



What's Up Winnebago?

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Different Teams

As many of you noticed, we have changed some of the teacher assignments. In a few years, we are facing the retirement of several of our staff.

To be proactive, we have swapped around grade level assignments to first, give experience and support staff. And second, provide opportunities for the staff in their new positions to become experts in the grade level curriculum.

Third, the moves were to help systematically build the school from the earliest grade to 5th. And fourth, to provide targeted support to new staff, as they are hired.

The new grade level assignments are as followed:

K: Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Alexander

1st: Mrs. Schulze, Mrs. O'Hern and Mrs. Werkmeister

2nd: Mrs. James, Mrs. Kramer and Mrs. Shemmer

3rd: Mrs. Scanlan, Mrs. Burdi, and Ms. Reece

4th: Mrs. Hauser, Mrs. Justman, and Mrs. DeGrandchamp

5th: Mr. Sloan, Ms. Carroll, and Mrs. Golz



What's New at Winnebago?

Each start of a school year brings about changes. At the conclusion of last school year, Jacquie Schattner, one of our school secretaries, retired. While we will miss Jacquie, we were able to find a fantastic candidate in Shauna Daniele to replace her.

Shauna comes to us from the southern end of our school district. She currently has children at G. Stanley Hall Elementary and is also their Booster (PTO) President. What distinguished Shauna was her experience working in the district. She was already subbing in the district as a secretary, nurse and lunchroom supervisor.

Shauna has the skill set to come into the building and handle the multi-faceted aspect of the building. Please join me in welcoming Shauna!

Morning Safety

Breakfast starts at 8:30.

Please realize we do not have outdoor supervision before 8:35, so do not drop your child off before 8:35.

PM Safety

Please realize Winnebago's park and playground is closed immediately after school unless the student is supervised by an adult. This is for safety reasons. The park reopens 30 minutes after dismissal.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

August

30-Grades K & 1 Curriculum Night

6 PM-7 PM

September

1-School Pictures

4-No School

8-Spirit Day-TBA

15-PTO Volunteer Tea

8 AM-9AM

15-Grades 2-5 Curriculum Day-Schedule TBA

15-Back to School Picnic 12-1

16-50 Men Who Cook

21-PTO meeting 6:30-7:30 PM

22- No School



PTO Fall Fundraiser

Kick off for the fall fundraiser is 9/30. More details are available in the packet sent home with your student. Thanks to everyone who is helping the PTO earn profits for our school.



Parking Lot Safety

As in the past, we ask that you observe several laws while around Winnebago.

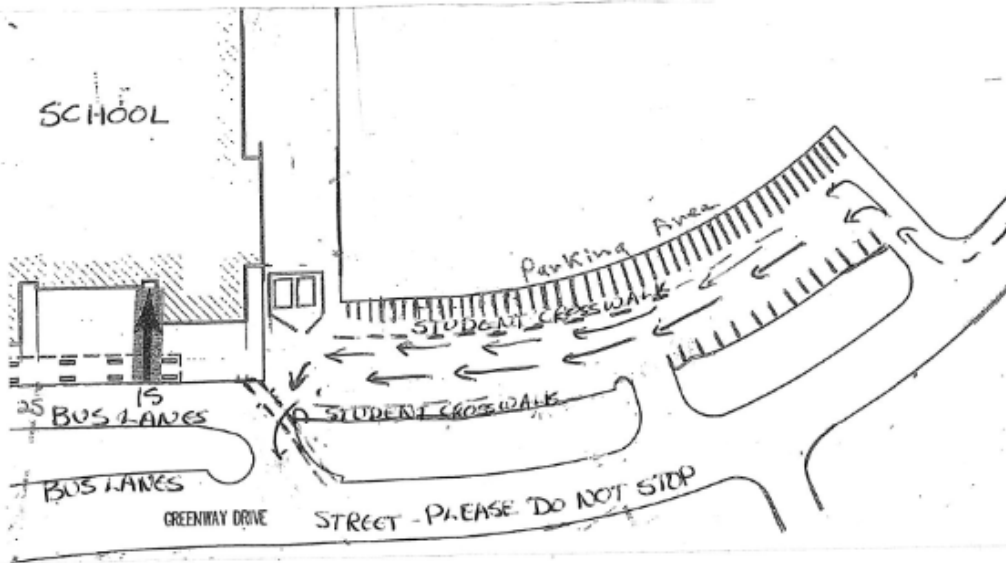
First, please use the cross walks if walking and avoid arbitrarily cutting across the street with your child. There are around 20 busses that come into and out of Winnebago and cars that parents are driving or other community members on their way to or from work. Please help us limit the opportunities for accidents.

If you are walking with you child, please make sure you walk on the sidewalk closest to the school. Do not walk in the bus drop off zone nor use the "island" which is for busses before and after school and parking for mid-day. We try to limit the amount of car to person crossings that occur.

Second, if you are driving, please use the parking lot for drop off. We have two lanes of traffic through our parking lot. Students should be dropped off in the right lane. We ask that students exit the passenger side car door as they do not cross traffic this way.

The left hand lane is our drive through lane. People may exit the parking lot or park their car in a space. Do not stop in this lane and allow children to exit.

Again, please help us limit opportunities for accidents.



**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL
IN
WINNEBAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Winnebago Elementary School has been inspected by MKA Environmental Consulting, Inc., inspectors accredited by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The inspection covered both friable (material which can be crumbled by hand pressure) and non-friable material.

<u>MATERIAL</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>AREA</u>
Floor Tile/Mastic	Non-Friable	Custodial Closets, electrical and boiler rooms and gym
Floor Tile	Non-Friable	Gym Kitchen
Boiler Breaching	Friable	Boiler Room

Environmental Specialists will re-inspect all areas of the building every six months and a complete new survey by accredited inspectors will occur every three years.

Because of the type and/or location of the material which was found to contain asbestos, no immediate removal has been recommended by the Asbestos Management Planner. The response action recommended in the AHERA Management Plan is to start an operations and maintenance schedule for this material.

The AHERA Management Plan and inspection reports may be examined in the office at Winnebago Elementary School or in the Central Office. If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact Armie Gasbarro. He may be reached at 630-469-7615.



September 15th, please join us!

We have three major events on September 15th, PTO's Room Parent Tea, Grades 2-5 Curriculum Day and Back to School Picnic!

Room Parent Tea

The Winnebago PTO is looking for Kindergarten – 5th grade Room parents to help plan this year's PTO classroom parties. The PTO will be hosting a Room Parent Tea at 8am on Fri. Sept 15th.

We will be discussing the PTO classroom party process.

If you are interested in helping out, whether it be the day of the party or behind the scenes planning, and cannot attend the Room Parent Tea, please contact Charlene Pikul at cepikul@hotmail.com.

Back to School Picnic

For years, we've held an end of the year picnic. This year, we have switched the date to September 15th. One of the main reasons we've moved up is the weather in May is often rainy and we want to avoid, if possible, rain dates. I've been informed by people who follow the weather, that September is a driest month of the year.

So please join us from 12-1 on September 15th!

Curriculum Day Grades 2-5

Curriculum Day will continue for students and their parents in grades 2nd through 5th. With the recent changes in curriculum, there have been changes in instruction. What is taught and how it is taught is very different than 15 years ago. We gladly invite you in to see the curriculum in action. A separate communication will confirm the specific times for grades 2-5. Please plan on joining us in the morning between Room Parent Tea and the Picnic!

Forgot Something!

If your child forgot something, feel free to drop it off in the office. But please, remember to write your child's first and last name on the item. Thanks!

Red Flag Days



On days when the wind-chill temperature is at or below 10 degrees or there is other severe weather(like rain), students maybe able to enter the school at 8:35 AM . Red flags will be displayed on the mornings we are letting the students in early. On red flag days, pre - k, first, and second grade students will come in door 1S. Kindergarten, third, fourth and fifth grade students will enter the building 2S.

There are no special procedures for the end of the day.

Update from PTO

Come join us for our 1st PTO meeting on Thursday, Sept 21st at 6:30pm.

Don't forget Taffy Apple Fundraiser and Spirit wear is due Friday, Sept 15th.

Extra forms on posted on the PTO website, www.winnebagopto.com also linked from the school's website: Winnebago.d15.us under "get involved" button.

Grade-Level Communication

Please be on the look out for grade level newsletters as well.

These communications are monthly as well.