



Mosinee Elementary News

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Welcome Back!

The Mosinee Elementary Staff looks forward to welcoming students and parents for the 2011-12 school year.

The staff will be looking at the Common Core Standards for Reading and Math that are in the process of being adopted by the state of Wisconsin. These guidelines will be used to revise our curriculums and prepare our students for state assessments. At this point the teachers will be introduced to the standards and will start to learn what students are expected to learn in each grade level. This work will mainly be conducted on the inservice days held throughout the school year.

The staff is also continuing to work on community building and helping our students learn how to deal with peers. This work was started last year and will continue throughout the year.

We have lost some quality staff members to retirement last year. Rebecca Davies, Mary Neumann, and Barbara Rademaker have retired. All of these teachers will be greatly missed. Amanda Muth will be joining the third grade staff this year. Stacy Stenz will be moving from the middle school to work with some of our early childhood students and some of our special education students. She will be replacing Cheryl Martin who left the district.

We hope that you will visit the elementary website and the teacher web pages found on mosineeschools.org to find information about your child's events throughout the school year. Our newsletter will be found on our website and sent home monthly. The newsletter and website contain information about upcoming events and days in which there are early dismissals or no school. The calendar portion of the webpage will also help you keep track of programs and field trips.

The elementary staff looks forward to meeting everyone at our Open house from 5:00-7:00 PM on August 25, 2011. This event provides parents and students with the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and see his/her classroom. We also look forward to greeting everyone on the first day of school September 1, 2011. The elementary staff looks forward to working with you throughout the school year.

Davonne Eldredge, Principal



School starts Thursday, September 1, 2011 for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Early Childhood will start Monday, September 12, 2011.



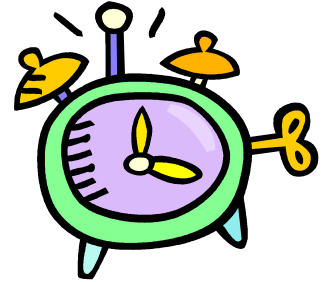
OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 25TH
5:00-7:00 PM

School Hours

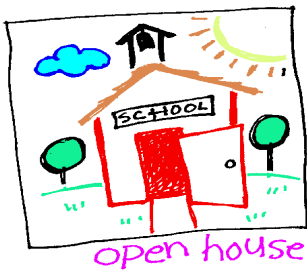
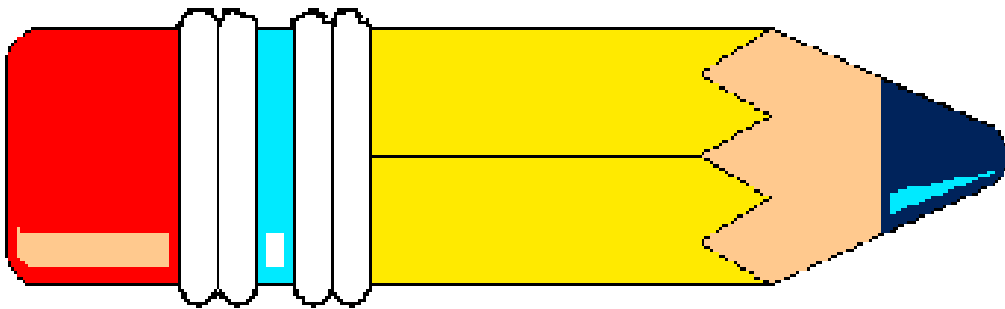
The school day begins at 8:00 AM for students in grades K-3. Students are not to arrive at school before 7:40 AM unless care has been arranged with KidsTown for before school care. Students who arrive in the classroom after 8:00 AM are considered tardy.

School is dismissed at 3:00 PM. Students should be picked up promptly at 3:00 PM. If this is not possible the following daycares provide care for students:

- YMCA-located at the Mosinee Middle School
- KIDStown-located at the Mosinee Elementary School
- Storybook Kids-658 Maple Ridge Road, Mosinee



Early Childhood classes start at 8:30 AM. These students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM.



Mosinee Elementary will host an Open House for K-3 students from 5:00-7:00 PM on August 25, 2011. This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet their teachers and visit their classrooms.

The school nurse will be available to answer any questions.

Personnel will be available to assist with the purchase of lunch, breakfast and milk services. The prices for these services for the K-3 students are listed below:

	<u>Lunch</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>
Daily	\$1.35	\$1.10
Weekly	\$6.75	\$5.50
Reduced Daily	\$.40	\$.30
Reduced Weekly	\$2.00	\$1.50

The pizza vendor for the 2011-2012 PTO fund raiser will provide small samples of products in the cafeteria. There will also be various clubs available to provide information to families.

Student Drop Off

Students may be dropped off between 7:40 and 7:55 AM. Parents who are dropping off students may pull into the drop off lane when just dropping off. This is the lane next to the sidewalk. Parents are asked to drop their children off on the sidewalk side of the car to help keep students out of the traffic lane. The lane closest to the parked cars is the traffic flow lane to allow access to the parking spots and exits. **No students should be dropped off from the traffic flow lane.** If parents need to assist students with car seats, backpacks, and other school materials; they are asked to park in the parking spots and walk their child to the building. When walking to the building, parents and students are asked to cross the traffic lanes in the crosswalk areas to help keep them safe.

Parents driving in the parking lot are asked to drive SLOWLY so they are able to stop for persons crossing the driving lane. Parents exiting the parking lot are asked to stop at the crosswalk area in front of the building to make sure students and parents are safely across the driving lanes when they walk toward the parking spaces or building. When driving through the parking lot, parents are asked to follow the traffic pattern marked on the pavement and in the diagram below. Parents are asked to use caution at all times in the lot (backing, driving, walking, etc.) to prevent persons from being hurt or accidents from occurring.

Parents are not to park, pick up or drop off students in the bus/staff parking lot located off of 12th Street. That lot is reserved for bus traffic and staff parking.

Student Pick-Up

Students are to be picked up promptly after school. Dismissal is at 3:00 PM. Parents are asked to park in the parking lot off of Highway B or along 12th Street when picking up students. Students may be picked up by the main entrance to the building. For the safety of the students, parents are asked to park in the designated parking spots or along 12th Street and walk to the front of the building to pick up students. Parents should not wave students across the traffic lanes to the parking spots as children may get hit by oncoming traffic. **Parents are not to park in the drop off area in front of the building.** This area needs to remain clear to allow traffic to flow through the lot.

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Rules

This portion of the newsletter includes rules for the general areas of the school (playground, lunchroom, etc.) Parents and students need to be aware of these rules and review them. Please keep the rules in an area that is easily accessible so they may be reviewed throughout the school year with your child.



Toys and Valuables

Students are discouraged from bringing toys or anything of value to school. The school does not assume responsibility for student valuables or toys. If a student does bring something of value to school, the teacher may request that it be brought to the office for safe keeping.

Parents are reminded that students are not to possess weapons of any sort in accordance to board policy. At the elementary level, we interpret this policy to include any form of toy weapon (i.e. knives, guns, etc.)

Please remind your child that they should not bring toys or trading cards to school. Many times these items are lost or stolen which causes a great deal of heartache for the children.



General Rules

1. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself. This rule means that kicking, hitting, pushing, and throwing things (pencils, rocks, etc.) are not allowed. This rule also prohibits fighting.
2. If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. This rule means name calling, teasing, talking back, taunting, and swearing are not allowed.
3. Walk in hallways.
4. Respect the property of others. This rule covers stealing and damages/vandalism to bathrooms, classrooms, halls or playground.

Playground Rules

1. No excessively rough play (i.e. tackling, grabbing articles of clothing, wrestling, etc.)
2. Balls should be played with on the grass with the exception of basketballs.
3. Use the playground equipment properly (i.e. Students should not climb up the slides).
4. No throwing anything except balls.
5. Stay out of the mud and off the ice.
6. Only one person on each swing. No underdogs or pushing. No twisting or jumping off swings.

Body Basics

Body basics is the term used by all staff members in the building to encourage students to display appropriate behavior. When the term "body basics" is used, the students are expected to:

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| Have eyes watching the speaker | Have mouths quiet |
| Have ears listening | Have hands at sides |
| Have feet on the floor or pretzel style if sitting on the floor | |



Lunchroom Rules

1. Use indoor voices only. These are quiet voices. No yelling is allowed.
2. Walk in the lunchroom.
3. Sit with both feet under the table.
4. Stay seated in one spot until you are finished eating.
5. Leave your eating area clean.



Cold Lunch



Children may bring cold lunches to school. If a cold lunch is sent, please send foods in containers the child can open easily. Students should not bring food items that need to be heated up since facilities are not available for students to heat up their lunches. Pop is not allowed because it violates our wellness policy. It is also requested that fast foods (i.e. Hardees, McDonalds, etc.) are not sent for lunches.

Parents or guardians are welcome to join their child(ren) for lunch. To assist with the lunch count, it is requested that the parent or guardian call the school before 9:00 AM or send a note with the child. If younger siblings are joining the parent or guardian, they need to be with that adult during the entire time they are at the school.

Wellness and Nutrition

According to state requirements, the Mosinee School District has adopted a wellness and nutrition policy (Policy 493). The district discourages classroom distribution of high fat, low nutrient home-prepared foods and any food containing peanuts. Soda and pop will not be sold or distributed during the instructional day. Individual classroom teachers determine snack guidelines for their classroom

The following list of items are recommended for snacks or treats:

Raw vegetable sticks or slices

Dried fruits (raisins, banana chips, etc.)

Dry roasted tree nuts and soy nuts (no coconut or palm nuts)

Party mix (variety of cereals, pretzels, etc.)

Muffins, granola bars (encourage low-fat selections)

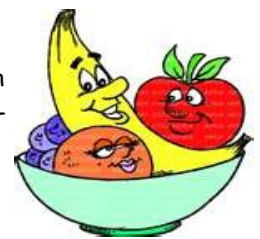
Fresh fruit & 100% fruit juices & fruit snacks

Trail Mix

Low-fat meats and cheese sandwiches

Low-sodium crackers

Pure water



PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the nation-wide increasing problem with improper use/sale of prescription medications, we recommend the following:

1. If your child takes a prescription medication at school, we highly recommend you personally deliver the medication to the health room rather than send it to school with your child. This prevents the medication from being abused on the walk or bus ride to school. If you are absolutely unable to deliver the medication personally, please contact the health office for alternative instructions.
2. Keep a close count on the number of pills in the prescription medication bottles in your home, especially if you have older students or sitters in the home. This will help prevent the medications from leaving your home without your knowledge. It is also recommended that you keep all medications in a secure area out of children's reach.

Taking these precautions will help reduce the improper use of prescription medications. It may also help prevent complications that may arise from a drug reaction in someone for whom the medication was not prescribed.

Please be forewarned that the Mosinee Board of Education takes a firm stand on abuse of substances, including prescription medications. Students who abuse medications will be expelled. This means that the costs and responsibilities for educating the child belong to the parents during the time the child is expelled. The district does not pay the education costs for expelled students.

Thank you for taking the precautions necessary to help prevent prescription drug abuse.



Student Information Cards

Each year parents are asked to complete information cards for each child. It is important that information on these cards remain current since it is used in the event you need to be contacted regarding your child. Parents are asked to notify the school of changes in address, telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, and emergency contacts as soon as they are known. It is also important that persons listed as emergency contacts on the information card are aware their name has been given as a contact for the child. It is recommended that the alternate contact is someone available locally who can pick the child up from school at times parents or guardians are unavailable.

Absence Information

Requested:

Parents of elementary school students are asked to call the school at 693-2810 by 8:00 AM to inform us if your child will be absent or late.

If students need to leave school early due to an appointment or if an absence is anticipated, please send a written note to the office. This will help keep the teacher informed so they may have make-up work prepared. This practice will also help the school have your child ready when you arrive to pick him/her up.



Call Back Program:

To ensure the safety of students attending Mosinee Elementary School, a call back program has been implemented. When a student does not arrive at school in morning and does not have a written or called in excuse for the absence, a call will be placed to the parents/guardians of the child. This will assure school personnel that the child is safely in the care of his/her parents/guardians. It is important parents/guardians call the school to notify personnel if the child is absent or late to prevent these calls.



PTO Corner



The PTO wishes to welcome all parents, teachers and students back for the 2011-12 school year! Our first meeting will take place on Monday, September 12th at 6:00 PM in the Elementary School Public Resource room. Please join us!

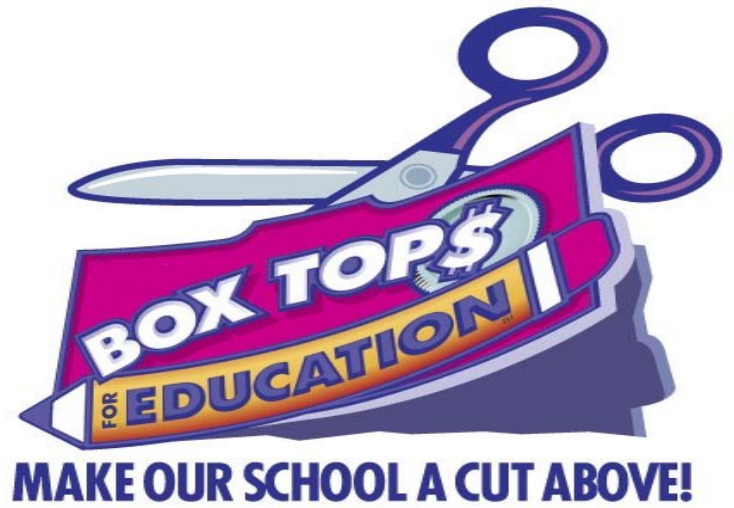
The annual pizza sale will kick off on Friday, September 2nd and run through Monday, September 12th.

Parent Volunteers

We appreciate your assistance in helping in your child's classroom. Please check with your child's teacher if you are interested in helping out. Please follow the guidelines below:

1. Volunteers are in classrooms to assist students with work or projects. Therefore, it is recommended that younger siblings do not accompany volunteers. This prevents them from distracting students.
2. Volunteers and times of service will be scheduled by the classroom teacher.





Earn FREE STUFF for our school!!!!

Mosinee Elementary School is collecting Campbell's Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education, Piggly Wiggly receipts, milk caps and empty inkjet printer cartridges to earn "free stuff" for our kids. There are collection bins located near the Elementary School office. There will also be exciting contests for collecting these items throughout the school year.