

Wanke Wire

Principal's October Newsletter



Carl Wanke Elementary
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We are Wild about Wanke!

Wanke staff members have set very high standards for all kids to achieve this year. We are expecting to accomplish these high expectations through the implementation of:

- *Building Relationships & setting expectations (Mark McLeod)
- *Integration of technology (Samsung purchased by PTA)
- *Writers Workshop (Jodi Ramos)

We need your support! Please make sure your children come to school and are on time each day. By working together, we are sure to be EXEMPLARY!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year all conferences will be held on **Friday, October 9th from 12:30-3:00 p.m.** Parents will be meeting with teachers to discuss student progress and goals for the year. More information will be sent with your child. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to meet with your child's teacher on October 9th to discuss his/her academic and behavioral goals. **Report cards may only be given to students whose parents have attended a conference.** Thank you for your commitment to your child's education. You make a difference!

Starting Strong with PTA!

We have had a great start to the school year! We have received outstanding support from our PTA. Thank you to the PTA board and to all PTA members for volunteering time and effort! Please become part of the PTA family. The membership fee is \$6, which helps fund our students' field trips. Your membership fee will help offset the recent increase in transportation costs for field trips. Thank you for your support.

Library

We invite all parents to our library before and after school for parent books or children's books. Mrs. Lockhart and Ms. Solis are available from 7:15-7:30 and 3:00-3:30 to help you find appropriate books for your family.

Fall Has Arrived!

I hope you are enjoying the cool weather. Along with the cooler temperatures, comes the need for students to wear sweaters and jackets. Wanke has a lost and found that fills up quickly with sweaters, jackets, lunch boxes and many other belongings. On your next visit to Wanke please help us by checking the lost and found for your child's lost items.

Absences

If your child is absent or tardy from school, the parent/guardian should send a note to the school, within 5 days, explaining the reason for the absence. Notes must include: date of the note, child name, date of the absence/tardy, the specific reason for the absence/tardy and the parent's signature.

Perfect Attendance Guidelines

Perfect attendance may be awarded to students at the end of each 9-week grading period who have not exceeded one tardy or one partial day absence during the 9-week period that is not categorized as a documented appointment with a health care professional.

October 30th

Elementary schools may have two parties each year. Wanke students will have parties on December 18 and end of the parties. We are also required to follow nutrition rules established by the Texas Department of Agriculture. I ask for your cooperation by not sending candy/sweets with your child on October 30th. This is also a regular uniform day for all students.



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Dismissal Procedures

The Wanke Staff are committed to keeping Wolves safe! We have developed several procedures to ensure that your children get home safely. We have Bus Buddies who check attendance on their bus and follow up with students on a regular basis. We have assigned Kinder Buddies to assist Kinder Teachers with dismissal. There are also teams of teachers in the bus loop, gym, daycare and parent pick up who communicate with various grade levels and families when dismissing your children. Please help us by communicating your child's dismissal needs/changes to the office and teachers in a timely manner.

Curriculum Diagnostic Benchmarks

Our second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students take the district Curriculum Diagnostic Benchmarks (CDB's) throughout the year. These exams are similar to a six week or nine week exam and are used by the teachers to monitor your child's academic progress. I encourage you to discuss the importance of these exams with your child because the test results are used to plan for instruction by identifying student's individual strengths and weaknesses. Your child's best effort is critical to his/her educational plan.

The Wanke Walk

This year's Wanke Walk will be October 17th from 11-3 pm. The PTA still needs many volunteers to man booths, assist with the food line, set up, clean up, etc. PTA uses the funds gathered for helping your children with technology, field trips, and numerous other instructional materials and teacher trainings. This year, the Walk is super important as the PTA will need additional funds for every grade level to take a meaningful field trip as transportation costs have stayed high since last year. Thanks for supporting these awesome volunteers as they work to build a better education for all Wanke children!



Questions? Concerns? Suggestions? Celebrations?

In order to increase two-way communication between school and community, please feel free to write your comments below and return them to the school office with your child. We appreciate your input.

Name: _____ Daytime Phone: _____
