



# PUP PRINTS

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## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope that your summer was relaxing and full of adventures with loved ones. I want to take a few moments to introduce myself. My name is Greg LaBansky and I am honored to be the elementary principal at Wonewoc-Center. I am originally from Reedsburg but I have lived in Wonewoc for the past 13 years. I am beginning my 23<sup>rd</sup> year in education and first year as principal. Although this is my first year as principal of Wonewoc-Center, I am not new to the district. I taught middle school and high school social studies at Wonewoc-Center Schools from 2004-2012. I also served as the K-12 Gifted and Talented Coordinator. I am beyond grateful to be back in the district rejoining the Wonewoc-Center family! Besides myself, there are three other new faces at W-C Elementary. Ms. Larson is teaching fourth grade, Ms. Dyruud is teaching K-12 art, and Mr. Deitelhoff is teaching 4K-6<sup>th</sup> grade physical education.

I will be sending a newsletter home monthly called "Pup Prints." Since a young wolf is called a pup, I felt compelled to include that in the name of our newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to keep you informed about relevant items so you can continue to play an active role in your child's education. I look forward to meeting you if we haven't already met! 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](mailto:labagre@wc.k12.wi.us) or by phone at (608) 464-3165 ext. 124.

## SCHOOL START TIME

School officially begins at 8:00 for elementary students. Supervision begins when the doors open at 7:30.



## CELL PHONES

Elementary students should keep cell phones in their lockers during the school day if they possess phones. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please call the office and the message can be relayed.



## APPOINTMENTS

If your child is absent due to a health appointment, please have the provider give you a school excuse to clear the absence.

## BUS CHANGES

To mainstream bus change requests, all bus changes need to be made through the office. Please do so before 2:00 pm to give us time to relay the message to your child.



## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD AFTER SCHOOL

Are you looking for some discussion prompts to expand discussion with your child after school? If so, try these:

- What made you smile today?
- Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile?
- What kind of person were you today?

## **PTCO**

PTCO is the name of the parent-teacher organization that contributes time and resources to Wonewoc-Center Elementary. All parents and community members are welcome to join PTCO as they sponsor many events that benefit all elementary students. We would love for you have more members! Please contact Mr. LaBansky for information on the next meeting.



## **PICTURE DAY**

Wonewoc-Center Elementary picture day is coming soon! Pictures will be taken on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Picture package information was already sent home with students. Exact payment should accompany your order on picture day unless you choose to order online. You can visit [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) to order packages before picture day with our school picture day id EVTTWT9K6



## **FOOD SERVICE COSTS**

All students will once again have access to a free breakfast this school year since Wonewoc-Center qualifies for a federal program that supplies breakfast for free. While breakfast will be served at no cost, the federal waiver for a free lunch has expired. Therefore, the regular price for elementary students is \$2.80. There is still the possibility for free or reduced cost lunch for qualifying families. To determine eligibility, the family must complete a Free and Reduced Meal Application. If you have money left in your student lunch account from the end of last school year, it has remained in the account for the start of the school year.

Breakfast and lunch menus can be found by clicking on the paper bag icon at the top of the district website. I will also be sure that a paper copy comes home as well.



## **FOOD SHARE TABLE**

Sharing Tables are provided to reduce the amount of wasted food at schools. Children can place approved unconsumed food or beverage items they choose not to eat on the Food Share Table. Any student may share unopened, packaged food, milk, or fruit on the table to share with others. Other children have the opportunity to take these items at no extra cost.

## **ICE CREAM NOVELTIES**

In keeping with tradition, students in grades 3-5 can purchase ice cream novelties for \$1 during lunch on Fridays.

## **I-READY**

This year Wonewoc-Center Elementary will be using a program called i-Ready. i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. i-Ready consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The i-Ready Diagnostic is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions. The purpose of this is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support your student's learning.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.



## **UPCOMING DATES**

September 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>—Homecoming Week

September 18<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>—i-Ready Testing Window

September 25<sup>th</sup>—Picture Day

September 29<sup>th</sup>—FFA Food for America

October 11<sup>th</sup>—No School for Students/Staff In-Service