

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Winter is almost upon us! It seems that we just started school a few weeks ago! I guess time flies when we are experiencing such a wonderful school year.

Here are some important days to remember for November:

As Americans our sense of gratitude can be expressed as we observe **Veteran's Day** on **Tuesday, November 11th**. We will be commemorating Veterans Day on November 11 beginning with an assembly honoring the men and women who have served in the armed forces to assure our freedom. There are many men and women in harm's way throughout the world. Let us be grateful for the Armed Forces who serve and protect our nation in times of peace and war. Our local police, firemen and paramedics protect our community every day and deserve our gratitude and support.

The Wild Rose Student Council has been leading a building wide effort to support the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans located in Wheaton, Illinois. This is a program for veterans who are in need of a place to stay and support after their service to our country. Each grade level has been collecting personal care items. We will be presenting these items to a representative from the Midwest Shelter during our Veteran's Day assembly.

Student Report Cards:

Student Report Cards will be available for viewing in the Home Access Center (HAC) on Wednesday, November 19. **Paper copies will not be sent home.** In order to access the Home Access Center you must have an email address submitted to the school.

Our **Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held during the day and evening of Monday, Nov. 24 and during the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 25.** The Home Access Center (HAC) is open for parents to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences. The directions for this process are located on the District website under *For Parents*; scroll to HAC. Once you are on HAC, the directions are located on the left side of the page.

If your child is in 2 M/M or 3 B/W, you will see these teachers listed as a team. Click under the team, not the individual teacher. If you have already signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, you are in the system. The teacher has your time blocked out.

There will be no school for students Monday, Nov. 24-Friday, Nov. 28. May we have a sense of gratitude for our material abundance and for the love and companionship of our family and friends.

We Need Your Help!

- If you are going to pick up your child after school, please make those arrangements in the morning and send a note with your child to school. When we receive numerous calls during the day, this causes disruption in the classroom, especially after 2:00pm.
- Every day the teachers and staff at Wild Rose work together to do “whatever it takes” for our students to succeed and learn the important curriculum at each grade level. In the Elementary School Handbook it states: *Community Unit School District 303 believes that regular school attendance at school results in greater academic success, we participate in partnership and shared expectation among school, parent and student that students will be present on time, throughout each school day.* The school day cannot be replicated with homework assignments. Please try to arrange for family vacations within the non-attendance days in our District calendar.
- Excused absences resulting from approved preplanned absences shall be limited to five (5) days per year.
- The school day begins at 8:40am. Our students are expected to be in the classrooms by 8:40. Arrival into the building after 8:40am is considered a tardy.

Being a good neighbor...

- When we have events at school the parking lot fills quickly forcing many people to park in the streets. **Please do not park on the grass of our Wild Rose neighbors.** Also, during the day, please be sure not to block mailboxes. The mail will not be delivered if the mailbox has a car in front of it.
- Facebook is utilized by many of our families to communicate and share pictures. If you wish to post a picture of another child or a group, please notify the parents of those children first.