

Ellis School Newsletter

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News from the Nurse:

There have been a few cases in grades 4 & 6 recently. Remember to check after your child has slept over a friend's house or has had a friend sleep at your house. Look behind the ears/ check the nape of neck for scratch marks and the crown of the head. Please notify the nurse and families your child has been in contact with, if you find lice or nits. The nurse will help you by checking your child and keeping on top of it. The eggs have a 3 week cycle so checking 3 - 4 x a day for 3 weeks is important. They are not life threatening. They do not carry disease. They are just a plain nuisance.

Immunization changes for the coming school year 2009-2010

Please be aware of the following changes regarding two immunizations Tdap and Varicella (chicken pox):

1. Tdap(Boostrix)-contains tetnus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis

When a child is 11 years of age or older, and it has been 5 years or longer since the last documented dose of a tetanus toxoid containing immunization, the child shall receive a one-time dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine, except if the child has a medical contraindication to pertussis vaccine, in which case the child shall receive tetanus diphtheria toxoid (Td) vaccine. Then, boost every 10 years with Td.

2. Varicella (chicken pox)

Beginning the 2009/2010 school year, all children entering kindergarten, first grade and sixth grade shall have received two valid doses of varicella vaccine.

In addition, all incoming kindergarten students (or 1st grade where kindergarten is not provided) will be required to have two valid doses of varicella vaccine, or documentation of immunity by confirming laboratory test. History of disease as reported by healthcare provider or parent with written documentation should be in the student's record.

2nd grade through 5th grade, and 7th grade through 12th grade are required to have 1 dose of varicella vaccine, or two doses if the first dose was administered after the 13th birthday, or history of disease as reported by healthcare provider or parent, or laboratory documentation of immunity by confirming laboratory test.

THE NURSE WILL BE SENDING REMINDERS TO PARENTS NEEDING THESE IMMUNIZATIONS IN THE MAIL.

March 20, 2009

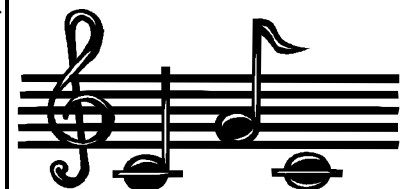
Upcoming Events:

- **March 20- 8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner**

5-7 pm



- **March 28- PTA Cake Walk**
2 pm in the Ellis gym
- **April 17- A Night with the Stars**
- **April 23- Snoopy**
- **May 4- Spring Concert**
At Sanborn Regional High School



Dear Parents,

Happy First day of spring!!! If only I could be sure we will not have our usual April snow storm!

Speaking of snow days, students will be attending school on March 30th. This was originally a professional development day.

Our last day of school is June 26th. If we have any more snow days the school board will consider making up those days during April vacation.

As we move quickly to the end of the year, please make sure your child's lunch account is up to date; there are a number of outstanding balances. Please remember that the "extra" items your children may be buying can be expensive and can run up your bill very quickly.

Items Include:

Small bags of chips, gold fish and Cheez-it	\$1:00
Animal crackers	\$.55
Chips Ahoy	\$.75
Snackwell cookies	\$1.00
Nutri Grain Bars	\$1.00
Apple	\$.65
Yogurt	\$.75
Small/Large bottled water	\$.50/\$1.00
Orange Juice	\$.55

You can call the school and request a restriction be put on your child's' account. Many parents already do this and it seems to be helping.

We are sponsoring an interesting parent workshop series, called Becoming a Love and Logic Parent. The first day was yesterday but you can still sign up to attend. All meetings will be in the Ellis School library. This Series is facilitated by Ken Munger, MA, LMFT. You can visit his web site at www.kenmunger.com.

Please check the lost and found. All left over items will be donated over April vacation. It is helpful to label items, even at the middle school level. When my children were in school, I always found a discrete place to write at least their initials. If there were items that were going to be shared between siblings, like out- grown jackets, I just used our last name.

Lastly, next week our wonderful PTA is sponsoring an exciting program for our children in all grades. In the elementary grade the children will experience story telling and poetry, to enhance their skills and interest in literature and writing. Ms. Marie Harris, who wrote G is for Granite, will be working with our students beginning Monday March 26, 2009

Have a nice weekend!

Dawn Lewis

7th Grade Language Arts News



Mrs. Pipitone's language arts classes have just finished a short unit on informational text. Informational text is any non-fiction writing that is meant to give the reader information or knowledge about a subject. Examples of informational text include the following: a dictionary, a thesaurus, a social studies text book, instruction manuals, news articles, etc. Students learned about the many text features that can be found within this type of reading material. Those text features include: table of contents, headings and subheadings, captions, photos and illustrations, diagrams, charts and graphs, bold and italicized text glossary, index, information boxes, etc. Also, students learned that author's write for several purposes—to inform, to entertain, to persuade, and to explain.

We have started learning about Greek and Latin word roots. Did you know that it has been estimated that 60 percent of the English words in common use are made up partly or entirely of prefixes and roots derived from Latin and Greek? Students will be bringing home vocabulary lists to study for weekly quizzes. Please make sure your child is studying every night.

Save the Trees Challenge Update

Thanks everyone for all the work you've done to cancel unwanted catalogs. We'll be running the Save the Trees Challenge for two more weeks. About 600 catalogs have been cancelled so far. Let's make it at least one thousand!

If you haven't cancelled a catalog yet, here's all you need to do:

- 1) Identify any catalogs at home that you no longer want to receive.
- 2) With your parents' permission or help, call the 1-800 number on the catalog or go to company's website and request to be taken off the mailing list.
- 3) Bring your cancelled catalog(s) to school with your grade written on the front cover and place it in the bin in the front lobby.

It's that simple. Note that it may take a couple months for the change to go into effect because many companies print their catalogs months in advance.

With your work on this challenge you have

- * Saved trees
- * Helped the environment
- * Ended unwanted clutter in your mailbox

Thanks for all of your effort!



8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Time

We worked hard to reach the top of the pile. Come support us with a spaghetti smile.

When: March 20

Where: Ellis School

Time: 5-7 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per family, \$7.00 per couple, \$5.00 for single person.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

What takes up space? Is made up of tiny particles we can not see? Can be a liquid, solid or gas? MATTER!

Our children will be and are learning about matter. Children will have a chance to sort cards in the three states of matter, and practice listening to the suggestions of their peers. By making connections with things they already know, they will have a firmer grasp about this science unit. You can not have two things in the same space at the same time! If that was so, no one could take your spot in line. Children will soon try of may have already tried a couple of experiments to prove that objects can not be in the same space at the same time, and more. Sometimes matter can be heavier than others and will sink to the bottom, like oil and water in a salad dressing. Or we can make something new by blending things together, like a smoothie.

Our children are also honing their comprehension skills. We have been working on cause and effect. This is particularly difficult when the children often do not recognize the results of their own actions. However, we can look for certain key words like; because, if, since...

The children are looking forward to playing on the field once again. We just have to get through mud season.



Attention Parents

When dropping off your students in the morning you can NOT park along the side walk and get out of your car. That line is for drop offs only. The line along the side walk needs to keep moving without passing other cars. If you need to get out of your car you will need to park in a space and then get out of your car. If you park in the line and get out it disturbs the flow and backs the line up into the road. Please help keep our children safe and on time for school.

Just a reminder, elementary students need to be dropped off before 8:25. If it is after 8:25 your child is considered late and you will need to come in and sign them in. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

175 - 5th grade 176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade 178 - 8th grade.

Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20

Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05

Telephone Extensions

Nurse—dial—8

Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7