



## Winnebago Schools Mission

An educational community that  
inspires and assists each  
individual to make the greatest  
use of his or her potential.

## Upcoming Events

December

9	Dorothy Simon second quarter midterm
9	WMS Academic Meet at Forreston
10	7:00-9:00 p.m. Winter Band Concert at Winnebago High
12	8:30-11:30 PTO Children's Bazaar at Dorothy Simon
12	Winnebago Preschool Breakfast w/Santa at Dorothy Simon
14	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Meeting Jean McNair Library
15	Middle School Six Week Grade Check
16	7:50 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Winnebago Middle School Christmas Tea
18	Early Dismissal

For more information on upcoming events log onto [www.winnebagoschools.org](http://www.winnebagoschools.org)

## Winnebago CUSD #323 School holiday schedule reminder

Winnebago CUSD #323 holiday break begins on Fri., Dec. 18. School will resume on Mon., Jan. 4



## Winnebago Middle School "FAST" initiative hosts Muffins with Mom

Winnebago Middle School "Family and School Together" hosted its annual *Muffins with Mom* event on Nov. 18. Moms and their middle school students are invited to attend the event before school. Pictured above left are staff members who helped serve: (l-r) Ruth Snyder, Joe Erb, Cathy Finley, and Suzanne Alde. Top right, Dawna Menke attended the event with her son Dalton.

## Cindy Bardell honored at Winnebago CUSD #323 Employee of the Month

Winnebago CUSD #323 honored Cindy Bardell as the Employee of the Month. Bardell is a cook and bus driver for Winnebago. Sandy Falconer nominated Bardell for always smiling and being very helpful.

"She is always helpful and very thoughtful with the kids," Falconer said. "She makes their lunchtime and ride home a fun experience."



As Employee of the Month, the winners will receive a \$50 cash award, a gift certificate to Anna's Pizza and Pasta, and a premium parking space. The winners will also be featured in district publications and on the website.

To nominate a Winnebago CUSD #323 employee for this honor, forms can be obtained from any school office or online at [www.winnebagoschools.org](http://www.winnebagoschools.org).

## Save your Box Tops and help raise funds for our elementary schools

Support the Winnebago Schools by saving your Box Tops! An easy way to support elementary schools in Winnebago is by clipping the Box Tops for Education logo that is found on various General Mills products.

The PTO uses the money raised through the Box Tops for Education program to fund various projects throughout the elementary schools. Even if you do not currently have children or grandchildren in the school system, you can still support our schools by saving Box Tops. Box Tops can be dropped off at the Winnebago Public Library or Cuppa Java.

## PTO Children's Holiday Bazaar Dec. 12

Mark your calendars for the Children's Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Dec. 12 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Dorothy Simon Library. The Children's Holiday Bazaar is for children in early childhood through fifth grade to purchase gifts for family and friends.

Children shop on their own with the assistance of volunteers. Prices range from \$1 to \$5. Parents wait for their children to return with their purchases in hand - selected, paid for and wrapped!

## Winnebago staff and students receive H1N1 vaccination

Over 700 students from preschool through twelfth grades were vaccinated by the Winnebago County Health Dept. for the H1N1 Vaccination. Staff members also participated in the free vaccination program. The Health Dept. announced that the second round of required vaccinations will be administered for students under the age of nine beginning in January. Watch for more details as Winnebago's second immunization date is announced.

## Activity passes available for Winnebago Fans

Activity Passes for the 2009-2010 school year are now available in the WHS office. Passes may be purchased Mon.-Fri. from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$120 for a family pass, and \$40 for an individual pass.

## Winnebago High School students participate in Model Congress

Winnebago High School students had first-hand experience on the challenges and roles of being a legislator during the "Model Congress" held at Rockford College. The National Youth Leadership Council sponsored the "Model Congress".

Over 140 local students participated. Students were put in the House of Representatives and were given a role to play. They debated, lobbied, and made speeches to amend a communications bill. U.S. Congressman Don Manzullo was in attendance as well as former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert.

Students were able to interact with other students and congressmen as well. High

School students attending were: Alex Johansson, Tessa Hoefle, T.J. Lindgren and Ashley Alagna along with Social Studies Dept. Chair Jim O'Rourke.



WHS Students participated in a "Model Congress" at Rockford College. Pictured are: (l-r) T.J. Lindgren, Alex Johansson, Ashley Alagna, and Tessa Hoefle with former Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert.

## WHS Students attend International Fabrication and Welding Trade Show

Students from Winnebago High School's Manufacturing, Pre-Engineering, and Winnovation Robotics Team spent the day at McCormick Place visiting exhibits at FabTech 2009. The Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, American Welding Society, and Society of Manufacturing Engineers sponsor this trade show.

Sixty-four Winnebago High School students and chaperones viewed booths with

demonstrations, exhibits and informative displays in all areas of fabrication and welding. These included all types of welding, cutting and forming, metals and finishing, stamping, robotics and automation, machining, and related technologies and software.

The Winnovation Robotics Team also had their robot on display at the Fabricators Manufacturers Association booth.

## Dorothy Simon hosts "Fall Into Reading Night"

Dorothy Simon Elementary hosted a "Fall Into Reading Night" for families and students first through third grades. Students participated in family reading activities, listened to a storyteller and visited classrooms for make and take activities. Storyteller Libbie Rodakowski is pictured here with students as she spins her spooky tales.

