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For Your Calendar

Aug. 30 4:00pm P.T.A.

Sept. 3 Labor Day - No School for Students

Sept. 4 Pre-K Picture Day

Sept. 17 Teacher Planning Day - No School for Students

Dear Appleton Community,

Sometimes kids make bad choices. I know that's not news to any of you parents out there. We've all used our best speeches, motivators, and consequences to shape our kids. Here at Appleton we try to keep the message very clear. In fact, when a student has made a bad choice for the first time and I talk to them in my office, the process is pretty simple. First, I show them our Appleton Student/Parent Handbook. I show them the high number of pages, little print size, and point out there are a lot of rules (probably too many to remember). Then I tell them I have made the whole book really easy for them to understand. I point out that every page has two words centered by the page number. The words are: RESPECT and EFFORT. I then share how they could follow every rule in the book by just following these two: #1. Demonstrate respect. & #2. Give your best effort. My hope is that before the student makes another choice they ask themselves; Is this respectful and my best effort?

Best Regards,

Corey Hafey

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"Expect Excellence!"

Words of Wisdom – WOW!

If you are in the building at 8:55 a.m. this year, you will hear our new program, Words of Wisdom (WOW) presented just after 5th grade students recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Each morning a student (all grade levels will be used) will read a daily message over the

intercom. Each message has a quote from a famous leader and includes a message about being a more responsible, respectful, and caring person. These messages encourage us as individuals and as a school body to make good choices. Thanks goes to P.T.A. for purchasing this positive program.

P.T.A. Needs You!

Appleton's great reputation and student achievements are directly linked to the generous volunteers who give the gifts of time and effort. A great way to volunteer and serve our school community is to participate in PTA. Our first meeting of the school year is Thursday, August 30 at 4:00pm in the Appleton library. All grade level caregivers are welcome. If you are a parent of a kindergartner or first grader your incentive to participate is that your child's educational experience at Appleton will be directly and positively affected for years to come. Our meetings last about one hour but often finish before that. Come dedicate a little time and find out what we are all about!

Students and Cell Phones

If your child brings a cell phone or cell phone watch to school, please ensure she/he is aware of the following:

1. Phone must be turned off and kept in a backpack during school hours.
2. Phone usage during school hours is not permitted.
3. School is not responsible for lost or missing phones.
4. School reserves the right to remove a phone being misused during the school day. If your child's phone is removed, school personnel will inform you of this and you may pick up the phone from the principal.
5. Contact the principal if you have questions about this policy. In some rare cases, students have been allowed to wear a cell phone watch for specific safety reasons.