



And here's **SOFIE**, our Academy dog. She most often can be seen in Mr. El-ling's room, however, she is beginning to make the entire Academy her home. Our students & staff love having her around!

The WayPoint NaviGATORS Welcome SOFIE...our newest NAVIGATOR!

INFORMATIONAL TID BITS for PARENTS

- **Updating Contact Information:** we ask that parents keep us informed in a timely fashion should your student's address and/or phone number change. It is very difficult and disconcerting when an emergency arises and we are not able to contact a parent. We'd like to keep communication current so please update us any time your contact information changes, please.
- **Calling in When Your Student Needs to be Absent:** please remember that in order for absences to be EXCUSED, allowing for students to make up their work for Credit, a parent must contact the office within 48 hours of the absence. The Student Handbook outlines what types of absences are considered "Excused" and which are not. NO ABSENCES will be excused without contact within 48 hours. If you have any questions about student absences, please contact Mrs. Chaney in the Main Office.
- **Students in Photos Throughout the Year:** over the course of the school year, teachers will be taking photographs of students involved in classroom activities/extra curricular activities/field trips, etc. The photos and or videos will be posted around the building, used on our website and in newsletters, etc. IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR STUDENT'S PICTURE TO BE PUBLISHED, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. CHANEY IN THE MAIN OFFICE. If you do not opt your student out, we will assume we may use his/her image in and around school and in school publications.
- **The WayPoint Student Credit Union will open again for business on Tuesday, September 9th:** we encourage all of our students to become members. For just \$5, each may open his/her own savings account. The Credit Union operates in partnership with Family Financial Credit Union and all rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Credit Union apply to the WayPoint Branch. Days and hours of operation as we begin the new school year are Tuesdays at 3:05pm to 3:30pm. All WayPoint student family members are also eligible and welcome to join.
- **Medication for students:** if your student needs to take any medication while in school, prescription or non prescription, a permission form must be on file according to the law. It is illegal to dispense medication without such authorization. If your student needs medication, please complete the necessary form(s) which may be obtained from Mrs. Chaney in the Main Office. Also, for just \$2 per student, per year, we will supply non aspirin, aspirin, and antacids...as long as there is a permission form on file for your student. You may also supply your own (to be kept only in the Office and never in a student's locker). Questions about medication should be directed to Mrs. Chaney.
- **Free & Reduced lunch forms:** if you haven't already completed an application for Free or Reduced Lunch, please do so ASAP. We want to make sure that no one who may qualify gets left out. Forms were mailed home earlier this summer; if you need another one, please let Mrs. Chaney know.
- **Picture Day this year will be September 12th:** students should by now have brought home to you their picture order forms. Even though a student may choose not to order any pictures, he/she will have his/her picture taken for I.D. purposes. Student I.D.'s will be issued to them 2-4 weeks after Picture Day. They need to have them for Dance & Activity Nights held here at the Academy.

OUR STUDENTS ARE WORTH WHATEVER IT TAKES!