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IMPORTANT..IMPORTANT..!!!

School Calendar Changes to Make Up Inclement Weather Days

Because we have closed schools four days this year due to extremely cold weather conditions, the following changes to the school calendar have been made to make-up the missed days:

- All RUSD schools, except for Janes Year-Round School, will now be in session on Friday, June 13, Monday, June 16 and Tuesday, June 17.
- The last day of school, Tuesday, June 17, will be a full day. (High schools will observe the final exam schedule on the last day of school.)
- The two-hour early releases scheduled for April 11 and May 9 are now canceled for middle and high schools. Middle and high school students will now have full days on April 11 and May 9.
- Because of the middle and high school schedule change and to accommodate busing, the elementary schools will now have a three-hour early release on April 11 and May 9.

If we have an additional inclement weather day this winter, we will make it up on Monday, April 21.

CALENDAR 2013 – 2014

MARCH

- 10-14 Spring Break – No School
- 19 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 21 Dance
- 25 Market Day Pickup 3:30-4:40pm
- 27 Behavioral Health Services Mtg. in school Library

APRIL

- 16 PTSA Meeting 6:30-8:00pm
- 18 & 21 Easter Recess
- 29 Market Day Pickup 3:30-4:40pm

IMPORTANT NOTICE

INFORMATIONAL SESSION ON SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIOR

Here at Walden and REAL schools, it has been brought to our attention from students, parents and staff, that there is a recent increase in something called "cutting." Cutting is a form of self-injury, where the student is literally making small cuts on his or her body, usually the arms or legs, which according to psychologists, helps him or her control their emotional pain.

There will be an informational session on self-injurious behaviors provided by Mary Jane Whitmore, LCSW, CSAC Clinical Director at Behavioral Health Services of Racine County on Thursday, March 27th at Walden Middle/High School in the school library from 6-7pm. Please join us and learn how to talk with your child about this very sensitive issue. Feel free to call me with questions.

Peggy Grabowski, Walden/REAL School Social Worker 664-6261 (M-W-F), 664-8108 (T/TH)

BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION...

Walden's Annual Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction and student teaching day will be held on Thursday, April 17th. If any parents would like to teach a cool class, contact Kate at Kathryn.potter-barrow@rusd.org.

COUNSELOR NEWS... Katie McCauley

SAVE THE DATES!

Iowa Private College Week will be August 4-8, 2014. This event is weeklong tour of 26 participating Iowa Private colleges. This week is an opportunity to give families a hands-on experience at the colleges they want to tour. Students can register online at ThinkIndependently.com.

Attention Juniors – Quest Bridge is a program for academically outstanding, low-income students. This program helps students attend a selective college cheaper than attending a local university, if you qualify. To apply, students can fill out the free online application at their website: www.questbridge.org.

Are you looking for something for your student to do this summer? A variety of local, state and national summer programs are available. Ask Katie about programs that are available-contact her at 664-6262 or email at Katherine.McCauley@rusd.org.

COLLEGE/SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

There are many websites to search for information about colleges and scholarships. Go online to Fastweb.com, collegeboard.com or anycollege.net. For financial aid information, try finaid.org, ed.gov, or fafsa.ed.gov.

HONORS INFORMATION

RUSD Central Office sends honors information to the Racine Journal Times, using the following criteria:

High honors = GPA of 3.5 and above

Honors = GPA of 3.25 – 3.49

ACT Registration Dates for 2013-2014

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date (Fee Req.)
4/12/2014	3/07/2014	3/8-21/2014
6/14/2014	5/09/2014	5/10-23/2014

SAT Registration Dates for 2011-2012

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Date
5/03/2014	4/4/2014	4/18/2014
6/07/2014	5/09/2014	5/23/2014

Register online to take the ACT test at www.actstudent.org or at

www.collegeboard.com for the SAT. The code for Walden is **501-919**.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO SENIORS

A variety of scholarships are available to seniors. They should stop and see Katie McCauley for more info and deadlines in room 319.

Selective Service: All 18-year old men must register for Selective Service. If you fail to register, you cannot qualify for federal student grants or loans for college. Registration is easy and can be completed in less than two minutes via the Internet at www.sss.gov. Register today!

FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION

CREDIT RECOVERY CLASSES

Lighted Schoolhouse courses are open to students who need to **recover a failed grade in order to graduate**. Priority is given to seniors. See Katie for an application or more information.

FOR ONLINE LEARNERS @ WALDEN

If your student is enrolled in an online course, you have access to their gradebook via a guardian account on the Wisconsin@school Network. Call Randy on Tuesday or Thursday at 664-6261 if you are having difficulties accessing this information.

ART CLUB DANCE.....

A dance sponsored by the Art Club will be held March 21st. The Shamrock Shake invites one and all. 6 – 9pm. \$4.00/sold the week before and \$5.00 at the door. If you had fun at the winter formals come and dance again. No need to dress up just join in all the fun. The more that come the more fun it is.

WALDEN WHEELS.....

Save the date: Walden Wheels will be held on Friday, June 6, 2014. This years theme is "Stand Up to Cancer." Organization Committees are now forming in the areas of: Fundraising, marketing, theme advancement, food, and volunteers.



Show how much you appreciate your teacher. Enter Today!

For Middle & High School Students:

To participate, simply write an essay, poem, or thank-you letter explaining how a teacher has influenced your life. Be sure to explain why you admire and appreciate your teacher. Entries must be 500 words or less, in English, and typed on 8.5" x 11" white paper. Attach your submission to this entry form and hand it in to your school office before March 1, 2014. Entries may also be delivered in person to your local Barnes & Noble store by March 1, 2014. You may also mail them to your local Barnes & Noble store postmarked by the deadline. The address of your nearest Barnes & Noble retailer can be found at <http://store-locator.barnesandnoble.com>

Prizes:

- The winning teacher from each store will be recognized at a special event at a local Barnes & Noble location and receive a special award acknowledging their achievement. The student who writes the winning essay, poem, or thank-you letter will also receive a certificate of recognition and be honored at the store.
- Regional winners will each receive a \$500 Barnes & Noble Gift Card.
- The winner of the Barnes & Noble National Teacher of the Year award will receive \$5,000 and be recognized at a special event at a Barnes & Noble store. The winning teacher's school will receive \$5,000 as well.
- A media release will announce the national winner and the contributions that led to him or her being recognized.

Your name: _____ **Your grade:** _____

Your school name: _____

Teacher's name: _____ **Teacher's subject/class:** _____

Teacher's school email (if you know it): _____

Principal's name: _____

Principal's school email (if you know it): _____

School address: _____ **Street:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

School's office phone number (if you know it): _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand all of the terms and conditions of the contest (contained in the Official Rules located on BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher), and I consent to the collection of my child's personal information in this contest entry form and essay, poem, or thank-you letter.

Parent/Guardian (print name): _____ **Signature:** _____

Parent's phone number: _____ **Date:** _____

Eligible grade 1-12 teachers must be employed by a public or private elementary, middle, or high school. Please see the Official Rules available at BN.COM/myfavoriteteacher or at your local Barnes & Noble store.