

# East Edition

East Junior High School Wis. Rapids, WI ~ 422-6100

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## MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT... MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

**Meet the Teacher Night** is Monday, September 14 from **6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers and familiarize yourself with their schedule. The evening consists of following your child's schedule, going to their classrooms, and meeting their teachers. Please **bring a copy of your child's schedule with you**. Follow the time schedule below for "Day 1." Teachers will be in the classrooms to talk about curriculum, classroom environment and other important information you'll want to know! Refreshments will be served throughout the evening in the East Library. This is a great opportunity to experience your child's "school day." See you there!

Monday Night's Schedule:	1st Hour – 6:00 – 6:09
	2nd Hour – 6:14 – 6:23
	3rd Hour – 6:28 – 6:37
	4th Hour – 6:42 – 6:51
	5th Hour – 6:56 – 7:05
	6th Hour – 7:10 – 7:19
	7th Hour – 7:24 – 7:33

**Student Safety...** We appreciate your patience and cooperation when you are dropping off your student at school in the morning. All students should be dropped off on the west side of 6th Street. Please do not drop your child off on Lincoln or Peach Street. Dropping them off on Lincoln or Peach Street creates a hazard for other students, cars and buses. We recognize that when you drop your child off there is waiting involved. This is necessary in order insure student safety. Please plan your time accordingly. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



## Don't Forget to Send in Recipes!



**2009-10 is off to a great start!** THANK YOU for supporting your child, getting them to school on time, and talking to them about what is going on at school. Remember to stay in contact with your child's teachers and counselors if you have questions, concerns, or compliments. We are excited to work with your children and to offer them a rich curriculum and learning environment.



### Dates To Remember

September 14– Meet the Teacher Night 6-7:30 PM  
- Recipes for East Cookbook are due  
September 21—Parent Meeting 6:15 PM  
October 2 – No School—Professional Day  
October 19—Parent Meeting 6:15 PM  
October 29 & 30 – No School—Teacher  
Convention

Working together with home and community, we are dedicated to providing the best education for every student, enabling each to be a thoughtful, responsible contributor to a changing world.

## JOIN A FOCUS GROUP!

Due to the educational funding formulas which currently exist to support schools in our state, budgeting to meet the needs of our students is becoming more challenging than ever. As our District continues to face these challenges, the Board of Education would like to hear from our community about what they value in education. Focus groups are being planned in order to hear from stakeholders within our community. Discussion at the focus group meetings will be based upon these questions:

- 1) What do you like about our schools?
- 2) What don't you like about our schools?
- 3) What should a WRPS quality education look like in the future?

Those who agree to get involved will be asked to attend one two-hour meeting in late September or early October. If you provide your name and contact information, we will be happy to get in touch with you about the meeting date, time, and location. You can sign up today by providing your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address (if applicable). This information can be sent to: WRPS, Attn: Maurine Hodgson, 510 Peach Street, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494. You can also e-mail your contact information to [maurine.hodgson@wrps.org](mailto:maurine.hodgson@wrps.org). If you have questions, or would like to provide contact information over the phone, please call Maurine at 715-422-6005.

### TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE,

please call:

**422-2014**

### ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE.

The attendance line may be called anytime day or night. Upon calling, listen to the pre-recorded message and provide: student's name, date of absence, reason for absence, and telephone number where you can be reached for verification. **Please do not use the attendance line for student appointments - send a note with your student to be handed in at the East office on the morning of the appointment.** *Thank you!*

### Breakfast is offered...at East.

Breakfast includes a variety of food choices, and some of the friendliest cooks around. If students don't have time to eat the most important meal of the day at home, East has the answer. Breakfast is available starting at 7:00 am. Check it out!

**Wisconsin Covenant Pledge...** Has your 9th grader signed the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge yet? If not, Mrs. Kufalk will have forms available in the LMC during *Meet the Teacher* night. If you aren't sure what this program is, or whether or not you've signed up, stop and see Mrs. Kufalk and she will help you.

The Wisconsin Rapids School District is looking for one parent interested in serving a three year term on the District's Council for Instructional Improvement. (CII).

The Council meets to discuss and make recommendations related to curriculum, instruction and assessment. Three parent representatives serve on the Council, along with teachers, administrators and a Board of Education member. For the 2009-2010 school year, the Council will meet from 8:00-10:30 a.m. on October 16, February 4 and April 22 and from 4:15-6:15 p.m. on November 17 and March 18.

If you have an interest in serving on the Council for Instructional Improvement, please contact Sharon Toellner, Director of Instruction, at 422-6006 or [Sharon.Toellner@wrps.org](mailto:Sharon.Toellner@wrps.org) by Friday, September 11. The Board of Education will appoint the new parent representative to the CII at the October Educational Services Committee meeting.

### Parents...Get Involved at East Junior High!!

Want to get involved at East Junior High? Join the East Junior High School Parent Group. Volunteers are needed to help with ongoing group activities that will include landscaping at East, staff appreciation, friendly fundraising, and student/family social activities. You'll gain a better understanding of what goes on inside the walls of East Junior High, while getting to know some of the staff members and fellow parents. Meetings are tentatively planned for the third Monday of each month. Please join fellow parents on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 p.m. in the East Junior High Conference Room. If you have further questions about the East Parent Group, contact Jackie Nalbach at 421-0956.



## Keep Your Student Healthy

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu in East Junior High School. We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season. **But, we need your help to do this.**

We are working closely with the Department of Public Instruction and the Wood County Health Department to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

**If the flu becomes more severe,** we may take additional steps to prevent the spread such as:

- conducting active fever and flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school,
  - making changes to increase the space between people such as moving desks farther apart and postponing class trips, and
  - dismissing students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.
- For now we are doing everything we can to keep our school functioning as usual. Here are a few things you can do to help.

**Teach your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.

**Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.

**Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.

**Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.

**Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school *will be sent home.*

For more information, and visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most current information about the flu. For more information about flu in our community and what our school is doing, visit <http://www.wrps.org/>; <http://www.co.wood.wi.us/health/> or call the health department at 421-8911. We will notify you of any additional changes to our school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu.