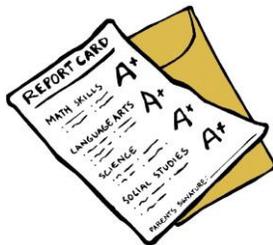


Important Dates:**2/8/18 Family Fun Night 6:30 pm****2/9/18 No School Teacher Work Day****2/19/18 No School President's Day****3/8/18 STEM NIGHT 6 pm – 7:30 pm****3/9/18 No School Teacher Work Day****2/13/18 PTA Meeting 7 pm****Fabric Needed:**

The library is still in need of fabric material. Please feel free to drop any fabric to the office. Thanks so much!

Questions, Call Denisa Anderson at 676-6440 extension 5740.

Report Cards will be distributed for Grades 1- 5 on February 14th and distributed to Kindergarteners on February 23rd. Be sure to check their chat folders.

**PTA NEWS**

March 8th at 5:30-7:30pm is STEM Family Night. Mark your calendars and come join us for some hands-on science experiments, snacks, and a chance to win some prizes. More information coming home soon.

Harvest of the Month is Berries on Feb. 28

The February Harvest of the Month will be berries and they will be served on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in school cafeterias. School lunch that day will include Roast Turkey with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy and a Berry Crisp. It's a great day to try our school lunch!

**5th Grade Drama Club News by: Loretta Murphy-Kangas and Addi Warner**

The 5th graders had an opportunity to join the Drama Club. We had to write a letter to apply. Mrs. McKee had to approve it. Twenty-three 5th graders are in the Drama Club. In Drama Club, we will learn acting techniques, projecting our voice, and we will also learn to turn a book into a script. We will be performing during one of the school's assemblies. Drama Club begins Friday, February 16th.

The Drama Club will also get another opportunity to help other students with the 1st and 2nd Grade Production of Lemonade. We will be helping with make-up, costumes, stage set up and whatever else may be needed. We are excited to be a part of Drama Club.

Frequently Asked Questions:*I have to pick my child up early- what do I do?*

Please send a note to school to alert us that your child will be getting picked up early. This way your child will be ready when you need to pick them up. You will need to sign your child out on the green sheet in the front office. If someone other than you will be picking them up, we will need your authorization, either by a note, phone call, or by adding them to your Emergency Contact list on file. If you do not send a note, please allow plenty of time (depending on the day, lunch, recess, assemblies, PE, music or library are occurring) to locate your child. While signing your child out, you will be given a green pick up slip to give to the classroom teacher to pick up your student from their class.

My child is going to be late- what should I do?

When a child will be late arriving to school please notify the office in advance or send a note with them indicating why they were late. A tardy can be excused for the same reason absences are excused, or for reasons out of parent/guardian control. However, we need contact from the parent/guardian. Lack of contact will result in an unexcused tardy.

Lice Reminder

Cold weather doesn't deter head lice as they stay warm and cozy on the head. As more coats and hats come out, it is a good time to review with your children the need to keep their outer wear away from other student's things in the classroom. As we come back from winter break, there frequently is an increase in head lice showing up on students. This is because they spread from head to head contact during play or sleep-overs which happen more often during the break. Then they first get noticed in the classroom when students are sitting still and being observed as they do their classroom tasks.

What you can do:

- Check your child about once a month for signs of lice or nits in the hair.
- Teach not to share hats, scarves, or other hair items and to avoid head-to-head contact.
- Long hair can be braided or pulled back to reduce accidentally brushing against others.
- If you find head lice or are notified that your child is suspected of having them, do not panic. They do not carry disease and there are effective ways to get rid of this pest.

What we do if head lice are suspected on a student:

- We call parents/guardians of the student to inform them and discuss treatment options.
- The student will be reminded not to share hair items or have head to head contact.
- The student can go home as usual at the end of the day, to be treated that evening and can return to school the next day if they have been treated
- For communication, if a classroom has two or more students with infestations, other parents at grade level will be notified that head lice have been an identified at school. Identities are never disclosed in this notification.

If your family is having difficulty getting rid of head lice, or cost of treatment is a problem please contact your school nurse for help and support. For more information on how to treat, please visit the Families tab on your school website and click on health. More information about head lice and treatment can be found on the website at www.cdc.gov/lice.