

STAR SCOOP

WAKANDA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MARCH/APRIL 2022



MESSAGE FROM MRS. BRANCH

Concert and Walk-a-thon season is upon us and we are beyond thrilled to be able to celebrate these momentous occasions with our families again this year! Please see how you are able to attend our music performances set to take place this April. The Wakanda siblings of your special singer will be able to watch the performances from a live-stream within their classroom so we ask that you allow your Wakanda Stars to remain within their grade-level classrooms to provide adequate space for parents/guardians/younger siblings to gather in our gymnasium.



We will also be sending home information soon for our annual Walk-a-thon. Please be on the look out for how you can donate to help support your Wakanda Star as this is our big fundraiser of the year!

~Mrs. Shannon Branch, Principal

WAKANDA MUSIC SPRING CONCERTS

4th & 5th grade concert: "Kidflix".

When: April 6th, 2022

Time: 9:00am and 2:00pm

Where: Wakanda Gymnasium

Theme: Come and join the 4th and 5th grade students in a fun filled concert of singing, dancing and instruments. "Kidflix" is a concert with music from different films from the last 20 years.



2nd & 3rd grade concert: "Go Fish".

When: April 8th, 2022

Time: 9:00am and 2:00pm

Where: Wakanda Gymnasium

Theme: Join us under the sea, while the main characters learn about kindness and being themselves. "Go Fish!" is a fun filled concert with singing, dancing and acting!

1st Grade Informance

When: April 12th, 2022

Time: 9:00am and 2:00pm

Where: Wakanda Gymnasium

Theme: This year we are introducing our first Informance. An informance is an informal performance. This is a great opportunity for the students to tell you what they have learned in music class this year! Students will both tell you and perform for you. You will hear singing, dancing, instrument playing and more!

Kindergarten Grade Informance

When: April 13th, 2022

Time: 9:00am and 2:00pm

Where: Wakanda Gymnasium

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If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our music instructor.

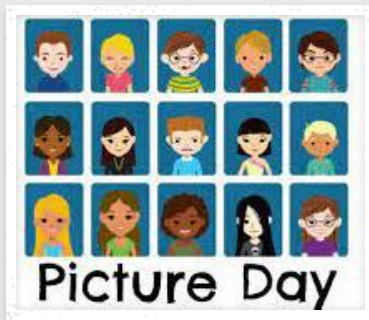
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PTO MUSIC CONCERT RAFFLE TICKETS

The Wakanda Spring Music Concerts are FREE for all to attend. However, our PTO is offering the opportunity for families to participate in a raffle to obtain premium seats as well as parking spots for the concert as part of fundraising event. You have the option of purchasing individual tickets for \$2.00 or an entire sheet for \$10 to enter the raffle, but it is not mandatory in order to attend the performances as the concerts are FREE for all to attend! We can't wait to see all of you there!

Wakanda PTO		Wakanda Concert VIP PASS	
<small>Would you like the opportunity to be treated like royalty at Wakanda's Spring Concert? Wakanda PTO is having a raffle before our Spring concert for a chance to win (2) Best row seats and two (2) backstage parking spots. Each ticket is \$2.00 or purchase the whole sheet for \$10.00. Fill out and send back as many tickets as you would like, including payment, by April 1st. Payment can be made via cash, check made out to Wakanda PTO, or Venmo. (@WakandaPTO). Thank you for your continued support! Winner will be notified by April 4th.</small>			
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Phone #:	Grade:		
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SPRING PICTURES

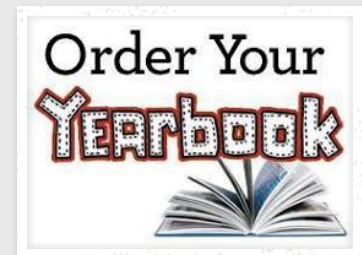
We will have **Spring Pictures on Tuesday, April 5th**. Spring Pictures will only be taken for those students who order photos. **The Picture ID is EVTT66XGW** if you would like to order online at <https://lifetouch.com/>.

YEARBOOK

Yearbook: If you are interested in ordering a yearbook for your Wakanda Star, please utilize the link and code provided.

Online Ordering Site: ybpay.lifetouch.com

Yearbook ID Code: 13413622



PTO MEETING

Our PTO will be meeting on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30pm in the Wakanda Cafeteria. Please join us as we will be preparing for our annual Walk-a-thon and welcome any parents/guardians interested in the planning and preparations for this big event!



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten kicked off the month of March with Read Across America week. The students enjoyed reading stories, rhyming, and participating in dress up days. In readers workshop, students have been working on reading bigger books by using their bigger reading muscles. In writers workshop, students have been making "How To" books. Students have enjoyed using these books to teach others how to do the things they know a lot about. In math, we continued our unit on number pairs and have also been working on addition and subtraction to 10. In science, we completed our unit on materials and motion, studying a variety of materials and learning about how things move. We also spent time this month observing and describing changes as we learned about spring.

FIRST GRADE

First grade is excited to welcome Spring. We are enjoying the sunny weather and noticing that the playground has very little snow left. In math, the first graders have begun a new unit all about shapes. They are busy exploring both 2D and 3D shapes and will soon be completing work with fractions and telling time as well! Our phonics lessons are all about being word builders. First graders have been busy investigating and using vowel teams in both their reading and writing. Writer's Workshop has been filled with many opinions! First graders are learning how to put their opinions into writing to convince others. Our fingers are crossed that April showers truly bring May flowers. We are excited to see green and will begin learning all about plants and animals in our next Science unit!

SECOND GRADE

Second graders are very excited about the arrival of spring! They have been thrilled to go outside and play without all the winter gear on each day. This year has flown by and the second graders continue to learn so much each day. We are excited about all the progress they have made.

In literacy we have been focusing on strategies to help us break apart longer and multisyllabic words. It is exciting to see the second graders use these strategies in their independent reading.

In writing we have been working on a special book project about ourselves. We developed paragraphs about our topics, wrote three or more sentences about each topic, and worked through the writing process to make it better. We are so excited to see the final product when it is finished!

In math we are completing our multiplication and division unit and will be moving on to a new topic soon. We will be learning how to graph data, tell time to the five minute, and how to count higher amounts of money. Any extra practice you could do at home in this area is very helpful! We are wrapping up our science unit on the states of matter and will be incorporating Jr. Achievement lessons into our classrooms. We will be learning about our community, what our community offers, needs and wants, and different types of ways to produce things. The second graders really enjoy these lessons and the activities that follow them.

THIRD GRADE

Oh my! The last month flew by! We have been busy reviewing skills and preparing for the Wisconsin State Test. Our testing days are March 29, 30, and 31st. We are looking forward to our Spring Music Concert on April 8th! See you there!

FOURTH GRADE

This month has been a busy one in Fourth Grade! We have continued our focus on fractions and will be moving into work with decimals for the month of April. Students are also enjoying learning about the Midwest region, and the great state of Wisconsin! Everyone has been excited to learn about Native American tribes that live and have lived here!

Turning to the month of April brings us to Wisconsin Forward testing and the excitement of warmer weather. Everyone is working hard in preparation for the move to 5th Grade!

FIFTH GRADE

March has been a big month for Wakanda 5th Grade! We are supremely grateful for the wonderful new additions to our 5th Grade Innovation Stations courtesy of 3M-Gives Wisconsin, 3M Menomonie, and Donors Choose. These new tools and resources will help us to think & learn like architects in our *Breaking the Box: The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright Project*. This integrated project taught in tandem with Wakanda Art Specialist, Sally Johnson, asks our architects to wrestle with the following essential questions as they experience the world of design.

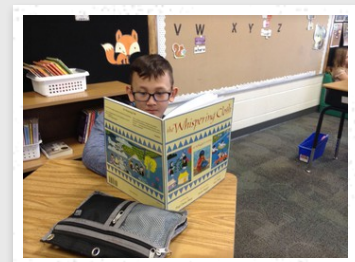
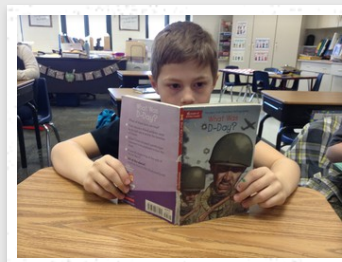
1. How does the surrounding environment affect the architecture of a structure?
2. What would be different in today's architecture if Frank Lloyd Wright never lived?
3. Is there art in architecture?
4. What does it take to be an architect?

SCHOOL HOURS

8:30 A.M. is our Warning Bell

8:35 A.M. is our Start Time-Attendance is Taken

3:30 P.M. is our Dismissal Time



Third Grade



4/5 - SPRING PICTURE DAY

4/6 - PTO MEETING 6:30PM

4/4-4/8 - BOOK FAIR

4/15 - NO SCHOOL

4/18 - NO SCHOOL

5/20 - WALK-A-THON


5/30 - NO SCHOOL



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