

Wildcats Newsletter

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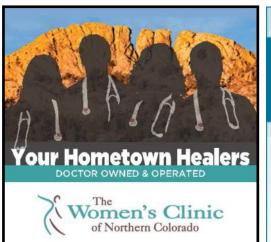
Jt's a note from the principal ...

Dear Werner Community,

We have enjoyed a beautiful fall so far and it seems as though winter is knocking on the door! I want to say "Thank You" for your participation with Parent/Teacher conferences and with your generous giving to Werner Direct Donation Drive. Our community raised over \$11,445 to help support our school. Also, thank you for your support with food or money donations for the Cans Around the Oval. We had 25 large boxes (577 pounds) of food donated to support the Larimer County Food Bank. This month, we continue our spirit of giving with Meals that Matter and Turkey Roundup. Stay tuned for more details to come on that.

Here are some updates for you this month:

- No School, November 8- This is a friendly reminder that K-12 students will not have school on this day. Staff will be participating in professional development and planning.
- **Meals That Matter** Please consider giving to support our local families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. More details are in the flyer in this newsletter.



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Note From The Principal

• **Turkey Roundup-** This year, we are also bringing back the Turkey Roundup. Please consider donating a frozen turkey or plant-based alternative to the Larimer County Food Bank. Bring your turkey on Thursday, Nov. 18 at morning drop-off.

- **Thanksgiving Break, November 24-26-** Students and staff will be off to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- **Book Fair, December 1-3-** Stay tuned for details to come about our in-person Scholastic Book Fair.

Have a great November and Thanksgiving holiday Werner Community! Sincerely,

Hayden

PTA November Newsletter Updates

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PTA November Newsletter Updates continued

If you feel like your family could benefit from Meals that Matter, please contact our School Counselor, Julie Flemister at <u>jflemist@psdschools.org</u>.

Parent's Night Out

November 18 | Board & Brush | 6 – 9 p.m.

The Werner PTA is hosting our first Parent's Night Out of the year! YAY! We'll be painting a wooden sign at Board & Brush. You can pick a project from the selection when you click the registration link below. PTA will provide snacks, and beer & wine are available for purchase for \$6 each.

Here is a link for everyone to register: <u>https://boardandbrush.com/.../werner-pta-379-11-18-2021.../</u> Access Code: WERNER You must register by November 15th.

Contact Chelsea PTAWernerElementary@gmail.com with any questions.

We hope to see you there!

Upcoming General Meeting

Tuesday, November 9 | 3:30 pm | Werner Elementary

November Book Club

November's Book is *"Apples Never Fall" by Liane Moriarty. Register to join us <u>here</u>.*

Book Club Meeting | Saturday, December 4^{th} | 9:30 – 11 a.m. | Location TBD

From Liane Moriarty, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of Big Little Lies and Nine Perfect Strangers, comes Apples Never Fall, a novel that looks at marriage, siblings, and how the people we love the most can hurt us the deepest.

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Check out the Werner calendar at <u>https://</u> wer.psdschools.org/calendar for updated information throughout the month as event times and/or dates can change.

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PTA November Newsletter Updates continued

October Book Club Meeting

November 4 | 6 – 7:30 p.m. | PTA Board Members Home

Meeting information will be sent to all who registered for this month's Book Club. This month's book is *"Trauma Proofing Your Kids"*, A Parents' Guide for Instilling Confidence, Joy and Resilience, by Peter A. Levine and Maggie Kline.

DEI Committee: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Thank you to those of you who have signed up. We look forward to creating the most engaging and supportive community here at Werner. The purpose of this committee is to ensure that every student and family feels, seen, heard, safe, and welcome in the community. First meeting information will be sent soon to those who are registered.

PTA Spirit Wear

Werner PTA has designed some <u>Grownup Tees and Coffee Mugs</u> for purchase to show your PTA spirit!

Follow us on <u>Facebook</u> to stay engaged with School Events and see what the PTA is up to at the school.

Join Us! We have a couple positions open this year on the PTA Board listed along with other volunteer opportunities on this <u>signup page</u>.

Thank you for supporting the Werner Elementary PTA!

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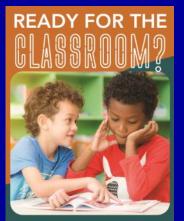
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Counseling Corner

November 2021

It is already that time of year for giving, and Werner wants to make sure all families have needed food and essentials. If you would like to give to Meals that Matter, please send a check, cash, or gift card with your student on or before November 12th. We will attach the monetary gift to a Turkey to give to families the week of November 15th. Please do not feel obligated and if your family is in need, please contact Julie Flemister (jflemist@psdschools.org) or Jenny Whetsell (jwhetsel@psdschools.org). Everything is confidential and we are internally grateful for all the donations. Please note, we will be asking again for monetary or gift card donations again in December for the Werner Giving Tree.

Kindergarten is learning about RESILIENCY and how to keep calm even during difficult times. First and second graders are learning how to calm their brains when they are upset, and the 3 parts of the brain related to feelings. Please talk to your student(s) about how you calm your brain when you are feeling frustrated or sad. We talk about the more you practice calming your brain, the faster we can solve problems, learn, and build better friendships.

Third grade is continuing with Conflict Resolution and what to do with a conflict. We have been exploring how conflict is normal and how it can be healthy. We also have had many discussions about the difference between normal peer conflict and bullying. Fourth graders are building skills on how to deal with conflict, build resiliency and keeping our brain calm during these times. Fifth grades are learning about bully-proofing and conflict resolution. Please ask your 5th grade about tools for stopping mean people or bullies.

November is a time to give thanks and I rely a lot on Love and Logic for home and work for their thankful wisdom. The following was taken from an email from Dr. Charles Fay.

How Can We Teach Our Kids Selflessness?

In honor of the self-sacrifice of veterans and their families, it seems appropriate to consider how we can instill these values in our children. When we do, they benefit and so does our world. It's a win-win deal!

Teach them to serve you and their family

Are your kids working hard to serve you... or are you doing all of the work? Children should not be treated as slaves. They should, however, be expected to do their fair share of work around the house... so they don't believe their parents are slaves.

Expect tangible mini acts of service

There's a "train" at Denver International Airport that shuttles passengers from the main terminal to the various airline concourses. It's almost always the same scene: The seats are filled with children, teens, and young adults, while older... even elderly people... are forced to stand.

Is there something wrong with this picture?



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Allow boredom

Too many of us feel compelled to entertain our kids anytime they experience a bit of dullness. Can you see the connection between doing so and them believing they are the center of the universe? Is it good for kids to be occasionally bored while you shop, while you have a conversation with someone, while you wait in line, or while you spend a quiet weekend at home?

Limit exposure to popular media

A steady, unsupervised diet of on-screen narcissism and negativity is certain to make our job of raising selfless kids much harder.

Community service... as a privilege not a punishment

Great parents occasionally say things like, "This is great! Today we get to go over to the nursing home on Elm Street and read to seniors who can't see well enough to read for themselves." Or they say, "The park is trashed. It's going to feel so good to help out by cleaning it up!"

Great parents also ignore complaining and eye-rolling as they load the family into the car. Just like most things that are good for them, kids often need a bit of prodding to realize how good it feels to help. A friend of mine commented, "They hated it at first. Now they love it. It's become a real family bonding opportunity."

In honor of our veterans and their families, can we give some careful thought to how we might raise young people who understand selflessness... and the fact that the best way to feel good about oneself is to serve?

Dr. Charles Fay



Wildcat Art with Mrs. Siemers

Kindergarten artists have been learning all about famous artist, Henri Rousseau and his amazing jungle paintings. Kindergarteners learned that he was told by art critics that his art was bad, but that he ignored them and never gave up. Now his paintings hang in museums all over the world. The kindergarteners have been using oil pastel and printmaking techniques to create their own jungle paintings.



First Grade artists have been having fun working on

their ring-tailed lemur drawings. First graders learned all about these awesome animals, while blending oil pastels to create the look of fur and mixing analogous colors (colors that live right next-door to one another on the color wheel) in the background for a pop of color.

Second Grade artists have been creating beautiful armadillo paintings, inspired by the colorful wood carved animal sculptures made in Oaxaca, Mexico. We learned that carving and painting these sculptures if a family affair; the men and boys do the lifelike carving while the women and daughters do the fanciful painting. Our armadillo paintings were painted in acrylic and tempera paints and topped off with oil pastel patterns.

Third Grade artists have been having fun and working hard on their mixed-media dancing giraffe project. After reading the rollicking book, *Giraffes Can't Dance, by Giles Andreae, third graders observed photographs of giraffes and drew them realistically. With that, they had all they needed to draw a dancing giraffe, which they painted in watercolors. Night skies with glowing moons were painted and finished off with oil pastel background details.*

Fourth Grade artists have been creating owl paintings on book pages from an old, damaged book. These hard workers have drawn both realistic & artsy owls, transferred their artwork to book pages, added contrasting patterns, and used watercolor pencils for a colorful finish.

Fifth grade artists have been creating beautiful aspen tree paintings! They used cut -up gift cards to scrape black acrylic paint across the paper for a realistic aspen trunk look, sponges and tempera paint for leaves, and watercolors for the background.



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Halloween Parade















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Halloween Parade















Meals That Matter

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It's A Turkey Round Up!



Thursday, November 18, 2021

Each year the Food Bank provides services to nearly 40,000 residents of Larimer County and many of them are PSD students. More than 2,500 turkeys are needed this fall season.

Please consider donating a frozen turkey or plant-based alternative for our families.



WHAT: Bring your FROZEN turkeys to school WHEN: Nov. 18, before school from 7:45 to 8:45 WHERE: Our school's Turkey Wrangler will meet you by the Werner Elementary sign at the front of the building. WHY: To help our PSD families and community members share a meal this year.



Prefer to give a <u>monetary donation</u> to the Food Bank for Larimer County? You can also bring cash or check to our collection site and it will be counted toward our school total.

Our school's Turkey Wrangler is Mr. Passantino

Our Wrangler will take your donated turkey or plant-based alternative and deliver it to the Food Bank drop-off location. Thank you!



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Are you interested in gaining valuable work experience? Would you like a flexible schedule and the opportunity to make a difference?

Have you considered working for Poudre School District as a substitute?

We want to meet you!

For more information, pay scales and an application link, visit: https://www.psdschools.org/careers/substitute-teachers

Once your application has been processed, you will be invited to sign up for an orientation.

> Questions? Contact subs@psdschools.org



2021-22 PSD Return to Learn/Work after Major or Minor Illness Symptoms



Note: This guidance is NOT intended for cases or close contacts of COVID-19. A confirmed COVID-19 case or close contact should follow public health isolation or quarantine instructions for return to school/work.



Major Symptom Response:

- If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset follow regular return to school illness policies if all symptoms have resolved or are improving. (Must have no fever, vomiting or diarrhea in last 24 hours).
- 2. If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 24 hours, either:
 - Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.
 - Get a PCR or molecular COVID-19 test.
 - If the test is negative, return to school once symptoms have resolved or are improving.
 - If positive, follow home isolation for 10 days following symptoms onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

Minor Symptoms:					
 Sore throat Runny nose or congestion Muscle or body aches 	Headache Fatigue	 Nausea, vomiting Diarrhea 			
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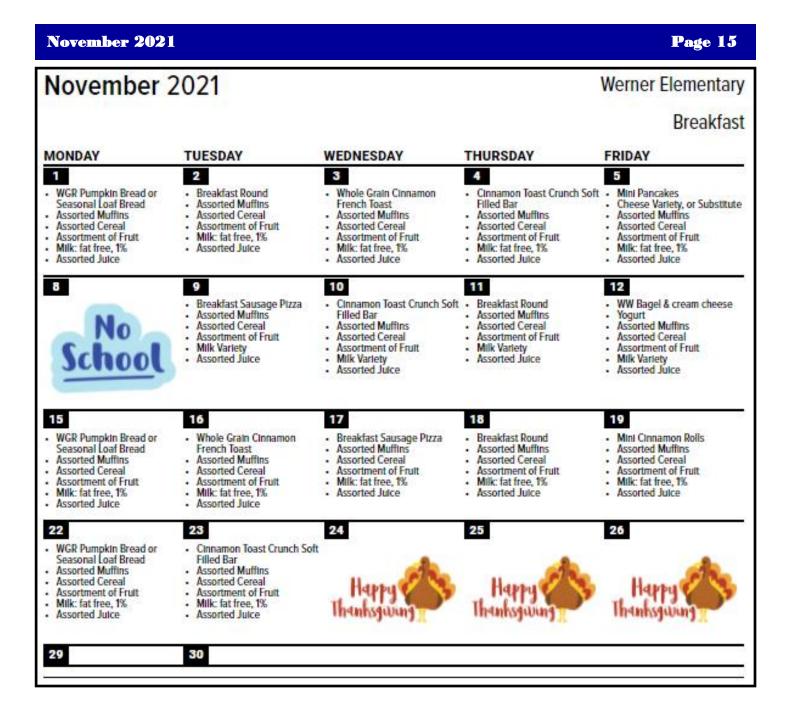
Minor Symptom Response:

- If symptoms resolve within 24 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies if all symptoms have resolved or are improving. (Must have no fever, vomiting or diarrhea in last 24 hours).
- If symptoms are mild only and resolve within 48 hours of onset, follow regular return to school illness policies if all symptoms have resolved or are improving. (Must have no fever, vomiting or diarrhea in last 24 hours).
- 3. If symptoms DO NOT resolve within 48 hours, either:
 - Follow home isolation for 10 days following symptom onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.
 - Get a PCR or molecular COVID-19 test.
 - If the test is negative, return to school once symptoms are resolved or are improving.
 - If positive, follow home isolation for 10 days following symptoms onset AND 24 hours fever free without use of fever-reducing meds before returning to school.

The School Nurse or PSD health staff will determine when <u>a student</u> is able to return to school. School

administrators, department leaders, or supervisors will communicate with staff about their return to work.

Sources: Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE), Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Colorado Department of Education (CDE), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Updated September 2021.



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November 20	Werner Elementary				
				Lunch	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 Fresh Snap Peas, or Substitute Whole Fruit, or Substitute Grapes, or Substitute Milk Variety 	2 Mac & Cheese Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Pb&J Sandwich Fresh Carrots Whole Fruit, or Substitute Applesauce or Fruit Cup or Substitute Milk Variety Assorted Condiments	3 • Chicken Patty Sandwich • Chef Salad with Goldfish Crackers • Pb&J Sandwich • Salad with dressing • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Strawberries, or Substitute • Milk Variety • Assorted Condiments	4 • Beef & Bean Burrito • Turkey & Cheese Sandwich • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Cherry Tomatoes or Substitute • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Watermelon or Substitute • Watermelon or Substitute • Milk Variety • Assorted Condiments	5 • Cheese Pizza • Cold Dell Yogurt with Granol • Pb&J Sandwich • Fresh Cucumber Slice or Substitute • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Whole Fruit, or Substitute • Fresh Pear • Milk Variety • Assorted Condiments	
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