

May 2010 Elementary Monthly Newsletter
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End of Year Activities:

The last month always seems so busy with activities with school and the city leagues. I am sure you have to organize your calendars several times during the month of May. Here are dates that will pertain to the school activities and your child.

May

3	TEAM Staff Appreciation
5	Little Red Track Meet
6	Last Day for Early Learning Center
12	Raindate for Track Meet
17	Super Kids Day
19	1:30 Early Dismissal
19	6 th Grade Promotion & 6 th Grade Last School Day
20	1:30 Early Dismissal & Student's Last School Day

We want to thank all of you for a great year. You have been very supportive and appreciative of all of the staff that works with your child. You are making a big difference in being involved with your child's education. We do hope you continue the same support and enthusiasm next school year.

Staff Appreciation:

TEAM will be hosting a breakfast for the cooks and transportation and a luncheon for all others that work with the elementary on May 3rd. Would you send me a note to deliver to that special someone that has touched you or your child's life by May 1st? It means so much to hear from you.

Sue Kennedy:

Sue Kennedy is leaving our district in August to pursue some lifelong dreams. We all wish her well. She will be missed greatly. Sue has given her heart to students of all ages and staff. She made a remarkable imprint on areas she supervised because of her belief in excellence. Please send Sue notes of appreciation. I am sure she would love to hear from you.

Personal Thanks To:

I cannot ever say enough about the entire staff connected with the elementary. Their professionalism, passion, and commitment to our district and your family are never ending. Their belief to educate all children, making every child important, and holding all children accountable for their learning has made our reputation outstanding.

Several teacher leaders have made a difference this year and I would like to thank them for their hard work, long hours and being a life long learner. **Mrs. Jill Osler** and **Mrs. Gail Saathoff**, **Mrs. Trisha Shafer**, **Mrs. Glenda Gant** and **Mrs. Lori Rainforth** have coordinated the elementary teachers to study the best practices for teaching reading at their grade level based on recent research. These teachers worked very hard to coordinate meetings, discussions, and follow up information gathering.

The elementary teachers of all grades made a significant difference this year in their teaching to instructional reading levels of individual students.

Summer Library:

The library will be open several times this summer to check out books/use the computers for elementary age students. Students that are in grades K-3 will need to have an adult with them at all times. The summer library will be available: June 24, July 13, and Aug. 5th from 1:00-2:00.

Clothing, Coats, Hats, Mittens, Etc....:

Please stop by the office to look if you are missing any clothing item in the lost and found. The clothing left after the month of May will be donated.

Immunization/Birth Certificates/Physicals/Vision Screening:

Please remember that if your child is entering Kindergarten, a lot of paper work and doctor visits are mandated by the state before your child can even start school! 7th Grade students have the same mandate to have a physical and vision screening by a physician before they can start junior high. A form will be in the 6th grade report cards for parents to take to the doctor(s).

Birth certificate: If you want to bring the original for the school to copy during the summer months take it to the superintendent's office, ask for Gretchen or Joyce.

Immunizations: Gretchen is always ready to check them over for you and then copy for your child's school records.

Physicals/Vision: The 6th grade students will have a copy placed in their report card envelope. Make sure you have them completed by a doctor before the first day of school. All Physicals/Vision Screenings must be within the last six months. The Kindergarten class of 2010-11 received this form at the time of registration.

Summer Tutoring:

If your child's performance was an academic struggle this year, you may want to look into summer tutoring. This will help your child be ready for next school year. Several para's may be available for you to hire. Please call the office if you are interested and the office will forward this message to those interested in working this summer.

READ READ READ:

Make sure you have your child read this summer. So many children don't take the time to read. Their skills they learned during the school year get rusty. It would be great if you read with your child 10-20 minutes a day. Make this a habit and your child will come to school with the skills fresh in their mind.

Math Skills:

This summer have your child practice at least once a week on math facts learned during the school year. If you have a student in the upper grades that has been introduced to addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, practicing all +, -, x or / will help increase their speed. Your encouragement and help will be great.

Summer Band:

Summer band lessons will again be offered by Doniphan-Trumbull Public School. The 5th and 6th graders will be scheduled for specific times.

*Fifth and Sixth grade parents; watch in the mail for lesson times by Mr. Alcorn.

Next School Year:

Next school year will be around the corner. The first day of school for the 2010-11 school year is Monday, **Aug. 16, 2010**. We will start with full school days. TEAM will be advertising before school begins in regards to the free social for 1st through 6th grade students.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE TO KEEP CURRENT. THE FRONT PAGE AND THE ELEMENTARY PAGE WILL HAVE INFORMATION THAT MAY ASSIST YOU.

Have a **GREAT SUMMER!!**