

### News from the Principal's Desk:



November was an exciting month where we celebrated American Education Week and Veteran's Day. Students had all kinds of fun events designed by the Student Council. We had a great turnout for our family breakfast, and it was great to see so many of you present. A huge thank you to our amazing PTA for all their hard work in putting it on.

We have had some wonderful weather lately, but please remember to send proper attire as it will change quickly.

Our theme for the month of December is Generosity, so we will be exploring ways that we can give back to our communities. We will be again participating in 10 Days of Giving, which is a great way to show generosity. We will look for other ideas to spread our generosity during this month.

Have a great holiday!

**NEWS FROM THE W-K PTA** Holiday Greetings to our W-K Family! We are happy to report that we've had a successful start to our PTA events. The students enjoyed popcorn on the last day of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and our family breakfast in November was a fun event that was well attended. Our next PTA meeting is Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the cafeteria. Please consider joining us that evening; treats will be provided. We are always looking for parents to volunteer with event planning and new ideas. Volunteers are encouraged to show up at the meeting or contact one of us for more information!

- PTA President: Kris Lynch – [mickandkris@hotmail.com](mailto:mickandkris@hotmail.com)
- Vice President: Katrina Gunnarson – [jkgunnar@acegroup.cc](mailto:jkgunnar@acegroup.cc)
- Volunteer Coordinator: Joanne Thompson – [thompsonstkt@gmail.com](mailto:thompsonstkt@gmail.com)



**LIKE "WK PTA" ON FACEBOOK** to stay up-to-date with current happenings!

**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE** Winona Winhawk t-shirts & sweatshirts are still available in adult & youth sizes. They will be sold at all school events or you may purchase one by contacting Katrina Gunnarson. T-shirts are \$10 & sweatshirts are \$20 and are a great way to show your school spirit! We also have water bottles for \$10 that change colors when cold liquid is added!



**SHOPPING AT AMAZON** this holiday season? Get your holiday shopping done and support your school in one fell swoop! Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), sign in using your regular Amazon account, search for "Washington Kosciusko PTA", and shop like normal. Think of us and Amazon donates 0.5% of your purchase back to our school! Bookmark [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) for all your Amazon purchases.



## Scratching Your Head?



There is generally a low incidence of pediculosis (head lice) in the Winona Area Public Schools. Even so, it is important to do regular home screenings. Head lice is not a sign of being dirty, it can happen to anyone, anywhere. There are a variety of different head louse that are approximately one-tenth to one-eighth of an inch long, they have no wings, and do not fly or jump. Head lice are tiny insects that feed on human blood and make their home in the human hair multiplying rapidly, laying little round silvery egg cases (nits) which glue to the base of hair.

It is hard to see head lice, but you can see nits if you look closely. Nits attach to the hair shaft an inch from the scalp and like area behind the ears and the back of the head and neck. Nits should not be confused with dandruff, as dandruff can easily flake off from the hair; nits are firmly attached and look like a grain of salt. Most people do not know they have head lice until they see nits. Telltale signs of head lice are persistent scalp itching that is accompanied by scratch marks or the appearance of a rash. If you suspect your child has head lice, please inform the health office staff.

[Winona Area Public School's Policy and Protocol can be found on the WAPS home page under Departments—Health Services—Head Lice](#)

If you have additional questions, please contact the health office at 494-2102 and ask to speak with the Licensed School Nurse, Krissy Coudron, RN.

Winhawks  
are



Respectful  
Responsible  
Safe



### Office Notes

- Remember to call the school office if your child will be absent or tardy for any reason.
- For the safety of your child, it is important that we have current contact information on file. Please be sure to keep Infinite Campus updated with any changes in home, work, or cell phone numbers.
- Please write your child's name on lunch money envelopes or checks.
- Please label your child's personal items—many jackets, sweatshirts, hats and lunchboxes hang in the Lost and Found area for months without anyone claiming them.



Every Day is a Great Day to be a Winhawk!





# December 2017



| Sun | Mon   | Tue  | Wed  | Thu | Fri                    | Sat |
|-----|---|--|--|-----|------------------------|-----|
|     |   |  |  |     | 1<br>School Spirit Day | 2   |
| 3   | 4   | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8                      | 9   |
| 10  | 11<br>PTA Meeting—6pm<br>Student Lunchroom  | 12   | 13<br>Hanukkah  | 14  | 15                     | 16  |
| 17  | 18  | 19   | 20   | 21  | 22                     | 23  |
| 24  | 25<br>Christmas  | 26<br>Kwanzaa  | 27   | 28  | 29                     | 30  |
| 31  | Jan 1<br>No School—<br>New Year's Day   | Jan 2<br>School<br>Resumes   |  |     |                        |     |



## Weather Related School Closing & Delays

To stay informed about school delays and cancellations due to winter weather, tune in to local and regional radio and television stations, log on to the district web site at [www.winona.k12.mn.us](http://www.winona.k12.mn.us) or call the district information line at 494-0868. An automated call will be sent out also, so please be sure the district has your most current number on file. When school is cancelled, all district activities, events and Community Education classes and programs are also cancelled.



# January 2018



| Sun   | Mon                              | Tue  | Wed | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
|---|----------------------------------|--|-----|--|--|-----|
|   | 1<br>New Year's Day<br>No School | 2<br>School<br>Resumes   | 3   | 4  | 5<br><br>School Spirit<br>Day | 6   |
| 7<br><br>W-K's 81st<br>Birthday! | 8<br>PTA Meeting<br>6 pm         | 9  | 10  | 11   | 12   | 13  |
| 14  | 15                               | 16   | 17  | 18<br>Early Release<br>Day 12:15<br>End of 2nd 1/4<br>Pop corn Day | 19<br>No School<br>Teacher<br>Workshop Day   | 20  |
| 21  | 22                               | 23   | 24  | 25   | 26   | 27  |
| 28  | 29                               | 30<br><br>4th Grade<br>Orchestra<br>Informance<br>7:00 p.m. at<br>WMS | 31  |  |  |     |

## A little W-K History

(Excerpt taken from  
Winona Republican-Herald 12/31/1935)

**New Washington-Kosciusko School to  
be Occupied Jan. 7, 1936**  
Largest Building in System  
Ready for 450 Students

Equipped to Care for pupils who formerly  
attended three schools, the new Washington-  
Kosciusko school, constructed and furnished  
at a cost of approximately \$307,500, will  
open Tuesday, Jan 7, 1936. They are to con-  
tinue in the most complete and modern school  
plant in the city the education of close to 450  
children of the old Washington, Kosciusko and  
Sugar Loaf districts.

(Winona Republican-Herald, Tuesday,  
December 31, 1935; Page: 8)



The Washington-Kosciusko School