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WCSD Parent Tip Sheet and Information for After-School Care on WCSD Early Release Days

Beginning in the 2010-2011 school year, the Washoe County School District will have a consistent 45-minute early release for students in all schools every Wednesday. This will be an important time for teachers to improve their teaching skills and discuss how to help every child in the District be successful. We know this can be a struggle for families juggling work schedules and after school activities. We hope you find the following tips and information helpful when planning for next year.

- Every school will be releasing students 45-minutes before their regularly scheduled time. Please check with your child's school web site or call your child's school for the hours of operation.
- Why is this time needed? Setting aside time each week for teachers to train, to meet together in teams to discuss how children are doing in school, and to make changes in teaching to immediately address children's needs is very important. Teacher training days have been reduced because of budget cuts. This weekly training time will provide consistency and continuity in this important area.
- After-school care through the District's Team Up programs, the City of Reno, City of Sparks, and Boys and Girls Clubs will be available when school releases every Wednesday. For more information on these programs, please call or visit their web sites.
 - WCSD Team Up – 333-6031
<http://www.washoe.k12.nv.us/district/programs/title-i/21st-century>
 - City of Reno – Sierra Kids – 334-2262
<http://www.reno.gov/Index.aspx?page=851>
 - City of Sparks - Kid Konnection – 353-2376
http://www.ci.sparks.nv.us/living/parks_rec/youth_watch/kid%20konnection/
 - Boys & Girls Club – 331-3605
<http://www.bgctm.org/>
- After-school events such as athletics and clubs will meet at times adjusted by each school. Please check with your principal for the time at your school.
- Wednesdays will be a good day to schedule doctor, dentist and other family appointments so that your children don't lose instructional class time.
- High Schools will still have delayed starts four times per year for testing, once in November and three times in March.