

Wildcat Chat

Waite Park Elementary School PTA Newsletter



October 2024

Hello Waite Park families!

Attend the next PTA meeting, Oct. 10, at 6:30-7:30pm. Before this month's meeting there will be a site council visit* from 6-6:30pm. Our PTA meetings are every second Thursday of the month in the Waite Park Rec Plus room (dinner, snacks and childcare provided).

What's up in October

1

Come shop at the Halloween Costume Swap, Oct. 5, 3-5pm!

Bring your old (but clean and safe) Halloween costumes (kids and adults) to Waite Park Rec Center room and shop for new-to-you costumes for this Halloween.

2

Check out the activities/events happening at/around Waite Park this fall for your kids and adults, too!

Go to <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/activities-events/> and enter in the codes below in the Search field to learn more or enroll.

Adult Yoga: #5342

Saturdays (\$50) at Waite Park
Oct. 26 – Dec. 21 (No Nov 30)
11:00am – 12:00pm

Toddler Parent Indoor playtime: #5355

Fridays (\$10) at Waite Park
Oct. 4 – Nov. 22 / 6 – 8pm

Waite Park Soccer Boo Nited: #5356

Thursday (Free!) at Waite Park
Oct. 24 / 5-9pm

Kids Soccer Skills Clinic: #5352

Thursdays (Free!) at Cavell Park
Sep. 5 – Nov. 14 / 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Kids Pokémon League: #5346

Thursdays (\$10) at Waite Park
Sep. 12 – Nov. 7 / 6:15 – 8:15pm



A sweet way to support our Waite Park kids and community!

To raise money for the free, family events the PTA puts on throughout the year, the PTA is hosting a bake sale at Waite Park on Election Day (it's a polling location). We're looking for parents/caregivers who can bake some treats for us to sell (individually wrapped). Drop off your sweets the day before, November 5, at the Waite Park Rec Center.

Use this link to sign up to bake a treat! <https://tinyurl.com/yc6jumpr>

**A school site council meeting is a gathering where the council advises the school principal on matters related to the school, such as educational needs, the school improvement plan, and the school budget.*



Get to know our new Waite Park staff!

We asked our new staff to answer some questions so we can learn more about them. Stay tuned... our next Wildcat Chat will feature the other new staff walking the halls!

Meet Darcy Bodger

Occupational Therapist

What would we find you doing on the weekend?

On the weekends I enjoy going to the Arb to see the gardens or art or singing in a choir called Bella Lumina.



Do you have favorite food?

My favorite food is Mexican food.

When was the last time you left MN and where did you go?

My last trip was to Munising MI where I enjoyed going on boat cruises, looking at waterfalls and hiking.

Where did YOU go to elementary school?

I went to Lincoln Elementary in Alexandria, MN.

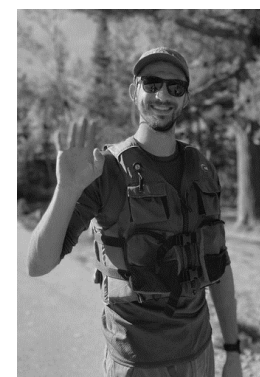
What do you like to teach?

I enjoy teaching kids about the sensory room because it has a lot of fun activities to help kids get focused and ready to learn. Waite park's sensory room is especially fun because of its space themed decorations.

Meet Henry Klein

Second Grade Teacher

I guess the biggest thing to know about me is that I am brand new to Minneapolis! I grew up in nearby St. Croix Falls and have spent the last 9 years in La Crosse, WI, and moved here just in the time for the new school year.



What do you like to teach?

My favorite subject to teach is math, but I LOVE getting kids excited about reading.

What would we find you doing on the weekend?

On the weekends you'll find me trail running, biking, and trying to spend as much time outside as I can. Once I get too tired to run, I enjoy knitting and cooking.

What you wanted to be when you grew up?

When I was in 4th grade my plan was to first be an NHL hockey player. Once I won the Stanley Cup (scoring the game winning overtime goal, of course), I would transition to becoming an astronaut. Finally, once I was no longer fit for space travel, I would be a kindergarten teacher. So, I suppose you could say I'm on plan C.

Favorite professional team and why?

I am a Wisconsin boy through and through, green and gold all the way. My 2nd graders are a little confused why I have a foam block of cheese on my desk.....

10/3, Thursday: NO SCHOOL

10/9, Wednesday: Let's Roll MPS

10/15, Tuesday: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4-8pm

10/16, Wednesday: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 8-4pm

10/16 - 10/18, Wednesday-Friday: NO SCHOOL

10/24, Thursday: Fall Picture Retake Day

COMING SOON

Check the PTA section of the Waite Park school website for each teacher's Amazon wish lists!

Contact us with questions / ideas / concerns at waiteparkpta1@gmail.com.