



Waggoner PAW

May 2009

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Dear Waggoner School Families and Friends,

Entering the month of May brings an end to a school year that has been full of surprises and adventures for the students, staff and families at Waggoner School. The challenges faced by the school community demonstrated what a strong and cooperative school community this is and how the focus always remained on what was best for the students and the school.

We can celebrate a number of successes too! We had a great carnival sponsored by the PTO with a fantastic turn out that even the gusty winds could not turn away. We also need to celebrate the great support from family and friends of the school as we honor the hundreds of hours of volunteer time that is given to Waggoner to support the teaching and learning of the students. Recognition also needs to be given to all of the staff and volunteers that worked to get classes up and running after the roof and water damage to the multipurpose room and the classrooms. It amazes me that we only missed one day of school and we were in full swing only one day later.

I would also like to thank the Waggoner School community for all of the support and cooperation these past four months in my role as the interim principal. It has been a special treat for me to come back to Waggoner School after 20 plus years and serve as the principal to students who are the children of former Waggoner students. I know you will welcome Mrs. Gibson as the new principal and give her the same support as she leads the school in providing the students with the best possible education.

Enjoy all of the end-of-the-year programs, activities and presentations that are scheduled for the month of May and have a safe and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

Bill Hegebush, Ed.D
Principal

Upcoming Events

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May 4—May 8	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 5	Choir Concert, 6:30 PM
May 6	School Nurses' Day
May 7	PTO Meeting, 8:15 AM
May 11	Crossing Guard Day
May 12	Yearbook Signing Party, 3:30-4:30 PM
May 14	Student Council, 2:45-3:15 PM
May 19	5th Grade End-of-the-Year Party, 8:15 AM—12:15 PM
May 20	5th Grade Students vs. 5th Grade Teachers Kickball Game, 8:15 AM
	No Early Release
May 21	Last Day of School, Early Release



Thank you to our amazing PTO for all the wonderful things you have done for the Waggoner staff throughout the year. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are sincerely appreciated! Waggoner's PTO is the BEST!!!!

A teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others. Author Unknown

LOST & FOUND

All unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated to a charity at the end of the school year. Please be sure to check the Lost & Found for any missing items.

Way to Go 2nd Grade!

Waggoner's 2nd Graders recently contributed over \$200.00 to the Kyrene Family Resource Center. These wonderful students collected pennies in an Obama "I Can" can to help families in our district. What a terrific display of kindness and caring!

5th Grade Celebration

REMINDER

Permission slips & \$10 CASH ONLY contributions DUE TUESDAY, MAY 5th

The party will take place on Tuesday, May 19th, 2009, from 8:15 until 12:15 at Buena Vista Park, two blocks south of Waggoner.

Please send in your \$10.00 (CASH ONLY) contribution in the envelope that was attached to the first notice to your child's teacher by this Tuesday, May 5th. A field trip permission slip was also attached that should be completed and returned with the envelope as well.

We're still in need of parent helpers during the party. Please complete the bottom portion of the original notice indicating what times you are available to help so our volunteer coordinator can put a schedule together. You will be notified the week before the party of your assignment.

QUESTIONS?

Mareen Treese 480/229-2436, astatesundevil@msn.com

or Sheri Merkel 480/785-2732, sherim@cox.net

Important Information

YOUR TAX INCENTIVE DONATIONS AT WORK:

- *2nd Grade Field Trip to Childsplay
- *Butterflies for Kindergarten
- *Art Supplies

SITE COUNCIL

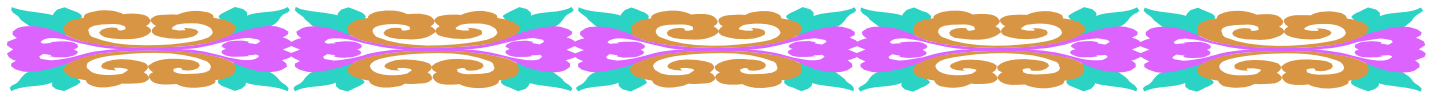
Thank you to out-going parent members, Shelly Seyler and Ross Robb, for their dedication and support. Our new parent representatives are James Frazey and Wendy Rosen.

Health Office News

The health office is in need of gently-worn clothes such as larger sized youth basketball shorts and t-shirts. Thank you!

Scoliosis

The normal spine has a slight curve from front to back. Scoliosis means that there is an S shape or lateral curve to the spine. The chest or lower back are the areas typically affected by scoliosis and in most cases are noted between the ages of 10-14. The condition can sometimes worsen with time and may result in serious problems with pain and appearance and may even interfere with heart and lung function. Most cases have no known cause. Surgical intervention may be needed if left untreated. A simple screening test can help identify those students who may need treatment intervention. Parents may request this screening be performed at a student's well visit to their primary care provider or at their child's school. School requests should be submitted in writing. The screening would be performed by a district registered nurse. Screening is recommended to be performed twice for girls in grades 5 and 7 and for boys, once in either grade 8 or 9. Questions regarding scoliosis screening should be directed to the registered nurse assigned to the school site.



Cafeteria News

The National School Lunch Program is available to any family at any time during the school year. An application is available in your school office, if you would like to submit one for determination of eligibility. Please note that you can apply at any time during the school year or if you have been previously denied and/or a change in Income/household numbers have taken place. The Notice of Eligibility is sent home with your student when you apply. Call Linda Stewart with questions at 480-783-4024.

Important Information

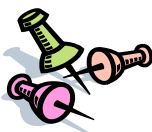
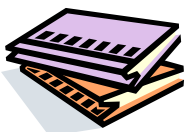
If your child will not be returning to Waggoner for the 2009-2010 school year, please stop by the office to complete a withdrawal form. Thank you!

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Meet the Teacher Night will take place on Thursday, August 6, from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please plan to visit your child(ren)'s classroom during the evening hours. This will give children and parents the opportunity to talk with their teacher and see their classroom, as well as get information for the start of the school year.

The August newsletter will be mailed prior to Meet the Teacher and will contain important information about the beginning of the year.



2009-2010 School Calendar (Next Year)

August 6	Meet the Teacher Night
August 10	First Day of School
September 7	Labor Day—No School
October 12-16	Fall Break—No School
October 19	Staff Development Day—No School
November 11	Veterans' Day—No School
November 25-27	Thanksgiving—No School
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break—No School
January 4	School Resumes
January 18	MLK Day—No School
February 15	Presidents' Day—No School
March 15-19	Spring Break—No School
April 2	No School
May 27	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

May 23-July 26	Office Closed
July 27	8:00-4:00
July 28	10:00-6:00
July 29-July 31	8:00-12:00
Aug. 3-Aug. 5	12:00-4:00
August 6	12:00-7:00
August 7	8:00-4:00
August 4	First Day of School Office open normal hours

Class Supply Lists



Class supply lists for next year are available on Waggoner's website. Just go to <http://www.kyrene.org/schools/waggoner/Waggoner.htm> and locate the link.

School Updates

Library News

This year has been one to be remembered. It cannot go unsaid how fortunate we were with the outcome of the Multi-Purpose Room roof collapsing. Thank you to the classes who shared the library during those displaced weeks. It was amazing that classes continued in the library after the first week. Ms. Dedrick, Ms. Dorsett, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. Cox and their classes were so flexible and accommodating so the library could continue its services to our students. It is important to acknowledge our wonderful library volunteers. Each were dedicated and committed to serving our students in the library. Thank you to those who have volunteered in their own personal way. Your help will always be greatly appreciated. Kyrene School District acknowledged the value of our library by providing a book budget that helps to increase and support the curriculum. The KSD Curriculum and Assessment department has also provided additional classroom books to supplement the social studies curriculum for all grade levels. Our dedicated PTO has also helped to supply additional books that not only supported our curriculum, but also sparked the personal interests of our students. There were many parents and staff who participated in the *Books for Schools Program* sponsored through Changing Hands Book Store. Again this provided additional books for our students. Students, throughout the year, donated books special to them in acknowledgement of their birthdays and other special occasions. The library staff is extremely appreciative for all the support and dedication from so many people and sources. This has been a phenomenal year in the library and all that you do is treasured and greatly valued. Thank you to all who have made a difference.

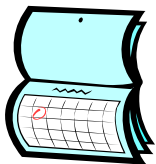
End of the Year Due Dates

It is that time of year to start collecting the books from students. The last day to check out books is Tuesday, May 5 and all books are due Wednesday, May 6. These dates provide the staff with approximately two weeks to collect thousands of books. Your help to get your child's books turned in is greatly appreciated. Again thank you.

Janice Rubocki, Teacher/Librarian

jruboc@kyrene.org

480-783-1986



***All library and textbooks are due
Wednesday, May 6th***

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Please note all library books are due Wednesday, May 6. The library staff has approximately 2100 books to collect in a two week period. There are close to 300 that are already overdue. If your child has a lost book or it is an extreme overdue please pay for it. All items not turned in will remain on your child's record. They will not be allowed to check out books at the beginning of next year. It is good to know you will receive a refund if the book is found and returned to the Waggoner library. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help with our end of the year collection of books as this is a major task.

Janice Rubocki

Teacher/Librarian

480-783-1986 or jruboc@kyrene.org

School Updates

Art News

After almost 6 weeks students are back in the art room! Art class was held in the students' classrooms these past few weeks. It is great to be able to spread out and use materials that are more suited for the art room. All work from the Waggoner art show has been returned to students. If your child did not receive their work, unfortunately it must have been one of the pieces damaged by the flooding in the art room. Many pieces of work were stored on the floor over spring break and when the water came in, that work was soaked and had to be thrown away by the clean up crews. Fortunately I had photographed all student work and posted it on the Artsonia website (www.artsonia.com). A letter was sent home with each child this year with the codes needed for you to access your child's webpage. I can look these up very easily if you have misplaced yours or never had a chance to see it. Feel free to contact me at epope@kyrene.org if you have questions. From this website you can email the work, print the work, or order other items made from your child's artwork.

Ellen Pope
Art Teacher

School Structural Inspections Update

Kyrene continues to work with our consultants to inspect the structural integrity of our schools. In mid-April, all schools received an initial inspection. Because of these inspections, four schools were identified with areas that required preventative maintenance. The engineers and contracting company will continue to conduct further inspections. Any identified needs will be prioritized and the necessary repairs will be completed. Many of these repairs will take place during the summer when students aren't present. Kyrene will continue to keep the website updated throughout the summer for community access to information. Updates can be viewed at www.kyrene.org/inspections

SUPPORT VITAL WAGGONER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

RECEIVE TAX SAVINGS EQUAL OR EVEN GREATER THAN DONATION

In 2004, Arizona State Legislature revised the law allowing Arizonans to contribute money to a public school for extracurricular programs and receive a dollar for dollar tax credit. The new law increased the amount to allow a couple (filing jointly) to contribute up to \$400 and an individual to contribute \$200 (filing single). In addition, the contribution is deductible for federal income tax purposes as a charitable contribution. The result is that most taxpayers actually save more than the amount donated, while helping schools maintain important programs not funded by the school district/state.

Example:

You donate up to \$400 to Waggoner..... \$400.00

You are credited the amount you contribute on your Arizona income taxes...(\$400.00)

You reduce your federal income taxes – as much as..... (\$112.00)*

Total tax savings – Up to(\$512.00)*

*(Please consult your tax advisor for how this program affects your individual tax situation)

YOU MAY ACTUALLY SAVE MORE THAN YOU CONTRIBUTE WHILE HELPING PROVIDE QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN!

This benefits our school, our students and your family. However, the law also allows any Arizona taxpayer to contribute to the program and receive the same tax benefit, whether they have children in Waggoner or not. Just think how much more we can do to enrich our children’s education, if we circulate this information to grandparents, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Here are some examples of the terrific programs that have been sponsored by this program in the past:

Educational Field Trips/Transportation

Intramural Sports Programs/Equipment and Supervision

Life Skill and Character Development Programs

School Assemblies, Science Programs and more!

Your donation may be made in cash or by check and can be delivered or mailed. Contributions must be received at Waggoner School by December 18, 2009 or if mailed, postmarked before December 31, 2009. You will be mailed a receipt for your tax records. Funds are allocated by the Site Council according to the statutory guidelines. For more information, contact Waggoner’s Administration at 480-783-1900.

Thank you for your generous tax credit contribution to the Waggoner School.

Taxpayer’s Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City _____ AZ Zipcode _____

Contribution Amount:\$ _____ Make Check Payable: Kyrene School District - Waggoner