DATES TO REMEMBER:

◊ April 4th – Early Dismissal at 1:40
◊ April 10th – Panera Night for Shuler
◊ April 11th – JDRF Walk
◊ April 18th – Early Dismissal at 1:40
◊ May 2nd – Early Dismissal at 1:40
◊ May 3rd – 5th Grade Fine Arts Night
◊ May 10th – Kindergarten Fine Arts Night
◊ May 22nd – 5th Grade Field Day @ Waukee High School
◊ May 23rd – K-4 Field Day @ Shuler Elementary

Iowa Core Update
Characteristics of Effective Instruction
The Iowa Core outlines five Characteristics of Effective Instruction (CEI). This edition will focus on Assessment for Learning.

Assessment for Learning
The Iowa Core defines assessment for learning as a process that includes collecting data on student progress
towards a learning goal and using that data to adjust instructional practices to increase student learning. Assessment for learning is a deliberately planned and integral part of instruction. It is to be used by both teachers and students to monitor their learning, set goals, and make adjustment.

There are six critical attributes of assessment for learning:

1) **Learning Progressions** – K-12 learning progressions are articulated clearly and teachers have a deep understanding of the learning goals and prerequisite skills needed to reach those goals.

2) **Clear Learning Goals and Success Criteria** – goals are written in “kid-friendly” language and students are provided criteria with which their work will be assessed.

3) **Instructional Modifications Based on Evidence** – teachers use a variety of evidence to indentify learning gaps, provide feedback to students, and adjust instruction.

4) **Descriptive Feedback** – feedback that is timely, tells the students what is done well, areas for improvement, and suggestions on how to improve. Students are allowed opportunities to improve their work.

5) **Self and Peer Assessment** – a planned and structured activity to enhance learning and develop life-long learning skills.

6) **Collaborative Classroom Climate** – all members of the class know that learning is collaborative and feel respected.

Waukee initiatives and professional development around areas of formative assessment, standards-based teaching and assessing, and formative feedback follow the attributes of assessment for learning.
Waukee Community Education

Fun summer camps for PreK-12 students!

- CyberKids
- Musical Theatre Workshop
- Catching Math Fever
- Summer Ultimate Reading Fun
- Band Lessons
- Voice Lessons
- Lights, Camera, Action!
- Road Warriors Running Club
- My Own New Biz Camp
- Mad Science Camps
- Private String & Piano Lessons
- Tennis-Level 1
- Muscles in Motion
- Summer Ultimate Math
- Exploration in Art
- Intro to Piano
- Clarinet Lessons
- Preschoolers Fun for 4s and 5s
- Lego Robotics
- Abrakadoodle Art Camps
- Bricks For Kids Camps

Visit: [www.waukee.k12.ia.us/communityeducation](http://www.waukee.k12.ia.us/communityeducation) for more info and to register! Or, scan the code to the right on your smartphone QR app! Questions? Email: communityed@waukee.k12.ia.us or Call: 515-987-5161.
2012 K-4 Shuler Field Day

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIELD DAY!! If you are looking for some fun in the sun, look no further than helping out with K-4 Shuler Field Day on Wednesday, May 23rd. We will need help with the facilitation of each station and the implementation of lots of fun! If interested, please contact Mr. Wetzel: ewetzel@waukee.k12.ia.us

2012 5th Grade Field Day

ATTENTION: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 5TH GRADE FIELD DAY!! If you are interested in helping out with the district-wide 5th grade field day held at the Waukee football stadium on Tuesday, May 22nd, please contact Mr. Wetzel: ewetzel@waukee.k12.ia.us
Waukee Theatre Arts

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

Music
Alan Menken

Lyrics
Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book
Linda Woolverton

Originally produced by
Disney Theatrical Productions

Friday, April 13
7 PM

Saturday, April 14
2 PM & 7 PM

Tickets
At the door: $12 adult, $8 student
Online: $11 adult, $7 student

Go to: SeatYourself.biz/WaukeeTheatreArts
More info: (515) 987-2758

Waukee High School Auditorium

"Disney's Beauty and the Beast" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY, 10019. Tel: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684 www.MTIShows.com
Upcoming PTO events:
4/3 - District PTO State vote, 8:00pm, WCSD Office
4/10 - Shuler night at Panera
4/24 - Shuler PTO meeting, 7:00pm, Media Center

The Waukee Community School’s District Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for volunteers to fill various leadership positions:
* Vice Presidents for each school
* District President
* District Secretary
* District Treasurer

All district positions are elected positions. The election will take place on April 3rd from 8 p.m. at the Waukee School District Office Conference Mail. Any parent with a child in the Waukee School District is encouraged to come vote.

The Waukee District PTO bylaws state: a person filling either the District President position or Building VP must be filled by a current or past PTO board member. In the event a person is seeking to be a CO-VP and does not fulfill the requirement, the other CO-VP must be a current or past District or Building PTO Board Member.

Parents interested in the above listed district positions should call or e-mail Ginnie Coleman at 771-4083 or waukeedistrictpto@gmail.com.
Find retailers who will donate eBox Tops to our school with every qualifying $10 purchase at www.btfe.com/marketplace

1. Sign up to support our school at www.btfe.com
2. Start EVERY online shopping trip at the Box Tops Marketplace
3. Watch our earnings GROW!!!
Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to help our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like sports equipment that will help our students learn, play and have fun.

It's easy to donate:

1. Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors).
2. Go to mycokerewards.com/school & sign in (register if you aren't a member).
3. Enter your codes to collect points – then search for our school to donate points.
4. Enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click “Donate”.

Check out mycokerewards.com/schools for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.

My Coke Rewards is open to legal residents of the 50 U.S. (and D.C.) age 13 and over. Visit mycokerewards.com for full details. © 2011 The Coca-Cola Company.
Remember, Shuler is collecting bags year ‘round; so keep those bags coming in!