



WANDA GRAY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

February 2012



Important Dates:

- 2—Qdoba Night
- 3—All Pro Dad’s Breakfast
- 3—Gray night at KHS game
- 14—Valentine’s Day Party
- 15—Domino’s Night
- 16— Pick up Home Access Sheets from the office
- 17—No School—Teachers work
- 20—No School
- 21—Jumpin’ Joey’s
- 27—McTeacher Night at the McDonalds on S. Campbell
- 28—Spring Pictures

Music Notes:

The musicians at Wanda Gray are very busy!

Second graders in the classes of Mrs. Cardin, Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Thompson are practicing for their program. They will present *Lovin’ Kindness* at the PTA meeting on February 16, 2012 at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend.

First graders will present the program in March, along with Honor Choir.

Honor Choir rehearsals have begun. This is an auditioned and select group that will perform in a mass choir on March 10, 2012. Third grade will soon begin their study of the instruments in Peter and the Wolf. This is highlighted by a district sponsored field trip to see a live performance. Check my web site for internet sites to help your child study for the test.

After School Choir and Honor Choir will be singing at the Kickapoo Chiefs game February 3, 2010.

Just a reminder- 4th graders will need a recorder beginning March 26, 2012. Please purchase a recorder from a music store. The Recorder Recital for May has been postponed. Please watch for the new date.

Mrs. Carder’s Message

Where does the time go? Can you believe that we are already starting the month of February? What a great year we have had so far at Wanda Gray Elementary. I am so proud of the growth we have seen in our students this year. It was very exciting to see the middle of year assessment scores on the students. The teachers and students have worked very hard!

The 3rd and 4th grade students will be preparing for the MAP the next several weeks and please notice that the test window for the MAP is April 2-20 and it would be very helpful if you would not plan any appointments during that time frame.

Smart Boards have been installed in all of our classrooms and we are very excited to get trained and use the wonderful technology provided to our students from the 2009 Bond Project that was passed. Thank you Springfield voters for supporting our schools!

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Valentine’s Day party on February 14 at 2:30. If you are at school to help with the party it would be very beneficial if you could leave with your child at 3:30 so we can get buses and car line moving right at dismissal. It was wonderful to see all the wonderful holiday parties in December. Thank you parents for assisting with extracurricular things at school. We have great support at Gray from all our families!

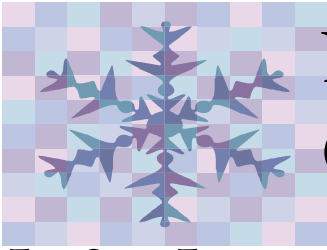
Students of the Month

- Saleske— Ellie G.
- Foley— Tamara S.
- Dunkle— Greyson B.
- Gray— Liam P.
- Bryant— Bella F.
- Petty— Abner C.
- Keltner— Lily L.
- Szura— Joelle F.
- Hanson— Brian W.
- Gillespie— Katelyn P.
- Rippee— Jacob G.
- Cardin— Michael M.
- Thompson— Katy L.
- Davis— Jenna E.
- McMullin— Allison M.
- Barrett— Nathan S.
- Hill— Tate R.
- Howser— Eethyn B.
- Hightower— Luke T.
- Evans— Joey M.
- Flynn— Matthew S.
- Craig— Clara S.

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!!!



Best Wishes to Mrs. Cardin on her retirement starting Feb. 1. We will miss her and wish her health and happiness!



Notes form Nurse Charlotte:

Lost and Found

Come find your child's missing coat, gloves, hat, or lunch box!!!

Fun Germ Facts

A single sneeze can produce up to 100,00 airborne droplets, be propelled up to three feet and travel over 200 miles per hour!

Colds alone are responsible for almost 38 million lost school days a year in the US

During an illness, the bedroom can be the most significant area for germ transmission to other family members!

Toys can act as the most common source of disease-causing germs.

Most bacteria on the hands exist on or around the fingernails due to germs being trapped there and fingers and fingertips are known to be routinely missed when hands are washed!

Beware of germly areas in the bathroom—toothpaste should be discarded if someone with strep throat has used it before being treated, washing containers that hold toothbrushes and the actual toothbrush through the dishwasher after any illness as well as bathroom floors!

MAP Window:

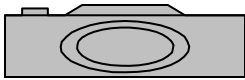
If you have a 3rd or 4th grade student the MAP window is from April 2-20. Please try to have your child at school every-day on time during this window and try to avoid making appointments during this time frame.

Please keep reading your child's classroom newsletters to



VALENTINE CARD WISHES

If your child is planning on attaching treats to their Valentine card, please use caution if your child's classroom has student(s) with food allergies! During the excitement of opening their cards and sharing "the love", children with food allergies might come in contact with the allergen and have a reaction. Thank you for your special attention to this.



Spring Picture Day is February 28!

McTeacher Night at McDonalds on S. Campbell—Monday February 27!



Gray Night at Kickapoo Basketball game on February 3! Wear your Wanda Gray shirt and get in free! The after school choir will be singing the National Anthem. Let's support our future high school boy's basketball team! Go chiefs!!

“Me and My Guy Snow Ball”

January 20, 2012

By: Mrs. McMullin

3rd Grade teacher



I first started to hear about the “dance” from my 3rd grade girls. I would catch whispers about what their dress looked like and which shoes they were going to be wearing. The girls in my class were so excited. It was the type of excitement that can actually be “catching” in a group of girls. I do have to admit that I was excited for them. How fun would that be to get all dressed up and go dancing with your dad!

It was truly just coincidence that my granddaughter Claire, who just turned two, would be coming from Kansas City to visit on the weekend of the dance. I had to sneak a peek of the dance because most of my 3rd grade girls already had a promise that I would be seeing them that night. That being said, my husband had a date with his granddaughter to the “Me and My Guy Snow Ball.”

The gym had been transformed to a winter wonderland! The dance floor was covered with snow white and powder blue balloons. The ceiling of the dance floor was twinkling from the disco ball amid the gazebo covered with twinkling lights. The entire dance floor was edged by winter green and snow white trees surrounded by lantern sack lights! I do admit from a girl point of view, “I was just a little jealous.” It was beautiful!

Yes, the little girls were precious. They were dazzling and their little eyes sparkled like diamonds. But I do have to tell you that my favorite memory is seeing all of those men from all walks of life turn into just a heap of proud dads! On Monday after the dance I was privileged to stories about how daddy bought a corsage, or how they had dinner with dad, or how dad even rang the door bell to pick them up for the dance! Well done PTA! What a memorable evening for everyone! If you didn’t have the opportunity to attend this event be sure to put it on your schedule for next year.