-going commitment by everyone in our school, because each of us daily makes decisions and performs activities that effect the quality of the air we breathe. School staff, students and parents can obtain checklists or self-help information so they can properly evaluate their child's home or other out of school situations by contacting the school. Staff and parents can also obtain information about school facility construction, maintenance and housekeeping practices, chemicals used, mold and HVAC relation information. Chemical producing academic subjects, and pesticide and herbicide applications to determine the extent to which school activities contribute to a child's symptoms by contacting the School.

Please contact Superintendent Lisa Weber if you have any questions regarding the Schools IAQ program at (218-473-6171



Pesticide Notice

A Minnesota State Law went into effect in year 2000 that requires schools to inform parents and guardians if they apply certain pesticides on school property. Specifically, this law requires schools that apply these pesticides to maintain estimated schedule of pesticide applications and to make the schedule available to parents and guardians for review or copying at each school office. State law also requires that you be told that the long-term health effects on children from the application of such pesticides or the class of chemicals to which they belong may not fully understand. If you would like to be notified prior to pesticide applications made on days other than those specified in the estimated schedule (excluding emergency applications), please complete and return the form below. If you have questions regarding this notice, Please contact Lisa Webber Superintendent district #435 at 218-473-6171

National

Pesticide

Information
Center:

US Environmental

Protection
Agency:

www.epa.gov



Request for Pesticide notice

I understand that the school will make available and estimated Schedule of pesticide application for review and copying at the school office. Should a pesticide application be scheduled on a day different from the day(s) specified in the original schedule, I would like to be notified. I understand that the school may ask for reimbursement of the costs of nonfiction

I would prefer to be notified by (circle): US Mail E-mail

Please print Neatly: Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name :

Address _____

Day Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

**DON'T
FORGET
TO CHECK
AND MAKE
SURE ALL
YOUR
CONTACT
INFOR-
MATION IS
UP-TO-
DATE!**

****REQUEST NOT TO PUBLISH****

I do not want all or part of my director information to be public for:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

If you would like only part of directory items to be public, please list which ones below.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

* Please return to the respective school office

Changes in Information

If your student(s) information has changed please make sure you contact Ogema or Waubun School to make us aware of the changes. This includes, addresses, phone numbers, emergency contacts, or email addresses. To help the school district serve you better and be able to contact you in case of emergencies, school closing, announcements, ect. We need all student information to be correct

Directory Information is information that may be released to the public without prior parent consent (if the student is over 18 years of) unless the parent or student has stated in writing that they do not wish one or more categories of the information to be released In most cases, directory information is used on sports programs, in the local paper to highlight activities for the school, and provided to colleges.

Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Community School District # 435 has designated the following as directory information.

- ◇ Students name
- ◇ Students address
- ◇ Students phone number
- ◇ Date and place of birth
- ◇ Name of the students Parents
- ◇ Participation in officially recognized activities
- ◇ Grade level completed
- ◇ Height and weight of members of athletic teams
- ◇ Degrees and awards received
- ◇ The most previous educational institution attended
- ◇ Photo of the student if available

If you do not want all or part of the directory information to be public, or would like the school to notify you before any information about your child is released, please call the respective school office or return the form below



News From Mr. Spaeth

Dear Families,

The 2021-2022 school year is nearly upon us and I am eager and excited to begin. I hope you enjoyed your summer break and are refreshed and ready for the opportunities and challenges of another school year.

As many of you know I will be your new Principal this year. I am excited for the opportunity to work with your children in my new role. As with any new school year we have many changes and new faces in our buildings. We are looking forward to parents and students meeting the new staff and welcoming them to the Thunderbird Community. We have a talented and eager staff who is excited to work with your Thunderbirds this year.

Our Waubun site has gone through many changes this summer. We are excited for staff and students to utilize our new addition that includes elementary classrooms and a new ALP/ALC. Our previous elementary wing has also been renovated and updated along with our junior high locker rooms. We also have a new parking lot on the north side of the building that will make attending events even more enjoyable. It truly is an amazing time to be a Thunderbird!

As always, your child's safety and well-being is our top priority. We have a Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools Return to Safe In-Person Learning Plan that was sent to families through our alert system. The plan is also located on our school website and will be updated throughout the year with your child's best interest and safety in mind.

Once again, welcome back! Let's make it a great year and let's show our Thunderbird Pride!

Sincerely,

Tim Spaeth
4-12 Principal
Waubun Schools



Save Receipts For Your Child's Education Expenses

If you're buying school supplies for your children in kindergarten through 12th grade, you may qualify for one or both of these tax relief programs:

- K-12 Education Subtraction
- K-12 Education Credit

Save your receipts, because both programs can help lower your taxes and may provide a larger refund when filing your Minnesota income tax return.

Last year, more than 19,000 families received the K-12 Education Credit and saved an average of \$261. Nearly 130,000 families received the K-12 Education Subtraction with an average subtraction of \$1,207.



Common Expenses That Qualify:

- School supplies (pencils, paper, calculators)
- Educational computer hardware and software
- Tutoring K-12 curriculum by a qualified instructor
- Rental or purchase of musical instruments used during school



Expenses That Do Not Qualify:

- School supplies not used in education (backpacks, tissues, organizers)
- Clothing, including school uniforms (except required gym clothes)
- School lunches
- Family trip to museum or zoo



Do I qualify?

To qualify for either the credit or subtraction, both of these must be true:

- You purchased educational services or materials to assist with your child's education
- Your child is attending kindergarten through 12th grade at a public, private, or home school

Income limits for Each Program

K-12 Education Credit: Your household income (taxable and nontaxable income) must be below the levels shown here. If you qualify for the credit, you must file a Minnesota return to claim a refund.

Number of qualifying children in K-12:	Household income must be less than:
1 or 2	\$37,500
3	\$39,500
4 or more	Add \$2,000 for each additional child

K-12 Education Subtraction: There are no income limits for the education subtraction.

For more information on these programs and other valuable tax information, visit www.revenue.state.mn.us and enter **K12** in the Search box or call us at 651-296-3781 or 800-652-9094.

Summer Rec

We were excited to be able to offer the June Summer Rec program this year, which consisted of academic and cultural activities at Waubun school, baseball and softball practices and games, and swimming lessons at the Mahnomen pool. Approximately 180 students registered for the program. Students attended Monday through Thursday from 8:00-2:30, and participated in grade appropriate math and reading activities, as well as cultural and STEAM projects. Students were bussed to and from swimming lessons, baseball and softball practices, and weekly games.

The Magic School Bus took students on adventures every Friday. Places visited included the Zoo, fat tire biking and fishing at Cuyuna State Park, roller skating and a water park in Fargo, the Headwaters of the Mississippi and a naturalist program at Itasca State Park.

Huge shout out too, Mrs. Brininger, Mr. Kohler, Mr. Varriano and everyone else who helped make summer rec possible.



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year at Ogema Elementary. Our theme is **Thunderbirds Rise** and we are dedicated and excited to work with you and your child(ren) this year! We have had construction projects both inside and outside of the school building over the summer and are looking forward to having a more secure entrance, a few newly renovated classrooms and separate lots for buses and parent/guardian drop off/pick up!

We would like to welcome new additions to our staff in Ogema:

Wendy Harstad (3rd Grade Teacher) Morgan Steffens (2nd Grade Teacher) Sharon Stalboenger (Title I Teacher) Jayden Molacek (Paraprofessional)
Aspen Thompson (Paraprofessional) Mikayla Schlauderaff (Paraprofessional) Megan Fairbanks (Paraprofessional) Karlee Nelson (food service) Tanya Riddle (food service)

Morning/afternoon pick up and drop off has changed!

- **Buses:** They will use the designated bus loop that allows buses to enter from Feather Street. Students will exit onto a sidewalk that they will follow to the main entrance.
- **Student drop off/pick up:** Drop off times in the morning are between 7:30-8:00 a.m. **We need to ensure that we have adequate supervision and appreciate your help in dropping off no earlier than 7:30.** **The plan to start the year is for families to do a daily health screening before their child comes to school. If we need to go back to individual screening upon entering the building, our drop off time will change back to 7:45**
- You will drive into the school lot from Hwy 59 and drive around the new family drop off/pick up lane that circles around the sidewalk by the main door down to the cafeteria. Students should exit on the passenger side to the sidewalk and walk to the main entrance. This lane is for **drop off/pick up** only. You are not allowed to park and leave your vehicle in this lane.
- If you need to stop in the office or want to walk your child to the main entrance, there are designated parking spots in the drop off/pick up lot.
- Due to COVID and continued safety, parents/families will not enter the building to walk students to classrooms this year. Students will be dropped off at the main door and our amazing staff will be ready to assist them!
- Our academic day ends at 3:05 each day. Students being picked up will be released from class between 3:10-3:30 each day. If you plan to pick up each day, please inform the teacher/office of this and the planned time so we can have your child ready each day. Please pull into the car lane and call the office upon your arrival and we will have a staff member walk your child out to meet you.

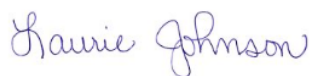
We are keeping safety and health in mind as we move into this new school year with COVID continuing to be a concern. We have a **Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools Return to Safe in Person Learning Plan** that was sent to families through our communication system and will be located on our school website. The document will be updated as needed throughout the year as we continue to work with MDH and CDC guidelines. We will also continue to work with White Earth and our Public Health Agencies to conduct contact tracing to ensure the safety of our staff and students

An Ogema Elementary Handbook will be sent home within the first two weeks of school. Review the handbook, sign the back page and return the form to the school.

We need to have current phone numbers and at least 2 emergency contacts on file. Have a plan for fast pick up in the event your child becomes sick while at school. If your address, phone numbers, or other information changes during the year, please stop in or call our office at (218)-473-6174 so we have the most current information on file.

The amazing Ogema staff and I are committed to the 2021-2022 school year and feel privileged to be a part of this school family!

Sincerely,



Laurie Johnson
Ogema Elementary Principal
lauriej@waubun.k12.mn.us

Meet our new Staff



Please fill out both forms and have **signed** by a **Doctor**, If you are wanting any kind of Medication Administrated in the Health Office. That includes Tylenol, Ibuprofen and any other OTC medication as well as prescribed medications.

2022-2023

AUTHORIZATION FOR NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ **GRADE** _____ **SCHOOL** _____

NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

Parents of students requesting non-prescription (over the counter) medication to be given to their child during school hours by school staff are required to provide the school with the following information: 1. A signed parent consent and 2. Medication must be supplied in the original packaging.

- Please Note** IF these meds are not picked up at the end of the year we will destroy them if expired.** _____ (Parent Initials) Expiration Date of Medication _____

Medication	Dose	Time/Frequency	Route	Reason for Medication or Medical Condition

Start date: _____ Stop date: _____
(All authorizations expire at the end of the school year or following the summer school session.)

Parent/Guardian Authorization

1. I request that the above non-prescription medication be given during school hours as needed for the reasons stated above. I also request the medication be given on field trips, as needed.
2. I will notify the school of any change in the medication, (i.e. dosage change, medication is stopped, etc.).
3. If medication is non-prescription, this signature also gives permission to administer that medication.
4. I give permission for the medication to be given by school personnel as delegated, trained, and supervised by the school nurse.
5. Legally, I may refuse to sign for the medication. If I refuse to sign, we will not be able to administer the medication at school.
6. This consent may be revoked at any time, by sending a written notice to the licensed school nurse.

_____ Date _____ Relationship to Student _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Relationship to Student

Permission for Release of Information

1. I give permission for the school nurse to communicate, as needed, with school staff about my child's medical condition(s) and medication(s) my child is taking.
2. I give permission for the school nurse to consult with my child's physician/licensed prescriber about any questions regarding the listed medication(s) or medical condition(s) my child has.
3. I give permission for the physician/licensed prescriber to release information related to the above medication(s) and medical condition(s) to the licensed school nurse.

_____ Date _____ Relationship to Student _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Relationship to Student

AUTHORIZATION FOR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION FORM

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL _____

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION:

Parents of students requesting prescription medication to be given to their child during school hours by school staff are required to provide the school with the following information: 1. The Doctors' signed order 2. A signed parent consent 3. Medication must be supplied in the original pharmacy labeled bottle.

- Please Note** IF these meds are not picked up at the end of the year we will destroy them if expired.** _____ (Parent Initials) Expiration Date of Medication _____

Physician/licensed prescriber's order for Medication Administration by School Personnel

<u>Medication</u>	<u>Dose</u>	<u>Time /Frequency</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Reason for Medication or Medical Condition</u>

Other considerations/directions: _____

Start date: _____ Stop date: _____

(All authorizations expire at the end of the school year or following the summer school session.)

Signature of Physician/Licensed Prescriber_____
Print name of Physician/Licensed Prescriber_____
Date_____
Clinic Address_____
Phone_____
Fax**Parent/Guardian Authorization**

7. I request that the above prescription medication be given during school hours as ordered by my child's physician/licensed provider. I also request the medication be given on field trips, as prescribed.
8. I will notify the school of any change in the medication, (i.e. dosage change, medication is stopped, etc.).
9. If medication is non-prescription, this signature also gives permission to administer that medication.
10. I give permission for the medication to be given by school personnel as delegated, trained, and supervised by the school nurse.
11. Legally, I may refuse to sign for the medication. If I refuse to sign, we will not be able to administer the medication at school.
12. This consent may be revoked at any time, by sending a written notice to the licensed school nurse.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____
Date_____
Relationship to Student**Permission for Release of Information**

4. I give permission for the school nurse to communicate, as needed, with school staff about my child's medical condition(s) and medication(s) my child is taking.
5. I give permission for the school nurse to consult with my child's physician/licensed prescriber about any questions regarding the listed medication(s) or medical condition(s) my child has.
6. I give permission for the physician/licensed prescriber to release information related to the above medication(s) and medical condition(s) to the licensed school nurse.

Parent/Guardian Signature_____
Date_____
Relationship to Student

All of our students and families deserve equitable access to internet services and resources. We are committed to continue to find ways to do that!

Mahnomen and Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools

Thank you to our great community partners:

Thank you Enbridge for the generous grant to make this project possible!

Thank you GARDEN VALLEY and ARVIG for your commitment to service and willingness to work with us on this project!



Increasing Internet Access for Families Grant!

Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Schools and Mahnomen Public Schools have partnered with ARVIG Communications and Garden Valley Technologies to offer expanded internet access



Who Is Eligible?

Eligible families in both the Mahnomen Public School District and Waubun-Ogema-White Earth Public School District will have the opportunity to receive assistance in paying for broadband connectivity through a joint \$366,000 grant from Endbridge.

Both Districts have a significant population of families living in poverty based on the percentage of students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch. Affordability of utility services such as broadband can place those families at a disadvantage when it comes to an equitable educational environment. We want to give all families the choice to have access if they want it.

Families that qualify for Free or Reduced Lunch can choose to apply for grant funds to cover monthly broadband connectivity fees provided through their local Arvig or Garden Valley telecom providers. The choice to apply and accept this subsidy is that of the family. The selection of the telecom provider is that of the families and their geographical location.

How Can We Participate?

Families will complete an application and submit it to their School District to determine eligibility for the program. Once approved, direct billing between the Telecom provider and the school will be arranged for the approved services. Services will continue until the grant funding is expended.

What are our next steps?

1. Complete free and reduced lunch form if one has not already been completed to determine eligibility.
2. Complete waiver of confidentiality/school internet form. The waiver allows us to share Free and Reduced Lunch information and billing information for internet service with the program partners, so we can provide services
3. Select a Telecommunication company that is the current provider, in your geographic area, or is your choice (if you have an option).
4. Work with telecommunications to schedule service.

5. Contact school to approve any follow up services before contacting telecommunications.

6. The School manages the program approvals and discontinues participation if needed. Please communicate any issues so we can advocate and communicate on your behalf as needed. The telecommunications companies provide the service and all related services. They will bill the District monthly for internet bills. All other bills are the responsibility of the family.

7. Participants must notify the school District and the provider if they are moving or discontinuing the program so equipment such as the router and modem can be returned.

8. If you have existing Services in a bundled package, a telecommunications representative will contact you to discuss your best financial options for services.

White Earth Reservation Tribal Council • Johnson O'Malley Programs Certification Form

PART I TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN

A. School Information

School Name _____

School Address _____

B. Student Information Enrollment No. _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ Tribal Affiliation _____ Reservation _____

Student Address _____

C. Parent Information

Father Enrollment No. _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ Tribal Affiliation _____ Reservation _____

Mother Enrollment No. _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ Tribal Affiliation _____ Reservation _____

Parental Status: Please check all boxes that apply to the custody and residence of the student.

Natural Parent Other Family Member Legal Guardian Adoptive Parent Foster Parent Other

D. Release of Information

I hereby grant permission to verify tribal membership or descendency (and blood quantum) for the above named student and to release the necessary information for Indian Education Programs. I understand the information will be used only for Indian Education Programs and that it will be kept confidential in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (Pnon .L. 93-579, 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian of Student Named Above _____

Mailing Address _____

Please note:

• If the student is a tribal descendent, a birth record and/or affidavit of paternity must be attached in order to verify degree of tribal blood by the Tribal Enrollment Office.

• If the student is a descendent of more than one tribe, this document will be duplicated for certification by each applicable Tribal Enrollment Office.

Tribal Enrollment Office: Please complete the potion below:

E. Verification Information

Part One: Please check on the appropriate line below:

_____ The aforementioned student meets the eligibility criteria as determined by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and I hereby certify that this student is a member of or is at least one fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood of the tribe according to parental lineage and available records.

_____ The aforementioned student is not an enrolled member but is a descendent of the _____ tribe according to parental lineage and available records.

_____ The aforementioned student does NOT meet the eligibility criteria for the following reasons: _____

Part Two: Please complete the following:

I hereby certify the above named applicant is ___/___ degree of _____ according to available records.