



# PUP PRINTS

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## NOTES FROM MR. LABANSKY

It was so awesome to see so many of you at the Winter Concert. I was told the elementary Winter Program drew a large crowd, but I was not expecting to see a crowd as large as we had! It is hard to believe winter break is almost here. Then, a few weeks after that marks the half way point of the school year. Wow! Where has the time gone? We have been busy with growing and becoming better at Wonewoc-Center Elementary! My goal is to make today better than yesterday. I try to instill that philosophy in the students as well. We grow from our experiences making us better. Thank you for everything that you do to support our efforts!

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at labagre@wc.k12.wi.us or by phone at (608) 464-3165 ext. 124. I would love to meet with you in person as well, but it is best to call to set up an appointment to be certain I am available.

## KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS

Do you buy gas or shop at Kwik Trip? Do you need a last minute gift idea? If so, stop by the W-C school office and purchase Kwik Trip gift cards. They make great gifts plus your purchase helps the school! We have denominations of \$5, \$10, \$25, and \$50. Cards are available all year long.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance is an important to your child's learning, confidence, and sense of belonging at school. When your child misses school they miss opportunities to learn and grow! If your child needs to be absent, please be sure to notify the school office so we know they are safe.

Wisconsin Law states that a student may not miss more than ten days in a school year. If a student brings a note from a medical provider, dentist, orthodontist, etc. Wonewoc-Center Schools does not count that day toward absences.



## PTCO

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm in the Wonewoc-Center School Library. All parents and community members are welcome to join PTCO as the organization sponsors many events that benefit all elementary students including the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the W-C Elementary Dance. We would love for you to join us!



## BASE

There will not be any BASE programming on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Just a reminder, if your child is signed up for BASE, please call the office if there are any changes such as your child will not be attending on a certain night.



## WINTER BREAK

There will be no school for students on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> due to staff in-service. Furthermore, there will not be school on December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> for winter break. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## RECESS

This is another reminder to make sure your children are dressed for our ever changing Wisconsin weather. When it is cold, students are expected to wear a winter coat, hat, mittens, or gloves. Boots and snow pants are required for students in grades 4K-5 when there is snow on the ground if they want to go off the blacktop areas. Please label your children's hat, gloves, coats, etc. with their name. Our policy is that we do go outside for recess as long as the temperatures is above zero degrees and it is not raining or snowing heavily.

## LOST AND FOUND

Just a reminder to have your child check the lost and found table if they are missing any articles of clothing. New items are added to the table daily.



## CONVERSATION STARTERS

Empathy is the theme for our guidance classes for December. One way to think about empathy is "the ability to sense other people's emotions, coupled with the ability to imagine what someone else might be thinking or feeling."

Empathy is an important skill for creating connected and kind communities. It is critical for relationships.

### Some questions to pose could be:

- How can you understand someone else's point of view during an argument?
- How do you feel when you realize why someone might have misunderstood what you said?
- How do you feel when you realize something you said was a mistake?

Perseverance will be our theme in guidance classes for December. One way to think about perseverance is "the ability to work through situations even when there are obstacles or challenges in the way."

### Some questions to pose could be:

- What's a challenge for you now?
  - What's the hardest part?
  - What are some resources (people, strategies, or tools) that can help you?
  - What is one step we can take together to overcome this challenge?
- (excerpt from [www.characterstrong.com](http://www.characterstrong.com))

## UPCOMING DATES

December 21<sup>st</sup>—No BASE

December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>—No School for Students

January 16<sup>th</sup>—End of Second Quarter

January 17<sup>th</sup>—No School for Students/Staff In-Service Day

