



# Welcome to Wildlands

The summer is here and we hope everyone is enjoying a well deserved break from school.

Wildlands is getting ready for the arrival of students beginning on September 1st, 2005. Congratulations to all students who have been accepted to the school.

The following students will be attending this coming fall:

**Middle School Students:**

- Josiah Wahl
- Sam Larson
- Sara Connett
- Devin Dehnke

- Allison Pieper
- Jamie Purdun
- Angie Schmitt
- Devin Sprinkle
- Paulette Tompkins
- Nicholas Schmitt
- Erin Arneson
- Madeline Parker
- McKenna Cooley
- Austyn Owens
- Scott Hammond
- Megan Raether
- Matthew Severson
- Derrick Lewallen
- Devin Hadorn-Papke

- Jessica Wagner
- Dennis Hudson
- Brandon Felton
- High School Students:**
- Sawyer Stubbe
- Curt Gajewsky
- Joel Mikelson
- Kris Mielnik
- Barrett Boeckman
- Elizabeth Jurmain
- Erin Wiley
- Jake Restad
- Jordan Ball
- Kara Pieper
- Kristie Bement
- Nonie Caldwell
- Olivia Buvalla
- Austin Howard
- Garet Baader
- Jake Yule
- Jason Loomis Mikelson
- Katherine Sirianni
- Stephanie Arneson
- Krista Bergman



## Wildlands Logo Contest

Our school needs a logo! Anyone can enter our logo contest by designing a logo for the school to use that reflects the school's mission of learning in the natural world. Remember we want hats and T-shirts, so make the logo work for those as well as things like stationary, envelopes, and this newsletter. Students...do some thinking and bring your logos to school in the fall...or send them to the address on the back of the newsletter.

- *Wildlands is a project based school designed for students who are interested in the natural world.*
- *Partnerships with other schools, agencies, businesses, and individuals will provide professional mentors for our students.*
- *Wildlands is a multigenerational learning environment, creating a learning community.*



## Dear Parents

As you prepare for the upcoming school year you probably have some questions regarding the school. During the summer you can reach Paul Tweed at the school via telephone, 877-2292, or on the cell phone 271-3942, or by email, tweedpau@augusta.k12.wi.us.

Jeff Hadorn can be reached at the school phone number as well. Jeff's email is hadorjef@augusta.k12.wi.us. If you need to speak to someone right away and can't reach us during the summer call Kay Goss at the school district office at 286-3302.

Many of you have called and spoken to us about issues regarding next year and feel free to keep on asking those good questions. We really want to establish open and regular communications with

all parents.

You parents are the key to your student's success at Wildlands. This school is founded on the philosophy that parents are the foundation of the learning process. We want to encourage you to participate in your child's educational opportunities, and don't be a stranger here at the school. Stop by and visit, arrange to come along on field days, or just give a call to check on how things are going.

In this newsletter you will find a school calendar for the 2005-2006 school year, a basic list of school supplies and appropriate clothing ideas for the field. We will be equipping the school with specialized items such as; hip boots, snowshoes, and other outdoor gear for

all the students so you need not worry about added expenses. If your child has any specialized needs in terms of being outside in varying weather please let us know. We will also be stocking a supply of good winter boots, (Sorel type) for students to use. If your child has boots they would like to leave here next winter, that's fine, but feel free to use the boots we will have on hand. You don't have to find extra ones.

Because of the tremendous interest in this school for next year we have decided to add one more staff person. We will have a full time educational aide on staff and in the building at all times. Because we have a fairly equal balance of males and females in the school our aide will be a female to balance out our staff ratio as well.

## Habits of Mind



Research on thinking and learning has revealed some identifiable characteristics of effective thinkers. It is not necessarily scientists, artists, mathematicians, or the wealthy who demonstrate these behaviors. They have been found in all people, mechanics, teachers, entrepreneurs, salespeople, and parents — people on all walks of life. The following habits of mind will be stressed and reinforced during all work done here at Wildlands.

- Persisting
- Managing Impulsivity
- Listening to Others with Understanding and Empathy
- Thinking Flexibly
- Striving for Accuracy and Precision
- Questioning and Posing Problems
- Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
- Gather Data through All Senses
- Creating, Imagining, and Innovating
- Responding with Wonderment and Awe
- Taking Responsible Risks

- Finding Humor
- Thinking Interdependently
- Learning Continuously

Look for these "Habits of Mind" as the school year progresses. We will be stressing these independent thinking skills throughout the year.



*Successful students have a team: student, parent, teacher, and community.*

*Conservation is the state of harmony between men and the land.....Leopold*



# School Calendar



## August

- 30 Teacher In-service
- 31 Teacher Workday

## September

- 1 First Student Day
- 5 Labor Day Vacation

## October

- 5 Early Release (Noon)
- 13-14 NWEA Convention (no school)

## November

- 4 End of first quarter
- 22 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 23 Morning Parent Teacher Conferences
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Break

## December

- 7 Early Release
- 23-30 Holiday Vacation

## January

- 2 Holiday Vacation
- 3 School Resumes
- 19 End of 1st Semester
- 20 Teacher Workday

## February

- 1 Early Release
- 23 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 24 Morning Parent Teacher Conferences

## March

- 20-24 Spring Break

## April

- 14-16 Easter Break

- 19 Early Release

## May

- 26 Graduation
- 29 Memorial Day

## June

- 7 Student Last Day

NOTE\*\*

This calendar parallels the Augusta School calendar and we may see some changes based on student and curricular needs. For example, if we decide to use the observatory during winter evenings, we can credit the time back to students and have extra time off during the day. Other circumstances may arise as well and we will give parents plenty of lead time and check to see that any schedule changes will work for our students.

# School Supplies

The list of school supplies for students isn't much different than that of any other school, however there are a few exceptions.

Basic Supplies (all students)

- Pens and Pencils, we recommend the Sharpie (Ultra Fine Point) for work in field journals. (no gel pens)
- Two Pocket Folders, minimum of 4, red, blue, green, yellow

- Spiral Notebooks, middle school should have wide ruled notebooks. ( 4 notebooks for separate subjects, if you can match the folder colors it would be helpful)
- Scientific Calculator
- Colored Pencils
- Backpack
- Portable Pencil Sharpener

- Ruler, Metric and English
- Glue Sticks 2 or 3
- Scissors



## Field Supplies to be kept at the school.

- Rain Gear
- Insect Repellent
- Sun Screen
- Good Hat
- Sunglasses
- Light coat or sweatshirt
- Leather work gloves
- Water Bottle

## Clothing Recommendations

1. Dress for the weather, all kinds of weather. We will be outside on hot, cold, wet, and dry days.
2. Have an extra pair of jeans at the school in case you get wet.
3. Footwear is a key factor for being outside. During the warm months a good water resistant boot, light hiking, work, or hunting boots work well. During the winter if you have warm boots bring them and keep them here. (We will have boots for

those who would like to use ours.

4. Warm gloves for winter
5. Any other items to make your experience outside comfortable.



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## Wildlands Goes Non-Profit

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During the past spring a committed group of individuals interested in supporting the long term vision of Wildlands school formed a 501c (3) non-profit corporation.

This corporation will act as a governing board for the school and work to develop resources for long term development.

The non-profit Wildlands School Inc. held an incorporation meeting on May 10, 2005. A board of directors was elected, articles of incorporation and corporate bylaws approved and adopted.

The board of directors consists of:

President — Paul Tweed

Vice President — Jeff Hadorn

Secretary — Sue Setzer

Treasurer — Mike Lea

Members at Large: Ralph Purdun; Rick Koziel; Scott Humrickhouse; Steve La Fave; Tim Haldeman.

Among this board we have representation from teachers, parents, school board and administration, local business, Beaver Creek Reserve, and the Wisconsin DNR.

The board will meet quarterly and any interested parents or students are welcome to join us. Dates will be announced in our newsletter and on the web site.



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## Attention High School Students

For all you high school student attending Wildlands we need to know your schedules. Full time students at the school don't worry, we know your schedule. For you part timers, we really need to know whether you will be in the morning

or afternoon group at Wildlands. Plans are being made during the summer and if you could call or email us your status it would be really appreciated.

We will also be holding a meeting on August 30, 7:00 pm at the school at Beaver Creek for all high school students

and parents regarding transportation and driving issues.

