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# WAKEFIELD SCHOOL

## NEWS

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK



2007-2008

## Year begins with traditional flag raising

The school year begins Wednesday, August 15 at 8:15am with the annual Flag Raising ceremony. It is an exciting time for students, parents, and school staff as another summer ends and classes begin! Forty-three kindergarteners are expected to begin their educational career at Wakefield while forty-two seniors will experience their final year with us. They are joined by many other new students and staff. We invite students and parents to come to the school on Tuesday evening, August 14 from 6-7pm during the "Meet and Greet" to visit classrooms, receive information, deposit money in lunch accounts, ask questions and talk with friends.

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*"Meet & Greet"*

*Tuesday, August 14*

*6:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

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For the past eight years as high school principal, I was fortunate to work with an outstanding group of people who work hard to provide the best education possible for all students. Although my role has changed as the new superintendent of Wakefield Community

Schools, the focus on student learning will continue. The 2007-08 school calendar includes fourteen two-hour late starts that provide teachers an opportunity to collaborate, to learn, and to engage in conversations for the purpose of improving the teaching and learning process. We will be examining how we are educating our youth and we will make adjustments based on the needs of our students. Wakefield students, with the support of parents and community members, will continue the tradition of excellence.

We welcome two new teachers to the high school, although neither are strangers to our community. Mrs. Lisa Sievers will teach 7-12 grade Special Education. She is a Wakefield alumni and a graduate of Wayne State College. Mrs. Sievers will also be teaching the after-school program for secondary students. Mr. Travis Volk will be teaching Industrial Technology. His family has lived in the

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*How to contact us*

**High School Office**

*287-2012*

**Elementary Office**

*287-9892*

**Bus Barn**

*287-2943*

**On the Web**

*[www.wakefieldschools.org](http://www.wakefieldschools.org)*

Wakefield School district for several years and Mr. Volk was an assistant wrestling coach at Wakefield a few years ago. He has taught ITE at Lyons-Decatur and Laurel-Concord. He will also be the varsity wrestling coach this year.

The new high school principal is Mr. Jason Heitz. He has taught high school science, served as an assistant principal/activities director, and was the high school principal at Pope John XXIII in Elgin prior to coming to Wakefield. He is anxious to meet students and parents and he will provide strong leadership for the high school.

Bill Heimann, Superintendent

### **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION**

In compliance with the Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1978, Wakefield Community Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, color, national origin, religion or handicap in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

It is the intent of Wakefield Community Schools to comply with both the letter and spirit of the law in making certain discrimination does not exist in its policies, regulations and operations.

Specific complaints of alleged discrimination under Title IX (sex), Title VI, and Section 504 (handicap) should be referred to Bill Heimann, Superintendent of Schools, Wakefield Community School, P.O. Box 330, Wakefield, NE 68784 (phone 402-287-2012).

Title IX and Section 504 complaints can also be filed with the Office for Civil Rights as follows: Office for Civil Rights, US Dept of Education, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114. 816-268-0550.


### **NO-DISCRIMINACION EN PROGRAMAS EDUCATIVOS Y ACTIVIDADES**

Es esta la póliza de la Escuela Comuñita Wakefield de no discriminación sobre la base o fundamento de raza, origen nacional, creencia, edad, estado, civil, sexo o discapacidad en este programa educacional, actividades, o pólizas de trabajo requeridas por títulos VI y VII de el año 1964 Acto Devecho Civil, titulo de el año 1972 Mejoras de Educación de la Sección 504 Acto de Rehabilitación del año 1973 y de Nebraska Igual Acto de Oportunidad Educacional.

Cualquier persona quien cree que ella o el puede ser discriminada en negación a un beneficio, ser excluido de participación en cuanquier distrito de programa de educación o actividad en la base de sexo, raza o obstáculo en violación de esta póliza puede lamentar tal material usando la adaptación de queja producida de este distrito tal procedimiento, con el provee impulsar y justa solución de queja cerca de actos de discriminación. Preguntas al respecto a complacencia con el titulo IX Sección 504, titulo VI ode Nebraska Igual Oportunidad en Actos de Educación tal vez dirigidos de Señor Bill Heimann, Superintendente de la Escuela, Wakefield Community School, P.O.Box 330, Wakefield, NE 68784 (phone 402-287-2012).

### **Lunch, breakfast costs stay same**

The price of school breakfasts and lunches during the 2007-08 academic year will remain the same as last year. The prices are as follows.

	<b><u>Breakfast</u></b>	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>
Elementary	65¢ (Reduced 20¢)	\$1.25 (Reduced 30¢)
Secondary	65¢ (Reduced 20¢)	\$1.50 (Reduced 40¢)
Adult	\$1.00	\$2.00



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# Principal's Notes

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Jason Heitz, Secondary Principal

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## New high school principal welcoming in new school year

The 2007-2008 school year is upon us! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and I hope you have plans to enjoy your last few days before getting into the swing of the school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, as your new high school principal. My name is Jason Heitz and I am very excited to be a part of Wakefield Community Schools. I am thrilled to be working with Mr. Heimann, Mr. Patzel, and all the faculty and staff at this wonderful school. I am here to serve the school, the parents, and especially the students.

I am a graduate of O'Neill St. Mary's High School, University of South Dakota (Bachelor's Degree) and Doane College (Master's Degree). I began my education career as a Life Science teacher and basketball & track coach at Arapahoe High School and Weeping Water High School. During my graduate program at Doane in Lincoln, I got my first administrator job as Assistant Principal/Activities Director at Centennial High School in Utica. One year later, I got the job as Principal at Pope John Central Catholic in Elgin. Three years later, here I am!

My wife, Dori, is a Speech Pathologist and will be working at ESU 1. We have twin 5-year-old sons, Jack and Sam, who are very excited about living so close to the playground!

I look forward to meeting all of you personally as the school year begins. Welcome to a new school year!

## Family Education and Privacy Act

The Family Education and Privacy Act generally provides that student records are confidential and not available for public release. However, an educational institution may release directory information after notice has been given of the categories of information that are designated for release.

Wakefield Community School will not release the names of students to any person or organization for solicitation purposes. Any person or group requesting directory

information must state the purpose for which the directory will be used. Wakefield Community School will release the names and information of students for school related events and activities (activity programs, honor roll lists, school news releases, etc). If parents or students do not wish to have their name and information released for these purposes, they should bring a written request to the high school principal.

The above statement will serve as official notice to our parents and students.



## From the principal's pen *Craig Patzel, K-6 Principal*

# ***WELCOME BACK!!***

The summer is almost over and school is just around the corner. Teachers and staff are already here getting things ready for your arrival, so please review the following list to see if you are ready for the first day of school:

### **The following can be taken care of at Meet & Greet Night.**

- Are you registered?
- Do you know when the first day of school is and when it starts?
- Do you need to update your emergency contact information?

### **Other things to consider before the start of the school year:**

- Do you have all of your school supplies organized and ready to go?
- Do you have safety precautions or procedures in place concerning traffic and strangers?
- Do you have a route to school mapped out whether you walk or ride your bike? Do you know that your bike shouldn't be ridden on school grounds?
- Are you on a bus route? Do you know when and where to wait for the bus to pick you up?
- Do you know what you are supposed to do after school, go to a babysitters or walk home?
- Do you know where to go and what to do if school is let out early due to bad weather?
- Who is your emergency contact person if a parent can't be reached during an emergency? Do you know the number? Does the school have the information?
- Have you made arrangements for the 2-hour late starts that are on the school's calendar?

## **Meet & Greet!!**

Wakefield Community School will be holding its annual Meet & Greet Night on Tuesday, August 14 from 6:00 - 7:00. I encourage you to put this date on your calendars and make a point to attend. This makes the first day of school much easier for everyone. Students have the opportunity to meet their teachers, organize their materials, and reconnect with some of their friends they haven't seen over the summer. Parents have the opportunity to ask the teachers any questions they may have, pay for lunches in advance, and complete the "necessary" paperwork.

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

August 14 – Meet and Greet from 6:00 - 7:00

August 15 – First Day of School

September 3 – Labor Day – *No School*

September 27 – 1:00 p.m. dismissal due to Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:00-9:00)

*~The best gift students can receive is a year with a teacher who truly believes in them.*

# Households may qualify for free, reduced lunches

The school lunch program is a federal program supported by your federal tax dollars. The program contributes funding to provide an escalating federal subsidy for individually paid meals in addition to the Free and Reduced price meals that are served at the school. We also receive commodities from the Department of Agriculture to supplement the purchased food items that we serve our students in the lunch line.

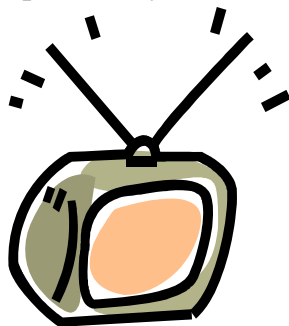
An application form for Free and Reduced Price meals will be available at “Meet and Greet” night. These applications ask for households to self-report income information as well as the number of children and adults in the household. **THIS INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND IS NOT REVEALED TO ANYONE.**

Parents and guardians who feel that their children qualify for either Free or Reduced Price meals are asked to fill out the application and submit it to either the elementary or high school office as soon as possible.

It is interesting to note that our school’s allocation of other federal and state funds is influenced by the applications for Free and Reduced Price meals that are on file in the school office. It benefits our district, in the scramble for scarce federal and state dollars, to have all eligible households submit applications, even though they may not elect to accept services.

## *School closings, absences procedures*

If students are absent from school, please notify the office no later than 8:15 a.m. Notifying the school is the parents’ responsibility. If the school hasn’t been notified by 8:15, phone calls will be initiated by the school.



School closings will be carried on all Sioux City radio and TV stations, as well as radio stations KTCH (Wayne) and WJAG (Norfolk). If the weather turns bad during the course of the day, parents are encouraged to stay tuned to KTCH.

## Student accident insurance available

The school does not carry accident insurance on its students, but does make such a policy available to the parents and guardians.

Parents wishing to obtain a form are asked to contact the high school office, 287-2012. Forms will also be sent home with students the first day of school.

## Seventh graders need physical prior to first day of school

All seventh graders need to have a physical completed and a copy of the physical formed turn into the office.

Seventh graders will receive tours after the flag raising ceremony on the first day.

## Students asked to dress appropriately

The custodians have done another outstanding job preparing the facilities for another school year. Although August is hot, air conditioning should keep us cool. Students should wear appropriate clothing for school – what is acceptable at the beach is not necessarily acceptable in the school environment.



# Notes from the school nurse

## *Kindergarten and Out of State Transfer Requirements*

Nebraska law requires that parents or legal guardians furnish the following documents to the school for those students entering kindergarten or transferring from out of state: a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, a physical examination by a physician, physician's assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse within six months prior to the school of school, a visual examination by a physician, physician assistant, an advanced practice registered nurse, or an optometrist within six months prior to the start of school, and evidence of immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), polio (OPV/IPV), measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B (HBV), Varicella (chicken pox) and Haemophilus Influenzae type b (Hib).

Your child should have at least: 3 DTP with at least one given after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, 3 polio, 2 MMR, 3 HBV, and 1 chickenpox if less than 13 years of age. If your child is 13 years of age or older, they will need to receive 2 chickenpox immunizations. If your child has had the chickenpox disease, there is a form that needs to be completed, and in this case your child would not need to have the chickenpox immunization.

## *Students with Asthma/Anaphylaxis*

All schools in Nebraska are now prepared to respond to life-threatening asthma and anaphylaxis emergencies.

Emergency response team members have been trained to identify signs and symptoms of a "breathing emergency" and respond by calling 911, and administering EpiPen followed by nebulized albuterol. All emergency response team members are trained in CPR.

Please let me know if your child has asthma or severe allergic reactions/anaphylaxis by contacting me or completing your child's annual health history form. I will be making asthma action plans for those students with asthma.

Angie Borg, School Nurse

## *Asthma/Anaphylaxis and Diabetes Self-Management*

New laws have been put into effect regarding student self-management of these conditions.

Students with asthma, anaphylaxis or diabetes will be permitted to self-manage such conditions upon: written request of the student's parent or guardian, authorization of the student's physician, receipt of a signed no liability statement from the parent or guardian, and development of an asthma or anaphylaxis or a diabetes medical management plan for the student.



Students with such a medical management plan may possess the necessary medication to manage their medical condition under the conditions established in the plan and not be subject to discipline for such possession.

Please contact the school nurse if your child has one of these conditions and wishes to self-manage their medications during school.

**WAKEFIELD ELEMENTARY**  
**SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST**  
**2007 - 2008**

**Kindergarten**

1 large box tissues  
3 #2 pencils – name or initial  
One box of 16 regular-sized  
crayons  
3 large glue sticks – name or  
initial  
1 small pencil box – name or initial  
1 pocket folder  
1 eraser – name or initial  
Scissors – name or initial  
Backpack (no rollers) – name or initial  
Beach towel for rest time



**First Grade**

3 or 4 #2 pencils – name or initial  
Colors – 24 or smaller  
Eraser - name or initial  
Scissors - name or initial  
1 large box of tissues  
2 pocket folders  
1 glue stick – name or initial  
1 plastic school box – name or initial

**Second Grade**

3 or 4 #2 pencils  
Eraser  
Colors - any size box  
Scissors - name or initial  
4 plain-colored pocket folders (with tabs)  
Large box of tissues  
1 bottle of glue  
1 box colored pencils



**Third Grade**

Pencils – 4 or 5  
Eraser  
Colors or colored pencils  
Scissors  
1 pocket folder  
Large box of tissues  
Bottle of glue  
1 school box



**Fourth Grade**

3 spiral notebooks  
4 pocket folders  
1 box of colors or colored pencils  
Scissors  
Glue  
Ruler – inches and centimeters  
Pencils  
Pen (black or blue)  
Large eraser  
Large box of tissues  
1 box of markers



**Fifth Grade**

4 spiral notebooks - red, blue, green, yellow  
Notebook paper for assignments  
4 pocket folders  
1 box colored pencils  
1 ruler – inches and centimeters  
1 box of colors  
1 small pocket calculator  
1 protractor  
Large box of tissues  
Pencils, Eraser & Pen  
Pencil Sharpener  
1 spiral notebook (for Spanish class)

**Sixth Grade**

5 spiral notebooks - green, blue, red, yellow,  
your choice  
1 ruler – inches and centimeters  
1 box of colors  
Pocket folders  
1 box colored pencils  
Scissors  
1 bottle of glue  
1 small pocket calculator  
1 protractor  
1 compass  
1 large box of tissues  
Pencils, pen, & eraser  
1 spiral notebook (for Spanish class)



**All students need a second pair of shoes to serve as PE shoes. These need not be new. They must be clean to protect students from falling and to protect the gym floor from damage.**

**WAKEFIELD  
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**2007-2008**



August 13-14 Teacher Pre-Service  
August 14 Meet & Greet  
August 15 First Day of School

September 3 Labor Day-No School  
September 27 1:00 p.m. Dismissal  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:00- 9:00 p.m.  
September 28 No School

October 17 End First Quarter  
November 21 12:00 Dismissal  
November 22-23 Thanksgiving Vacation  
December 21 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester  
12:00 Dismissal

January 2 School Resumes  
January 10 Teacher In-service  
February 7 1:00 p.m. Dismissal  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
3:00 – 9:00  
February 8 No School

March 7 End 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter  
March 21-24 Easter Break  
April 18 Spring Break  
May 15 End of Semester  
May 16 Teacher Workday  
May 18 Graduation  
May 19-23 Snow Days

**2hr Late Start for Teacher In-Service**  
Sept. 10, Sept 24  
Oct. 8, Oct. 22  
Nov. 5, Nov. 26  
Dec. 10  
Jan. 14, Jan. 28  
Feb. 11, Feb. 25  
March 10  
April 7, April 21

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— = Beg./End of Quarter

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○ = No School; Teacher Professional Day  
□ = School Vacation

{ } = Teacher Inservice; 2 hr. Late Start

## 2007 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10 2HR LATE START  SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	11 VB-TRIANGULAR- H	12	13	14 FB – CREIGHTON-H	15
16	17 JVFB-ERMSON-H  JHFB-EMERSON-H  LIFETOUCH PICTURES	18	19	20 JHVB-HOMER-H	21 FB @ PONCA	22
23	24 2HR LATE START	25	26	27 1:00 DISMISSAL PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES 3:00 – 9:00	28 FB @ EMERSON  NO SCHOOL	29
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## 2007 AUGUST/SEPTEMBER LUNCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 15-Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Lettuce, Pears August 16-Deli Sandwiches, Corn, Strawberries August 17-Creamed Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Fresh Fruit August 20-Chicken Salad or Ham Salad Sandwiches, Fresh Veggies, Peaches August 21-Soft Taco, Toppings on Salad Bar, Pineapple August 22-Chicken Nuggets, Cheese Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Cherry Desert August 23-Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich, String Cheese, Macaroni Salad, Applesauce August 24-Sloppy Joes, Green Beans, Fresh Veggies, Fresh Fruit August 27-Beef Stroganoff, Peas, Dinner Roll, Cantaloupe August 28-Mini Corn Dogs, Broccoli, Dinner rolls, Mandarin Oranges August 29-Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Pineapple August 30-Beef Nachos, Topping Bar, Dinner Roll, Mixed Fruit August 31-Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Glazed Fruit						1
2	3 LABOR DAY NO SCHOOL	4 CHICKEN SANDWICHES CARROTS PEARS	5 GARLIC BOATS WITH MEAT SAUCE FRESH VEGGIES APPLESAUCE	6 GOULASH GREEN BEANS DINNER ROLL STRAWBERRIES	7 CHILI CHEESE FRIES YOGURT BREADBASKET FRESH FRUIT	8
9	10 FRENCH DIP SANDWICHES CORN FRESH FRUIT	11 BARBEQUE MEATBALLS MACARONI & CHEESE DINNER ROLL PEACHES	12 PIZZA HOT DISH GREEN BEANS DINNER ROLLS PINEAPPLE	13 TURKEY MELT COLESLAW PEARS	14 CHICKEN FAJITAS TOPPING BAR DINNER ROLLS FRUIT SALAD	15
16	17 RIB SANDWICHES GREEN BEANS APPLE CRISP	18 HAMBURGERS FRENCH FRIES PEARS	19 CHICKEN POT PIE CORN DINNER ROLL FRESH FRUIT	20 BURRITOS TOPPING BAR COOKIES MIXED FRUIT	21 SCALLOPED POTATOES & HAM FRESH VEGGIES CANNER ROLL PEACHES	22
23	24 PIZZA CORN HOMEMADE BUN FRUIT SALAD	25 HOT HAM & CHEESE MIXED VEGETABLES APPLESAUCE	26 SPAGHETTI WITH MEATSAUCE VEGGIE BAR GARLIC BREAD STRAWBERRIES	27 SLOPPY JOES FRENCH FRIES FRESH FRUIT	28 NO SCHOOL	29
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MILK IS SERVED WITH EVERY MEAL. IN THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM, NO CHILD WILL BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF RACE, SEX, COLOR, NATINAL ORIGIN, AGE OR DISABILITY. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO THE SECRETARY OF AGRUCULTURE, WASHINGTON D.C. 20250.