

# WCA November 2008

## *The Principal's Corner .....*

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Happy November! It was definitely a busy start of the school year with lots of changes. WCA has had many things to celebrate. For instance, we have finally completed our final phase of construction and have 8 new classrooms, a new cafeteria and an awesome gymnasium. Our WCA soccer athletes took the NCIL 1<sup>st</sup> place championship for the first time ever. They worked hard and represented WCA in a very positive way. We are all so very proud of them!

I do want to remind you all of a few things that will help support WCA in continuing to be the amazing school that it is. First, when you are dropping off and picking up children, please remember to not get out of your vehicles and do not allow your children to get their backpacks from the trunks or backs of your cars unless you park in the west parking lot. There are no U-turns allowed in the front or back side of the school. Please do not speak on your cell phone during drop off and/or pick up, 7:50am-8:10 am or 3:20pm-3:40pm. Please pull all the way forward at all times and do not allow children to get out of your vehicle on the east curve in the front of the school or on the side of the school. Always have your child exit on the side closest to the sidewalk, because we want all of our children to be safe at all times!

Please remember to come to the office and sign in during the hours of 7:30am until 3:40pm. Do not enter a school door unless you have signed in, even if you have been cleared through the front office. This is for both your safety and our children. If we do not have a record of you being in the building when a fire alarm goes off, we would not know that you may still be in the building.

Finally, WCA asks that you utilize our Parent Code of Conduct policy that the Board of Directors passed in the 2007-2008 school year. If you have a question or concern regarding your child or their teacher, please start by addressing your concern directly to the teacher first. We ask that you give our teachers the professional courtesy to allow them an opportunity to hear your concern and address it as necessary. I have included an excerpt of the code on page 3.

As always, thanks so much for being a positive supporter of Windsor Charter Academy!

Tracy Stanford, Principal

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### **Picture Retakes Monday, Nov 17th**

Wear your "Official Dress" uniform  
(blue bottom, white top and tie if you are  
having your picture retaken.)

**EARLY RELEASE DAYS**  
Monday, Nov 3rd  
Monday, Nov 17th



## Athletic Director Corner...

### Windsor Charter Sports

Soccer and volleyball seasons came to a successful conclusion this month with girls' volleyball going to the playoffs and boys' soccer winning the Northern Colorado Independence League championship. Way to go teams! Thanks to all of the coaches and parents who made this possible.

We are now in the boys' basketball season. Coach Jancosek and the boys are working hard to make it a successful one. Basketball games are at 4:00 and the home games are played in our beautiful new gym. Check out the schedule on our sports bulletin board in the front hallway and come see our boys play.

Girls' basketball will begin in January. We still need a coach for this team, so please let Julie Claeys know if you are interested.

We will soon be adding a "Sports Button" to our website so you can access schedules, the eligibility policy, the sports transportation policy, and other sports related documents online.

Finally, if you have a soccer or volleyball uniform still hanging around your house, please return it as soon as possible! We need to evaluate number and condition of uniforms so we can make decisions on replacing them for next year.



### Hot Lunch Program

The first month of the hot lunch program has been a great success! Students tell us they love the food and they have done a great job of learning the new routine. At this time, parents still need to send money to school with their child **or** drop it off at the front desk with Linda Dewald. The district office is still working to get our online pay system up and running. We will send home letters to each family listing your online number for paying for hot lunches when they are available. After receiving this number, you can pay for lunches through the WCA website. Please consider buying hot lunch for your children. Our contract with the District requires a minimum number of lunches to be served each day in order to "break even". Each day that we serve under the minimum, it costs the school \$0.75 per lunch. The November menu is included in this newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board in the front hallway.

**Parents** if you want to eat hot lunch with your student, you will need to give your order to the **Front Desk** by **8:20 am** to be included in the adult count. Please pay the cashier \$3 in cash at lunch.

Thank you!



*Free Jeans Day  
Friday  
November 21st*

### Gold C Coupon Books

WCA will **not** be selling Gold C books this year because the Northern Colorado books are almost sold out and we could not get them.

Specials teachers will be doing a fundraiser later in the year and we would appreciate your continued support then. Sorry for any inconvenience.



### **NEW.... WCA Attendance Line**

**(970) 674-5162**

***Please use this number to Report absences***

From the Counselor's Corner ...

Hello WCA Families!!

While life may be back to "normal" for many of us, we still have several families and kiddos dealing with the aftermath of the May 22nd, 2008 Tornado. Below is the link to a wonderful article about How Children Cope with Natural Disasters. The article provides suggestions for parents and teachers on positive ways to help children cope with lingering feelings of fear, anxiety and helplessness, as well as ideas about how to rebuild a sense of safety and security for our kids.

<http://teachers.net/gazette/JUN08/davies/>

Please feel free to email me, if there are other topics you would like to learn more about.

Erica.Koehler@wccad.org

## Parent Code of Conduct

For the benefit of our school community, a formalized grievance policy for parents has been created. The following procedure has been implemented as Windsor Charter Academy's Parent Code of Conduct Policy.

If a parent has a concern/issue regarding a teacher or the learning for their child, first make the classroom teacher aware of the issue. The teacher will respond back within two business days that they are aware of your concern.

1. Should at least two business days pass without any contact or communication, please take the concern to the next level, the principal. At this time, please inform the principal of the issue/concern. Give the principal two business days to address the concern/issue and the opportunity to attempt to resolve the concern.
2. If the issue is still unresolved or the parent disagrees with the resolution, the final step would be to take the concern directly to a member of the Board. That Board member will place the concern on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Your presence will be requested at that Board meeting to discuss the issue/concern. The individual Board member that you apprise of the concern **does not** have the authority to resolve the problem individually.








Adopted August, 2007

## Caps 4 Cash

Caps 4 Cash is a Morning Fresh Dairy program where schools can earn cash by collecting caps from Morning Fresh Dairy glass bottles. Each cap will be redeemed for 5¢ (1000 caps = \$50)

- \* Drink your milk
- \* Save your bottle caps
- \* Collect caps from family and friends
- \* Bring the caps to school
- \* Drop them in the collection box
- \* Earn Cash for WCA

You may contact Lori with questions at 518-9471

<b>NOVEMBER</b>						
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
26 	27 Chicken Sandwich Seasoned Fries Pears	28 Sloppy Joes Baked Chips Apple Slices	29 Chicken Nuggets Carrot Coins Peach Cups	30 <b>Early Dismissal</b> Parent Teacher Conferences	31 <b>No School</b> Parent Teacher Conferences	1 
2 Daylight Savings time ends  Set Your clocks back!	3 Popcorn Chicken Peas & Carrots Mixed Fruit	4 <b>Election Day</b> Spaghetti With Meat Sauce Breadstick	5 <b>BREAKFAST FOR LUNCH</b>	6 Taco Mexican Corn Fruited Jell-o	7 <b>PIZZA Day!</b> Pizzatas Carrot Sticks Cookie	8
9	10 Hamburger Baked Chips Pudding	11 Chicken Strips Smiley Fries Applesauce	12 Italian Pasta Meatballs Peaches	13 Bean and Cheese Burrito Fiesta Corn	14 <b>PIZZA Day!</b> Pete Pizza Mandarin Oranges Ice Cream	15
16 	17 WW Corn Dog Baked Fries Pineapple	18 Ravioli Breadsticks Jell-o with Fruit	19 Chicken Dippers With Teriyaki Brown Rice	20 Turkey and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Stuffing Dinner Roll	21 <b>PIZZA Day!</b> Pizza Sticks Golden Corn Cookie	22 
23 	24 Salisbury Steak Potatoes & Gravy Applesauce	25 Mac n' Cheese Mixed Veggies Whole Wheat Roll	26 <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>	27 <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 	28 <b>THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL</b>	29 
<b>WCA Menu</b> Yogurt or Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich may be substituted for main entrees. Salad Bar Served Daily. Elementary Lunch \$2.00 - Middle School Lunch \$2.30 - Reduced 40 cents - Adult Lunch \$3.00 * <b>Milk 50 cents*</b>						

## School and Classroom Needs:

### Library Needs:

The Library is in need of volunteers for a variety of tasks including shelving books, pre-reading new materials, repairing books and helping students find books. Training provided!

We also need a chairperson, co-chairperson and other volunteers for the upcoming **Scholastic Book Fair**.

Please contact Nancy Cox at 674-5020 x 105 or [nancy.cox@wcacad.org](mailto:nancy.cox@wcacad.org) to help.

**ART ROOM NEEDS**

**BABY WIPES**

### Yearbook Needs:

Parents, if you have taken or are taking pictures during WCA events throughout the year ... the yearbook staff would LOVE to have your pictures in addition to our own to make the yearbook GREAT! You can e-mail them to [angie.shaler@wcacad.org](mailto:angie.shaler@wcacad.org) or burn them on a CD and bring them to Mrs. Shaler (or the office with note saying "Yearbook Pictures for Mrs. Shaler" Thanks! Mrs. Shaler



### HEARING AND VISION SCREENING

We will be conducting hearing and vision screening for Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on Nov. 6 and 7 and new students to the district.

The vision testing is a basic screening for distance visual acuity and does not replace the need for routine exams as recommended by your health care provider. (First grade students will have a few additional tests).

If your child does not meet minimal recommendations, you will receive follow-up information in the mail. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the health office.

### COFFEE CORNER BOOK CLUB FOR GRADES 3-5:

Is open to students, friends at other schools, relatives, and parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles - we read a book and talk about it (for fun and not a grade:)

Hi everyone! Our book club has started for the school year. The first book we are reading is The City of Ember. If your child is interested in joining the club, we meet once a month at Loodles to discuss the book. If a movie happens to come out, we go to the movie as a group. This time we broke the tradition and went to see the movie before we finished the book. I wanted to make sure that we could see the movie before we met next month.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by e-mail at [tori.fogg@wcacad.org](mailto:tori.fogg@wcacad.org). Please feel free to forward to friends as well.

THANKS!