

# Wallace Newsletter

February 2020

## Calendar

February 5th - Johnston Early Learning Academy 2 & 3 year old registration starts

February 11th - 25th - Meals from Heartland Fundraising

February 12th - Johnston Early Learning Academy 4 year old registration starts

February 19th - Wednesday NO early out, 3:35 dismissal

February 19th - Kindergarten Online Registration opens for 2020-21 school year

February 20th - 4th grade vocal concert 6:30 Wallace auditorium

February 24th - Wallace PTO Sponsored skate party 5:00 - 8:00 at Skateland

February 27th - 12:35 early dismissal

February 27th - Parent teacher conferences from 1:30 - 8:00

## Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up

Conference sign up

Wallace Conference sign up link, copy and paste in your browser

[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Wallace\\_Elementary](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Wallace_Elementary)

- After entering the link in the browser you will be asked to select the conference or (conferences) you would like to sign up for than press "submit"
- Enter the student name(s) for each teacher
- Enter your name and email address
- PTC Fast will send out a confirmation email with an entry code
- After receiving this information you will be directed to log in and choose your conference time. Elementary spring conference will be held Thursday February 27th 1:30 - 8:00 and Tuesday March 3rd 4:30 - 8:00.

## Kindergarten/Pre K Registration 2020-21

**Online registration for all PK, Kindergarten - 12th Grade Students for the 2020 – 2021 School Year!**

How to register your student:

### New Families

<https://www.johnstoncsd.org>

1. Click on "2020 – 2021 Registration" tab
2. In the New Student's Section: select "All new students PreK-12 complete the registration HERE."
3. Enter your information and you will receive and email with next steps in the registration process.

NOTE, registration is not final until all steps have been completed.

**Kindergarten Required Documents:**

Proof of residency (Utility bill or lease/purchase agreement)

Proof of age

Vision, Dental, Physical Forms and immunizations

### **Existing Families**

1. Go to [johnstoncsd.org](http://johnstoncsd.org) and click Infinite Campus under the "Quick Links" tab (upper right corner)
2. Click Parent/Student Access then click Campus Parent and login in to Infinite Campus
3. From the menu, click More then click Online Registration and select 2020-2021 from the registration year drop down and Begin Registration. Note, registration is not final until all steps have been completed.

Fee payment info through Rev-Trak will be sent out at a later time

\*Registration is open at this time for all incoming students for 2020 -2021. Please make sure you register all other students in the family that will be attending Johnston school.

## **Yearbook Orders**

Order Forms have been sent home to purchase your 2019 - 2020 school year.

Please fill out our order form and return to the school or order online at [ybpay.lifetouch.com](http://ybpay.lifetouch.com), ID code is 9842720. Students will receive yearbooks in May.

## **Wallace PTO Sponsored Skate Party**

***Come roller skate with Wallace Elementary!***

Where: Skateland (5621 Meredith Drive in Des Moines)

When: Monday, February 24th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Who: All Wallace students and their families are invited to skate

Cost: \$3 per skater admission plus \$4 skate rental

***\*\*Rent a skate mate (to assist new skaters) for \$4***

Details: The concession stand will be open to purchase food items.

***We look forward to seeing our Wallace families!***

Please contact Jess Keeling at [jessica4428@gmail.com](mailto:jessica4428@gmail.com) with any questions!

***\*\*Parents need to stay and supervise children during the party\*\****



## Wallace Concert Dates

Thursday February 20th - 4th grade concert at 6:30

Tuesday March 10th - 1st grade Informances in large gym

- 5:45 - McGaha, Mulholland & Rice classes
- 6:45 - Schlawin & Drake classes

Monday April 20th - 2nd & 3rd grade concert at 6:30

Tuesday May 5th - Art & Technology Showcase at 5:00, 5th grade band concert at 6:15

## 6 Day Related Arts Schedule

please see updated link for 6 day cycle

[Updated RA Schedule \(Jan 17 20\)](#).

## Spring Pictures

Mark your calendars spring pictures will be Wednesday March 11th. More information will be sent out. All students will receive a picture packet and parents will have the opportunity to view pictures and decide if you would like to purchase any. If you choose not to please return picture packed to the school, please keep any of the picture sheet you would like to purchase and return any that have not have been paid for.

## Meals from the Heartland

Dear Wallace Parents,

We are so excited to tell you about our whole-school service project! In March we will be participating in our second annual Meals from the Heartland event right here at Wallace. Meals from the Heartland celebrates our Iowa heritage of providing food for the world from the heartland of America. The "Meals" crew will again be on site at Wallace the morning of Friday, March 13th.

Hosting a Meals from the Heartland event begins with some fundraising. Wallace will do a collection of funds by homeroom to pay for the food product our students will package. With the funds we raise, we will package that amount of food product into meals to be packed and distributed to those in need around our world. Some of the meals packaged also stay in Iowa. With multi-age groups, older students will help younger students with this service learning event which also builds community across our grade levels.

"From the Heart" contributions from pennies on up will be collected in homerooms from February 11th-25th. We are asking students/families that want to contribute to bring in financial contributions to "purchase" meals for others. **Our school goal is \$2500-a goal of about \$100 per homeroom.** That goal allows students to help package meals for about 30 minutes as we move in shifts through our packaging event set up in the gym. Our goal is to package about 20,000 meals on the morning before we leave for Spring Break. Last year, Wallace kids packaged 24,192 meals!!! WOWZA!!

We want our students to have experiences of helping others and learning that kindness and care make our world go 'round!! Additionally, the Wallace Way of Responsibility teaches us that we are responsible, not only for ourselves, but responsible for helping others. If you would like to be a parent volunteer to support student teams at this event please contact the office. We could use about 25-30 parents on that morning.

Thank you for supporting our annual Meals from the Heartland Wallace service learning event!!

Sincerely,

## Class Assignment

As we start to plan for the next school year, we begin to focus on what will take place during the upcoming year. One of the big tasks in front of us is creating class lists for next year. This task is taken seriously and continues throughout the summer. The following is written in our Elementary Parent/Student hand-book section.

Careful attention is given to the process of determining class sections. Johnston has attempted in the past to provide reasonable class sizes. However, other considerations are given to this process. The number one priority is to create class sections which will best fit the needs of the individual students involved.

Many factors are considered in balancing of classroom assignments. For example, classes may be balanced in terms of the number of students, boys/girls, personality, students with special needs, and ability (reading or aca-demic). Occasionally the separation of students has a part of the process. Relatives, close friends, and personality clashes are factors considered when separating students from one another. The intent is to create a classroom setting that is beneficial to the students and does not inhibit teaching staff from doing the best possible job. The public must be aware that the placement of students is a task that is not taken lightly. There is considerable time and effort put into the process.

With this in mind, the school does not accept requests for specific teachers; however, parents may provide the school with input into their child's learning needs. They should put their concerns in writing and address it to the attention of the building principal before April 15th. The principal has the authority to make the final decision regarding the membership of any given class.

## Classroom Birthday Treats

If you are providing treats to the classroom for birthdays or special occasions please make sure that they are store bought and contain an ingredients label. Please make sure that the ingredients do not have any peanut products or tree nuts in order to keep those with nut allergies safe at school. Thank you for your cooperation and please contact the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

## Identification for Extended Learning Program 2020

Staff are beginning the review process for ELP identification for elementary school students. Data on students is reviewed using multiple types of criteria including standardized tests and student work samples, as well as teacher and parent ratings. Letters are sent to those that data shows a need for support for academic challenge. Sent in late May, the letter will explain options for your child, including programming available such as extensions in the classroom, and services in the areas of Humanities and/or STEM. These options depend upon the level of service identified as a need, so the letters are specific for each child. While the classroom teacher works with many children, the ELP staff provides direct service to a smaller population.

As a parent, if you are interested in providing input on characteristics you have observed, you may request a form from the ELP staff or go directly to the web link at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCSD-ELP2020Potential>

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your building ELP teacher or Nikki Paradise-Williams, Elementary ELP Coordinator.

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There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact the district's Associate Superintendent, Dr. Bruce Amendt, 6510 NW 62nd Ave, Johnston, Iowa 50131, (515) 278-0470, [bamendt@johnston.k12.ia.us](mailto:bamendt@johnston.k12.ia.us).

## Important Reminder

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Once a month, be alert and check the website below to keep informed about any changes in your neighborhood's safety status. We want to keep our children safe.

[www.iowasexoffender.com](http://www.iowasexoffender.com)



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