

Waukesha STEM Academy

Family Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

WSA Leadership Committee Dates are posted on our website calendar. www.waukeshastemacademy.com

Please visit our Calendar @ <http://waukeshastemacademy.com/Home/CalendarofEvents.aspx>

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Important Phone Numbers:

Attendance Line:
Randall Campus-
262.970.2316
Saratoga Campus-
262.970.2516

Message from the Principal

Waukesha S.T.E.M. Academy Students and Families,

'Change the Equation'... a new STEM related website is open at <http://www.changetheequation.org/> On the site you will find a lot of national information about the STEM movement. At the Waukesha STEM Academy we are excited to be a part of this STEM movement and continue to push forward with educational change.

A few specific areas to

review are the STEM link and 'Why STEM?'. Also under PROGRAMS is Engineering is Elementary (EIE) link. EIE is happening throughout our K-5 building and this past weekend we held an EIE training at our Saratoga campus. An EIE student/parent night is set for November 8th and 9th at the Randall Campus.

Partners in Education,

Ryan Krohn - Principal



*Coming together is
a beginning;
keeping together is
progress; working
together is success -
Henry Ford*

Blackboard 9

WSA now has a Blackboard 9 site. On this site you can find information about many of our school's leadership committees. Under the section 'my classes' you can view all WSA committees.

All STEM parents having viewing rights.

WSA Blackboard 9 site: <http://bb9.waukesha.k12.wi.us/>

Login name: WSAPartner

Password: stem (lowercase)

Websites to Check Out!



Change the Equation @ <http://www.changetheequation.org/>

What is GTT?: Find out more @ <http://pltwwi.org/engineering.php?-1>

STEM report to the President: (130 pages)
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-stemed-report.pdf>

'STEM in Wisconsin: <http://www.wistem.org/>

Professional Reading: Transforming Public Education: A regional call to action. http://www.cesa1.k12.wi.us/cms_files/resources/ATransformationInitiative.pdf

Inventors Costume Event

The Waukesha S.T.E.M. Academy will hold an 'Inventors Costume/Presentation STEaM Event' during the week of October 25, 26, and 27. The 'Inventors Costume/Presentation Event' will be a part of our STEaM 'Inventors' theme of the week. The week will include research, presentations, dress-up costumes, props/demonstrations, and fun. Learning targets will include research, reading, writing, presentations, skits, technology, history, and fun! Students/families do not have to buy anything, but can be as creative as they want with their inventor. A class party, parent visits, and healthy treats would make a great addition to the presentations. Specific details will be formed from classrooms/grade level teams.

Safety First!

SAFE at STEM? Everyone can help keep students safe!

Follow all arrival/dismissal procedures @ <http://www.waukeshastemacademy.com/Home/WSABlog.aspx>

Report ANY/ALL bullying.

Dress students for temperature changes.

Stay educated about 'nut safe' zones.

Provide Health room with updated contact and medical information.

Thank you! Together we create a safe learning community!

Special Note:

K student are allowed to enter the school/classrooms at 7:35. For safety reasons, we are asking that parents say 'good bye' on the playground. Our teachers use this time to do final preparation for the day of learning, so we are asking parents to refrain from a morning meeting during this time. If you need to contact the teacher please send an email or note to set up a time.



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*The nice thing
about teamwork is
that you always
have others on
your
side. ~Margaret
Carty*



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Wisconsin State Assessment System (WSAS) requires testing of all third through eighth and tenth grade students enrolled in public schools. The *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examinations* (WKCE) covers the academic areas of reading, mathematics, language arts, science, social studies, and writing at grades 4, 8, and 10. In grades 3, 5, 6, and 7 only reading and mathematics are assessed. The information gained from this assessment will be used throughout the district to assist students, teachers and parents in planning for increased academic achievement. The results of these tests do not impact your child's grades.

The testing window for the *Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination* is October 25-November 26. The test will be administered in your child's school. A *Student/Parent Pre-Test Guide* is available so that you can review with your son or daughter in preparation for this test. It is important for your child and for our district that our students all participate in, and do their best on these examinations. Scores will be returned in the spring of 2011.

Depending on the needs of the student, English Language Learners, students with 504 plans, and students with disabilities may receive accommodations on the assessment. This decision is made by school staff in conjunction with parents. A small number of students with disabilities may require an alternate form of assessment. This assessment will be administered during the testing window and the results will be available in spring of 2011. Parents of these students are encouraged to contact their student's exceptional education teacher or counselor if they are uncertain as to their student's involvement in the alternate assessment.

It is important for your child to be present for all testing sessions. Therefore, this notice is being sent home so that you can note the test dates and avoid making appointments for your child that might conflict with the testing. Other ways to help your child do his or her best include making sure that your child is consistently attending school, getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast.

Please see the reverse for a detailed testing schedule for your child's grade. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

Sincerely,

Ryan Krohn
Principal
Waukesha STEM Academy

Superintendent's Advisory Council

Superintendent's Advisory Council Meeting Notes
September 27th, 2010
6:30 PM at Whittier School



The purpose of this initial meeting of the 2010-2011 school year was to generate topics for future consideration. The topics brought up include:

- School choice in the Waukesha district
 - ◊ K-5 Fine Arts Magnet School
 - ◊ Utilization of new STEM Academies as catalysts for expansion of STEM concepts throughout the district
- Grading policies
- K-12 standardized testing
- Webgrader

If you have topics to be submitted for consideration, please contact either:

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"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."
Henry Ford

Upcoming ATOD Survey

Dear Parents

In the next few weeks, the District will be conducting a confidential, no name survey on students attitude and behavior about smoking, alcohol and drugs. This survey is needed for State grant renewal next year and to continue our participation and support in the Drug Free Communities county-wide work.

This short (28 question) survey does not require student name or any other personal information. We will use computerized input that will require less than 5 minutes of student time. We will be using a sampling process of a few hundred students in each secondary school. If you don not wish to have your student participate, please contact the principal or school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Ryan Krohn

Girl Scout Day at STEMfest

Come out to Girl Scout Day at STEMfest presented by Time Warner Cable in collaboration with Discovery World.

For more information click on the following website: www.gswise.org