# Wallace News And Updates

January 27th

#### Calendar Dates

February 1st - Registration for 2 & 3 year old preschool opens at 8:00 am

February 1st - Wednesday 1 hour early dismissal @ 2:35

February 6th - School Board Meeting @ 6:00

February 8th - Wednesday 1 hour early dismissal @ 2:35

February 8th - Registration opens for 2023/24 School Year, all other grade levels K-12th and 4 year old pre school can register at this time.

February 9th and 10th - 5th grade students to Biz Town

February 14th - District Wide PTO Meeting, 6:30 @ Timber Ridge Elementary

February 15th - Wednesday 1 hour early dismissal @ 2:35

### Related Arts 6 Day Schedule

Monday January 30th - Day 4 Tuesday January 31st - Day 5 Wednesday February 1st - Day 6 Thursday February 2nd - Day 1 Friday February 3rd - Day 2

#### Online Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up

Spring conferences are March 2nd 1:30 - 8:00 and Tuesday March 7th 4:30 - 8:00. On February 6th we will launch the online conference sign up with a black board announcement containing the online link. After entering the link in the browser you will be asked to select the conference or (conferences) you would like to sign up for then press "submit". Enter the student name(s) for each teacher, the next page you are asked to 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.

#### Scholastic Book Fair

The Wallace Spring Book Fair is coming soon!! We'll be running from March 2 nd through March 7th! Mark your calendar to join us for a celebration of reading!

Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary, and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science, and history!

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair during conferences! The fair will run on the

following dates:

March 2: 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm March 3: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm March 6: 11:00 am - 1:30 pm March 7: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

You can also participate at our online book fair by clicking this link between February 23 rd through March 8th:

https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/wallaceelementaryschool2

Give your child a safe, cashless way to shop the Book Fair. This digital payment option can be used at the in-school Book Fair or online at the Virtual Book Fair. Click below for details! https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/fairs/how-ewallet-works.html?fairId=5235690

If you would like to volunteer to help out during our book fair, we would love to have you! You can earn \$5 toward book fair books for every 2 hours you volunteer. Click this link to sign up: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA4A92CA7F58-spring">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CA4A92CA7F58-spring</a>

You will need to complete a background check through the school in order to volunteer (see details here): <a href="https://www.johnstoncsd.org/departments/191-autosave-v1/volunteering-in-the-district/">https://www.johnstoncsd.org/departments/191-autosave-v1/volunteering-in-the-district/</a>).

#### **SEL Child Protection Unit**

In the next week, I will begin teaching the Child Protection unit during SEL (Social Emotional Learning). The Johnston elementary counselors use the Second Step: Child Protection Curriculum to educate students regarding personal safety, touching safety, and assertiveness. In these lessons we will discuss different safety topics:

- **General Safety**: Students will review general safety rules such as safety with: sharp tools, guns, fire, and when riding on wheels or in cars.
- **Touching Safety**: Students will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts using anatomically correct vocabulary. We will also discuss how to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell an adult if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- On Line Safety: Students will discuss dangers and safety steps to take when on line.

• Assertiveness: Students will practice asking an adult for help, telling an adult about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

I encourage you to go online (<a href="www.secondstep.org">www.secondstep.org</a>) to look at the materials I will be using. You will need to create an account. When it asks for your position, a drop-down menu will list several school related jobs. You will choose PARENT. The activation keys you use to see specific materials are by grade level:

Kindergarten: CPUKFAMILYGK 1st Grade: CPU1FAMILYG1 2nd Grade: CPU2FAMILYG2 3rd Grade: CPU3FAMILYG3 4th Grade: CPU4FAMILYG4 5th Grade: CPU5FAMILYG5

Please contact me, Lisa Crotts <u>lcrotts@johnston.k12.ia.us</u>, if you have any questions regarding this upcoming unit.



# Wallace PTO Spring Silent Auction

Wallace/JELA PTO is excited to announce our Spring Silent Auction Fundraiser which will be held on March 25th at 6pm at Hyperion Club in Johnston. This will be a great way to meet more of the community and raise funds for the school. The event will have appetizers, drinks and entertainment! The auction will go live on March 20th and will wrap up, live in person, on March 25th. Please purchase your tickets through the auction website: <a href="fundraiser.support/WallaceElementary2023Auction">fundraiser.support/WallaceElementary2023Auction</a>



#### School Registration for 2023-24

The Johnston Community School District's registration for the 2023-24 school year begins next week. Please register your student before Spring Break this year!

Registration for 2- and 3-year-olds will begin 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1 at johnston.ce.eleyo.com. Registration for everyone else — 4-year-olds, developmental kindergarten and K-12 — will begin 8 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at johnstoncsd.org/school-registration.

Need help? Call Melissa Rodgers, our district enrollment specialist, at 515-278-0470 ext. 1649.

#### **Dragon Scholarship Fund**

Dragon Scholarship Fund is looking for basket donation for our Auction on Saturday, March 4th. If you are interested in donating, please sign-up for a basket or share a basket you are donating so we don't have duplicates.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F44AFA62FA7FD0-2021

Please email <u>dsfjohnston@gmail.com</u> with questions.

## Wallace PTO Sponsored Skating Event

Join us for a night of fun skating with your Wallace/JELA friends

When: Tuesday, February 28 from 5-8pm

Location: at Skateland (5621 Meredith Drive Des

Moines, 50310).

Wallace/JELA kiddos that attend will only pay \$5 admission, the remainder will be subsidized by PTO!

If you need to rent skates, there will be an additional fee of \$4.75. Skatemates to help inexperienced skaters are also available for an additional fee.

Full concessions will be available at your own cost.

\*Parents should plan to stay on the premises with their children for this event.\*

This is a private rental of the facility, so it will only be open to our school

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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. Nikki Roorda, 6510 NW 62nd Ave, Johnston, Iowa 50131, (515) 278-0470, <a href="mailto:nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us">nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us</a>.

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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



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