

# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Events:

- ✦ PTO Meeting - Monday, November 9th @ 7:00 PM
- ✦ NO SCHOOL - Wednesday, November 11th
- ✦ School Board Meeting - Monday, November 16th @ 6:00 PM

## Upcoming Activities:

### BOYS BASKETBALL:

- ✦ Monday, November 2nd - HOME vs. Plattsmouth / 4:00 PM
- ✦ Thursday, November 12th @ Ashland-Greenwood / 4:30 PM
- ✦ Saturday, November 14th - HOME Tournament / 8:00 AM
- ✦ Monday, November 16th - HOME vs. Beatrice / 4:00 PM
- ✦ Thursday, November 19th @ Bishop Neumann / 4:00 PM



## STUDENTS & STAFF CLEAN THE ROADS

Wahoo Middle School students and staff recently picked up litter along Highway 77 as part of the “Adopt-A-Highway” program through the Nebraska Department of Transportation. The Middle School adopted a stretch and has proudly made their way out to that stretch two to three times a year.

The first Adopt-A-Highway program in the nation began in Texas in 1985, and is now international in scope. Nebraska's program officially began in April of 1990, through the efforts of Gretna State Senator, Emil Beyer.

In the past years, the Adopt-A-Highway program has grown to cover about one-quarter of the State's 10,000 miles of roads and currently 900 groups have adopted a section of Nebraska roadsides as their own.





## BE THE "I" IN KIND CHALLENGE

Students were recently challenged to be the "I" in kind at Wahoo Middle School. Students sign a pledge to spread kindness through actions. Being encouraging, being responsible, being positive, being honest, and being a friend to all are a few actions that are pledged. This challenge will go on throughout the remainder of the school year to help students understand the value of being kind and supportive with their words.

## IMPORTANT SCHOOL COVID-19 INFORMATION

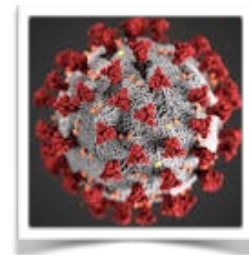
### SCHOOL DAY GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

1. Students are expected to wear masks when reasonable and appropriate. Students are encouraged to bring their own masks. The school will provide masks to students if needed.
2. Social distancing (6 feet) will be practiced consistently throughout the school day.
3. Commons areas in the school building will be closed. Students will need to be in their assigned areas at all times during the school day.
4. Hand washing and/or hand sanitizer will be highly encouraged.

### PARENT PRE-SCREENING OF STUDENTS (to be done at home by parents)

- Has the child been in close contact, without a mask, of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?
- Does the child currently have a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater?
- Does the child currently exhibit any of the following symptoms:

- Frequent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Unusually sore throat
- Unexplained sore chest
- Loss of taste and/or smell
- Diarrhea or nausea



**\*\*In assessing the other symptoms, these would be symptoms uncharacteristic of the student. Especially during the fall allergy season, a runny nose, sore throat, or cough may be commonplace for the student.**

If any student, staff member, or visitor is displaying COVID-19 symptoms or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, they may be excluded. Parents/guardians will be notified, and the student will need to be picked up as soon as possible. Parents/guardians should contact their healthcare provider for further direction.

### RETURN FROM EXCLUSION

If untested for COVID-19, a student may return when:

1. They have not had a fever for at least 72 hours, without use of medication,
2. Other symptoms (if present) have improved, OR
3. They have written approval for returning to school by their healthcare provider. *\*\*If tested positive for COVID-19, they may return when they have written approval by a healthcare provider or the local health department.*

# **FUN IN THE SUN!**

## *6TH GRADE CLASS VISITS LAKE WANAHOO*

The Wahoo Middle School 6th Grade students recently traveled out to Lake Wanhoo as a part of their incentive trip rewards. The 6th Grade staff created a number of fun outdoor activities for the students to participate in such as: Corn Hole Toss, Fishing, Pumpkin Painting, Frisbee Golf, and many others. Incentive trips are redesigned by each grade level team to reward students for good behaviors and actions quarterly throughout the school year.





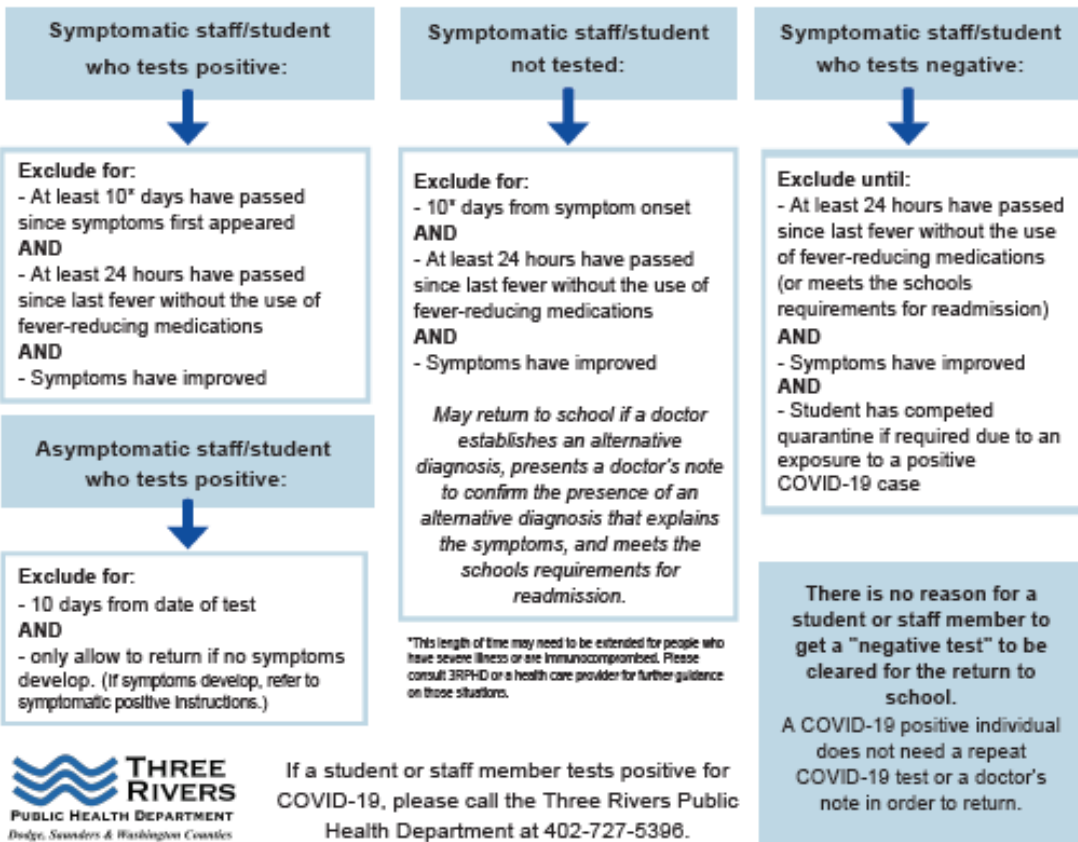
## Public Health Recommendations for Screening, Exclusion, and Re-Admittance of Ill Students and Staff for COVID-19 in Schools

The following symptom screening criteria for ill students and staff is based on the most current research. Because people with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness, the following criteria have been developed to assist schools in identifying presumptive positive COVID-19 cases.

Students with two or more of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea  
 OR  
 At least one of the following: new cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste/smell

Students and staff who screen positive should be immediately isolated in the designated area and sent home as soon as possible. Require the symptomatic person to wear a cloth or surgical mask while waiting, if tolerable.

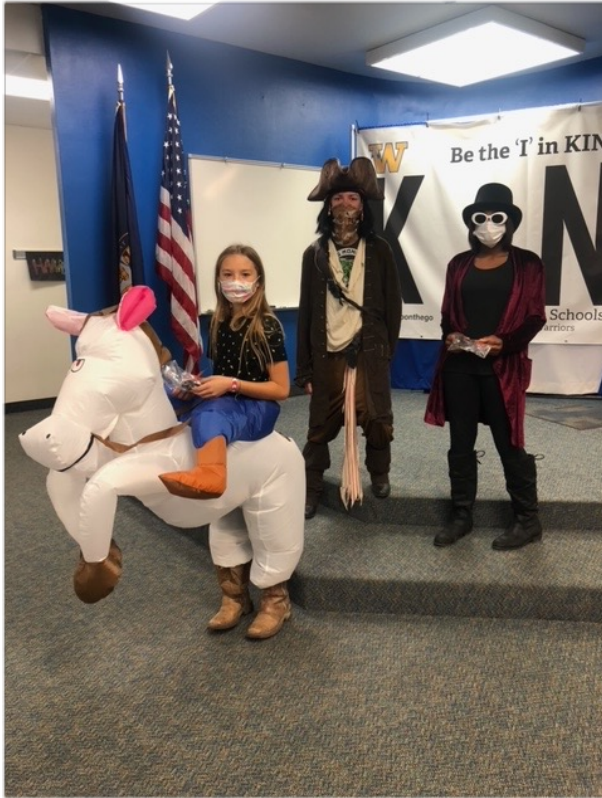
### Re-Admittance to School



If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, please call the Three Rivers Public Health Department at 402-727-5396.

# HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

*Student Council's Annual Halloween Costume Contest & Dress Up day*



**COSTUME WINNERS: Christopher Johnson, Kenzie Koranda, Callie Brabec, Elle Warford, and Ashtyn Price**

# **AWESOME BOARD AWARDS**



## **September 25th WINNERS**

**6th Grade: Jonathan Johnson, Makayla Kenning, Mya Matulka, Kaitlin Nelson, Leah Simon, Olivia Wesley, Isaiah Oppelt, Tyree Goynes, Tatum Nelson, Addisyn Darling, Ellie Warford**

**7th Grade: Caleb Dale, Grady Meyer, Lea Govind, Faith Davis, Roselyn Pokorny, Kip Brigham, Hannah Elliot, Hannah Girmus, Cash Parson, & Josh Fox**

**8th Grade: Graham Nutzman, Izzy Smith, Chloe Kasischke, Trenton Holstein, Luke Specht, Kaitlin Henderson, Dani Baker, & Emilio Zaragoza**



## **September 4th WINNERS**

**6th Grade: Amber Parkins, Makayla Kenning, Tatum Nelson, Jonathan Johnson, Wyatt Bohaty, Brandi Sutton, Bryer Hancock, Haydyn Filmier, Emma Trutna, Amber Parkins, Zoey Gooddette, Lukas Westfall, Callie Brabec, Alfredo Perez, Ellie Warford, Karryn Eddie, Olivia Wesley, Cash Brigham, and Taylor Nice**

**7th Grade: Camryn Sather, Cody Hesser, Gracie Peterson, Addie Kenning, Emma Wood, DJ Oehm, Jeremiah Phelps, Jack Jones, Lizzy Lee Bartlett, and Dominc Kruse**

**8th Grade: Chris Vice, Alyssa Havoc, Elijah Emerson, Adelia Dunlap, Landon Brigham, Kristen Mika, Brock Lofgren, Grove Dalton, Mollie Urban, and Sam Marxsen**

**\*\*MS OFFICE NEWS FLASH\*\***▶ **Reminders from the office:**

- *If your child is leaving early or coming in late please remind them to sign in or out in the office.*
- *If after school plans change, please call before 3 p.m. to let us know.*
- *Any questions? Never hesitate to call, if I don't know the answer, I will find someone who does!  
(402)443-3101*

▶ **Reminders from Nurse Trutna:**

- *If your child is feeling ill we request that they come to the Nurse's office before contacting a parent. We ask for your help by encouraging them to go to the Nurse's office before you come to pick them up.*
- *If your child has a medical condition we need new Dr.'s orders every year.*
- *If at any time during the year your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease, please let Nurse Trutna know.*

▶ **Attendance at School Events**

- *Middle School Students are encouraged to show school pride by attending High School activities. Students are expected to be seated and watching throughout the game/performance. Students must stay in the fenced area at all times and will only be allowed to leave the stands for the restroom or concessions, etc. Thank you for your help and support!*
- WPS COVID-19 SPECTATOR INFORMATION

**Please try and read email messages sent home from the school.... always important to keep updated.**

# **HELPFUL INFORMATION & LINKS**

**[www.wahooschools.org](http://www.wahooschools.org)**

**Middle School Daily Announcements: <https://goo.gl/6aSJ63>**

**Lunch Calendar: <https://goo.gl/DqnEYB>**

**IXL Link: <https://www.ixl.com/signin/wahoops>**

**Twitter: Wahoo Public Schools @wahoopublic**

**More Wahoo Middle School information: <https://goo.gl/gyYdap>**

**Wahoo Public Schools “Activities Calendar”: <https://goo.gl/ZwCaju>**

**Power School: <https://wahoo.powerschool.com/public/>**