

Dear Wickliffe Families,

What beautiful snow this morning! Hopefully, you all are able to get outside and play in the snow. Please don't forget to send your child to school with a coat, hat, boots, and gloves. We will go outside when it is 20 degrees or above.

Today is the last day to sign up for After School Discovery (ASD). Please see the information in the update about the classes that still have openings. Dr. Kassoy and I have a coffee session this week to discuss Social, Emotional, Learning. We hope you can join us.

I hope you all continue to stay healthy, as this new variant works its way through our community. We also appreciate that you all continue to monitor your children for COVID symptoms. Our teachers and custodial staff are working extra hard to keep the building clean.

Enjoy the rest of your day,

Angela

[Here](#) is this week's update.

Important Dates:

- **Jan. 14** - Yearbook Sales Begin (see details below)
- **January 17** - **No school**, MLK Day
- **January 20** - Parent Coffee with Dr. Kassoy and Ms. Evans @ 12:00-1:00 via zoom (more details below)
- **Jan. 27** - Early Release at 11:05 am - PM Winter Conferences
- **Jan. 28** - Town Meeting (students and staff only)
- **February 9** - Kindergarten Information Night via zoom
- **February 12** - Informal Affair-POSTPONED (See details below)

WICKLIFFE UPDATES

Upcoming Parent Coffee:

- What exactly is Social Emotional Learning, or SEL? You may hear this phrase said a lot and know that this is an important part of a child's development, but it can be challenging to fully support something that you don't have enough knowledge on. Principal Angela Evans and school counselor Dr. Felice Kassoy will be hosting a 1-hour Zoom session for parents during the lunch hour (12:00-1:00) on Thursday January 20th, that will focus on how SEL looks at school and at home. The Zoom meeting will involve an information portion, as well as the opportunity for parents to reflect, ask questions, and have an open discussion about how to implement SEL in your child's life. Come join us!

- <https://zoom.us/my/wickliffeprincipal>

After School Discovery:

- After School Discovery course registration has been extended to Tuesday, January 18th at noon! Some classes do have waitlists already, but there are still plenty to choose from. Here are a few options:
 - Public Speaking for Beginners to learn how to be effective and persuasive during a presentation.
 - Amazing Athletes or Jump Bunch Sports to learn how to play a variety of different sports.
 - Yoga designed especially for kids that incorporates music, art, and games.
 - The Cheer Institute Tumble Club to learn tumbling at all skill levels.
- Visit [here](#) for a complete list of classes.
- To register, please visit our website at https://www.wickliffepto.org/open_forms.
- Scholarships are available if you need help covering the registration fee. Apply [here](#). Submissions will be treated with discretion and only shared as needed for the purpose of approving and awarding scholarship funds.
- Finally, we need your help! We are very close to having all of the shifts covered for ASD student dismissal. Please take a look at the [Sign Up Genius](#) to see if you might be able to help. Shifts are short - only 35 minutes. We would appreciate it!
- For more information or questions, please contact the ASD Team at: wickliffeptoasd@gmail.com.

Informal Affair Update:

- The PTO has decided not to hold the Informal Affair event in February as planned given the current state of COVID-19, we are making some adjustments to the event in order to keep our commitment to the health and safety of our Wickliffe families.
- In lieu of the event planned for February 12, we are introducing the "Informal Art Show" to celebrate our talented students and showcase their artwork.
- The Informal Art Show will run Mar 1-3 from 6-8 PM at Wickliffe, and each student will have their individual artwork on display. The event is free for the whole family to attend, and your student's piece of art will be available to purchase. Volunteers will frame the art that is purchased and families will be able to pick up their child's art at a later time.
- We will also have items and activities to raffle off at the Informal Art Show. More details will be available as we get closer to the show in March.
- Although the Informal Affair will not take place as planned, we continue to strive toward our purpose -providing fun-filled events with the goal of raising money for the cultural arts and educational enrichment programs for our Wickliffe students.

- We look forward to continuing our mission and bringing back an even bigger and better Informal Affair on November 19th!

Lunchline Help

- Chef Mike is looking for an adult helper every day during school lunch to help the students through the lunch line. If you are interested in volunteering please sign up through this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAAAF22A5F58-lunch>

Student Masks

- **Please make sure your students are wearing a comfortable mask when they arrive at school and have additional masks in their backpack.** Each student should have at least 2 or 3 masks available each day.

Yearbook orders

- Our 2021-2022 Yearbook sale begins this week and will run through Friday, January 28.
- Yearbooks are \$15 and will be delivered to the school in May.
- Click here to order today: book.hrimaging.com
- For parents who prefer to pay by check or cash, order envelopes will be coming home with students soon. Check their backpacks!

5th Grade Families:

- Please see the email below from the middle school principals.

*Hello future middle school families,
The time for scheduling for the 22-23 school year is upon us!*

The Jones and Hastings administrative team will be hosting a zoom webinar on February 15th to go over information regarding course offerings and the scheduling process for next year's middle schoolers. Parents of current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders are encouraged to attend. We will host two separate sessions that evening, a session for current 5th grade families from 6:30-7:15 and a session for current 6th and 7th grade families from 7:30 to 8:15.

The information shared in both webinars will be very similar so if your designated time does not work, feel free to tune in for the other. If you are unable to attend either session, both will be recorded and posted to our youtube page for your reference. Later that week we will send out a message to all families with links to those videos, schedule request forms, and due dates.

Sincerely,

The Middle School Administrative Team

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Wolfcast

- [Here](#) is Wolfcast this week.

Lost and Found

- We are looking for a parent to help us organize our Lost and Found closet! If you are a master organizer or have a vision on how to organize a closet, please let me know!



PREVIOUS UPDATES

UACA Golden Apple Awards:

- It is almost time for UACA Golden Apple Award nominations! Voting will begin Monday, January 7, and continue through Tuesday, March 1.
- Parents, staff, students, and the community will decide the winners for each school.

- All staff members are eligible to be nominated -- administrator, teacher, secretary, nurse, custodian, paraprofessional, counselor, resource officer, etc. This year, we are hoping for even more parents, educators and students to make submissions, so we would greatly appreciate spreading the word once voting opens. Thank you for everything you do for our students and for your continued support of the UACA and our events.
- Learn more about the Golden Apple Award by visiting the [UACA website](#) and submit meaningful nominations to goldenapple@uaca.org
- For more information about the Golden Apple award click [UACA Flyer](#).

Winter Conferences:

- Your child's teacher will be reaching out to specific families in the upcoming days to schedule conferences on January 27th.

Back Parking Lot:

- When you are in the car line for pick up and drop off, *please do not block the parking lot*, as staff need to enter and exit this space.
- If you are visiting the school, please use the front parking lot (on Wickliffe road). If you use the back lot, you will then have to walk all the way around to the front of the building.

Counselors' Corner

Just a few updates from the Counseling Team...

- **Super Sibs** and **Worry Warriors** will be wrapping up this week and next. **IDEA Mentors**, **Mindful Mornings**, and **TOAD Talks** will continue throughout the year.
- The *new counseling groups* will start at the end of this month. Our focus will be:
 - To continue provide **social/emotional support** for the **K/1s**
 - To strengthen the **social awareness/relationship skills** for **2/3s & 4/5s**
 - To provide an opportunity for students whose families have **divorced/separated/remarried/or blended** to process their shared experience

Please be on the lookout for the descriptions of these groups and to let Dr. Kassoy know if you would like your child to participate.

Felice, Megan, Nicole, and The Sarahs (Perry, Moyer, and Lemery)
Your Counseling Team



PTO UPDATES

PTO Weekly update

I hope everyone had a healthy, happy break and were able to enjoy some time with loved ones. Moving into 2022, I am excited that some of our favorite student programs will finally be able to start again and look forward to new opportunities for grown-ups to volunteer at our school. The Pack is Back and stronger than ever in 2022!

Here are some important dates and opportunities to keep in mind:

- After School Discovery
- Walking Club will start in January. More details to come soon!
- General PTO Meeting in February
- Coffee Cart for our teachers will continue through January! Volunteers welcome!
- Interested in working the lunch line? You are in luck! More details coming soon!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who help make these programs and events happen and thank you for always supporting us.

The Wickliffe PTO - Wolf Den

- In the past, the Wolf Den was created for families who found themselves needing a little extra support for basic necessities (food, clothing, etc). We have gift cards available and want to honor the privacy of any family seeking this support. Ms. Evans will be the point of contact to receive a gift card and she will distribute them as well. To utilize the Wolf Den support please email her at alevans@uaschools.org

Coffee Cart

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and/or donated to the Coffee Cart! We are looking for volunteers and donations for January. Click on the link below to sign up. Please e-mail [Jen Waddell](#) with any questions.
[Teacher/Staff Coffee Cart](#)

Walking Club Coordinator Needed

- Walking Club is back starting February 1, giving students an opportunity to get moving by walking laps during lunch recess. Each lap earns a foot charm. We are looking for someone to take over the coordination of Walking Club. It's super easy and doesn't take much time. Walking Club will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays - outside during outdoor recess and indoors in the gym on indoor recess days. Please contact Dawn Hofherr at dawn.kuritz@gmail.com if you are interested or want to know more!

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FAMILY TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

Family tech updates

- Click [this link](#) to view

DISTRICT UPDATES

COVID Information

- Keeping our staff and students healthy and safe is one of our top priorities. In an effort to protect our students and staff from unnecessary illness, we are asking all parents and guardians to perform a basic health assessment (temperature check and check for symptoms) each day on your child when preparing to send your child(ren) to school.
- Please do not send your child to school if you suspect your child may be ill and has exhibited any of the following signs or symptoms of suspected illness: temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher in the last 24 hours; new or worsened cough; loss of taste or smell; sore throat; diarrhea or vomiting; new-onset severe headache; or shortness of breath.
- If your student has one or more of the above symptoms, please follow [the attached algorithm](#) on when your child can return to school.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LINKS

Attendance Information

- If your child will be absent from school, please email wickliffeattendance@uaschools.org. **Please state a reason for your child's absence.** *If you are emailing your child's teacher regarding attendance, simply copy the attendance email - no need to send separate emails.*

[District Attendance Policy](#)

[District Website Link](#)

[Drop off/Pick up information](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Planned Absence Form](#)

[Technology Family Support](#)

[Transportation Services](#)

[UA Flyer Connection:](#)

[Wickliffe PTO](#)

[Links to Previous Updates:](#)

- All of our previous updates can be found on the [Wickliffe website](#) under “school news”.