

MacNaughton

Bee



Minder

From The Principal

September 21, 2011

We are off to a great start to the new school year at MacNaughton Elementary! The students have been learning all of our building rules. Ask them what HFO means or what the bathroom rules are and they will likely be able to tell you that HFO is keeping their “Hands, Feet and Objects to Self” and that when they use the restroom at school they should, “Go, Flush, Wash & Leave.” These are just a couple of the rules teachers have been going over with your children since the beginning of the year. All of our students received an extra recess on Friday, along with a popsicle treat for learning all of our rules.

Now that we are into a good routine and parents have had time to establish their routines at home, I am asking for your help in one area. Although, we have addressed this in our handbook and included it in our beginning of the year newsletter, we are still getting several calls after 2:00 p.m. to change your end of the day plan for your child. Beginning Monday, Sept. 26th we will be enforcing the 2:00 cut off for letting us know a change in your child’s end of the day pick up/bus information. This will save confusion for staff and students at the end of each day. Thank you for cooperation as we work to make the end of the day a calmer and safer experience.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at 231-937-4380.

Mr. Goheen

Bible Release

If you are interested in having your child attend a released bible time during school hours, we have forms available in the office. Your child would be pulled from class and driven to an alternate location the first Tuesday of each month from 1-2 p.m.



Family Event

The Neighborhood Watch Program is sponsoring a family event on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. This event will be held at Sticks-n-Stones located at Cannonsville Rd and US-131. The Montcalm County Sheriff's Department will be there with their Mobile Command Unit, Canine Unit, Mounted Division and Dive Team. There will be an outdoor market and lots of other fun things for the entire family. Contact Dawn Miles at 616-788-8602 or Staci Frodl at 616-636-8677 for more information.

Bus Info

Thank you for your patience as we have continued to work out the details of our new busing system. Our students have done a great job! One reminder: We can no longer put students on a bus other than the ONE approved stop that you have provided to the transportation department. If you do not want your child sent home on that bus, then you will need to make arrangements (prior to 2:00) to have them picked up at the school. Any transportation questions or concerns should be addressed with the transportation department: 937-4386.

Free/Reduced Lunch

If you have filled out an application for Free/Reduced lunch and have not received a letter letting you know if you qualify, please contact Sherry Wheeler at 616-636-5454. If you have not filled out a form and would like one sent home with your child, please call our office at 231-937-4380.

Backpacks available

Mrs. Darin, our school social worker, has received a donation of several new backpacks, filled with school supplies. If your child is in need of a backpack, please contact Sue at: sdarin@tricountyschools.com or call 231-937-4380 ext. 269.

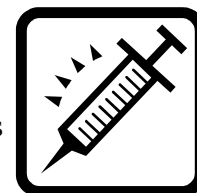
From The Nurse

If your child needs immunizations, please be sure to have them done before November 1. November 1 is when all students that have incomplete immunizations are reported to the state. If your child still needs an immunization, you will be receiving a letter. The following are the new requirements for the chickenpox (varicella) vaccine:

- Required for all children entering kindergarten and all children changing school districts: Two doses of varicella (Var) or history of chicken pox disease.

Thank you for getting your child immunized prior to November 1st so that they may remain in school!

Also, all kindergarten students are required to have a vision screening. If your child has not had one, please contact the Montcalm County Health Department to see about getting a screening scheduled. This can also be done by your family physician, if he/she offers that service.



Calendar

October 5	Mrs. Goerner, Mrs. Gilman, Mrs. Overbeek to the orchard
October 6	Mrs. Lanenga, Ms. Mathis, Mrs. Coonen to the orchard

Updated Conference Time for Thurs 10/20/11

There has been one change made to our conference schedule. Conferences on Thursday, Oct. 20 will now be held from 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. instead of 4:30-7:00. If you have already returned your request for Thursday and these new times will not work for you, please send a note to your child's teacher indicating an alternate day. Thank you.