

*The Mountain Minutes*  
Principal's Weekly Newsletter  
October 19, 2009

**Bus Driver Appreciation Week**

This is a great opportunity to tell your child's bus driver, "thank you" for getting your child safely to and from school each day.

**Red Ribbon Week**

Wauka will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 26-30. This is a time at our school when students take part in various activities as a reminder of how important it is to live a drug-free life. As a part of the Red Ribbon Week celebration, we will have theme days as follows (our student council association decided on the themes):

Monday, Oct. 26: "Too Smart to Start!": dress as a profession that you aspire to be

Tuesday, Oct. 27: "Put a Cap on Drugs!": wear hats

Wednesday, Oct. 28: "Wear Red Day!": wear as much red as you can

Thursday, Oct. 29: "Team Up Against Drugs!": wear a shirt or sweatshirt representing your favorite sports team

Friday, Oct. 30: "You Can't Snooze in the Fight Against Drugs!" wear your pajamas to school

**Salvation Army Can Food Drive**

This year, the Student Council Association is combining Red Ribbon Week and the Salvation Army Can Food Drive. We will be collecting cans for the Salvation Army Monday through Friday during Red Ribbon Week as we "Can Drugs!" Each day that your child dresses for Red Ribbon Week, please have him/her bring in a can or cans to support the Salvation Army. We will have a competition between the boys and girls, with a reward for the winning team!

**Blood Drive**

Nurse Teddie has organized a blood drive that will be taking place at our school all day on November 2nd.

**Student Council Association**

If you have old cell phones, laptops, or digital cameras that are no longer working, our SCA is collecting those to help diminish our carbon footprints and to raise money for their community service projects. Just send those items to school, labeled "SCA" and we will get them to the club sponsors.

**Charter School Planning Night**

Parents are invited to develop ideas for our charter school. We need your help! The meeting will be November 9th at 7pm in the cafeteria. From there, we will break into small group work sessions. Your ideas and feedback are extremely important in this process.

**Sock Hop**

Drag out your poodle skirts, ladies... and gents, slick back your hair for a fun night of dancing! Our annual "sock hop" will be on November 12th from 6-8pm in the gym. Our rockin' DJ, Tod, will create lots of fun for the entire family. Please remember...this is a family night and children may not be dropped off.

Make plans to visit the PTO concessions where they will be selling pizza, soft drinks, and lots of other goodies. Admission to the dance is \$2 per person - to cover the cost of the DJ.

Students are encouraged to dress in "fifties" attire for school on November 12th.

**Early Release Day**

Students will be released at 11:20 on November 24th. Please note that this release time is one hour earlier than our typical early release dismissal.

**Emergency Contact Information - Important!**

It is imperative that you keep our front office updated with current contact information. When you have changes - especially with telephone numbers - please contact us at 770-983-3221 or email us at [maria.mcdaniel@hallco.org](mailto:maria.mcdaniel@hallco.org) to let us make those changes in our records. We must have current contact information in the event your child becomes sick or injured while at school.

**Parent Conferences**

Your child's teacher will be contacting you throughout the year to schedule formal parent conferences; however, if you ever feel that you need to talk with your child's teacher, feel free to contact the teacher via email or by calling the school to schedule a conference. Due to the furlough days, our professional learning

opportunities have to occur right after school and staff members have meetings after school most days. For that reason, it is helpful if you will schedule a conference rather than just dropping by after school. It also helps the teacher prepare for the conference if she knows of your concerns in advance (she can pull work samples, etc.). Thank you for your understanding.

### Birthday Invitations

The teachers have asked me to remind you to refer to the student handbook (p.5) that states that birthday party invitations may not be passed out at school.

### *Calendar of Events*

#### Club meetings:

**Mondays:** Flute Troop  
**Tuesdays:** Club de Espanol  
Chorus  
**Wednesdays:** Drama Workshop  
**Every other Friday:** Jr. Master Gardeners  
**One Monday a month:** Student Council Association

Oct. 19-23: Bus Driver Appreciation Week  
Oct. 20: Booster Club meeting, 7pm  
Oct. 20: Skate Night at Skate Country, 6-8pm  
Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week  
Oct. 28: School Picture Make-ups  
Oct. 29: PTO, 7pm - chorus to perform  
Oct. 30: Chick-Fil-A Biscuit Sale  
Nov. 2-6: Book Fair Week  
Nov. 2: Blood Drive, all day  
Nov. 9-13: Iowa Test of Basic Skills -2nd thru 5th grades  
Nov. 9: Charter school planning meeting, 7pm  
Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Celebration, 1:00  
Nov. 12: Sock Hop, 6-8pm  
Nov. 12: Charter Leadership Team meeting, 2:30  
Nov. 13: Chick-Fil-A biscuit sale  
Nov. 13: Report cards come home  
Nov. 17: Skate Night, 6-8pm  
Nov. 17: School Council, 7:30 a.m., media center  
Nov. 24: Early Release: 11:20  
Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving Holidays  
Dec. 5: Breakfast with Santa  
Dec. 8: Booster Club meeting, 7pm  
Dec. 11: Chick-Fil-A biscuit sale  
Dec. 15: Skate Night, 6-8pm  
Dec. 16: Third grade's holiday party: 8:30  
Dec. 17: Kindergarten's holiday party: 8:30  
Second grade's holiday party: 9:30  
Fourth grade's holiday party: 10:45  
Dec. 18: First grade's holiday party: 10:00  
CAMP PJ Day for K-2nd grades  
EARLY RELEASE: 11:20  
Dec. 19-Jan.4: WINTER BREAK