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## From the Principal's Pen



## Todd Topics

Thank you to everyone that has worked with us to have a smooth transition to the beginning of the school year. It is hard to believe, but October is here and parent -teacher conferences and our first APTT team meetings are fast approaching. Your partnership is very important in making your child a successful student. Please make sure you mark your child's conference or APTT meeting night is on your calendar.

Thank you in advance for supporting our fall fundraiser. The monies will be used to purchase a new bench, additional equipment, and other extracurricular activities. We were able to purchase new climbing equipment with last year's money.

During conferences we will have pizza and bake sales and during APTT meetings we will provide dinner. Thank you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts. If you would like to donate individually wrapped baked items for the bake sale it would be appreciated. We will also have our fall Book Fair. If you are able to volunteer for the book fair please contact the office. Monies from the book fair sales goes to purchase books for the IMC.

Currently we are in our fall testing season. We are finishing up our MAP testing for all grades except 4K. First grade and second grade recently completed their PALS testing and in October Kindergarten and 4K will complete their PALS testing. The goal for staff is to have an understanding of your child's abilities in order to best meet their needs. If you have questions about any of the assessments, please feel free to contact the office or your child's teacher.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have our Walk to School activity. We will be walking around the block the school. On October 5<sup>th</sup> First Grade - Third Grade will be walking downtown to the homecoming parade.

Our second PTO meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. Please watch for upcoming information on the PTO sponsored Trunk or Treat. It will occur on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Coming soon is Grandparents' Day on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We are very proud of Todd School and we love to share our enthusiasm with others.

If you know of someone, or you are able to volunteer a few hours to the school please make sure you contact the office for a volunteer form. We welcome volunteers to read with students, tutor students, or plan craft activities for students. We are presently looking for Lunch Buddies to come in and eat with students over the lunch hour. Lunch buddies only takes 1 hour per week. Please consider being a Lunch Buddy for one of our students.

Please remember that school fees are past due. If you need a fee waiver form please contact the office. Also, please ensure all emergency contact information is turned into the office. Field trips are beginning and students are not allowed to leave the building if all their forms are not returned.

On October 8<sup>th</sup> we will have visits from the Fire Department to teach fire education. Each grade level will have a training.

EXCEL after school programming began on September 10<sup>th</sup> and third grade Turtle Tunes began the end of September. The second grade reading club will begin in October. Please consider letting your child participate in any activities they are invited to be involved with. Engagement is an important component of a child's success at school.

If you need after school child care we have on site care through the Boys and Girls Club and Beloit YMCA. If you have questions please contact the office.

Please remember that our students' safety is one of our highest priorities. Due to security concerns all exterior doors will be locked at 7:50. Students arriving after 7:50 should come through the main office. In order to ensure all of our students are monitored properly we need staff in their classrooms by 7:30 to transition students through breakfast, put away backpacks and supplies, and have a community circle. Students will not be marked tardy until after 8:00 am. Please feel free to call with questions or concerns.

You must remember to follow the traffic flow patterns and park appropriately. You cannot park in areas that are designated "No Parking". Remember that the back of Todd School on Colley Road is the designated area for parent drop off and pick up. The front of the school is used for bussing drop off and pick up. The School District in conjunction with the city has provided a crossing guard on the corner of Colley Road and Milwaukee Road. If your child walks to school please encourage them to go to the corner and cross. I know that many parents like to walk to drop off or pick up their children with their dog, but please DO NOT allow your dog on school grounds. I do not want a child upsetting a dog and getting bit. Thanks for your cooperation on this matter.

Please remember that there is NO SMOKING on school grounds. You must be across the street if you choose to smoke.

It is a pleasure to work at Todd and I welcome any thoughts and ideas.

Melody Wirgau  
Principal - Todd Elementary

## October 2018

### Special Days of Interest.

- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Walk you Child to School Day
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade to Homecoming Parade
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Fire Prevention Week
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - PTO Meeting 3:30-ALL ARE WELCOME
- Oct 11th-Mr. Z's Fundraiser orders due  
Kindergarten to Green Meadows Farms  
4K Family Day- 1:00-2:00pm
- Oct. 12th- NO SCHOOL -Professional Development
- Oct. 16th- Evening Conferences, Book Fair,Pizza and Bake Sale
- Oct. 18th-Evening Conferences, Book Fair,Pizza and Bake Sale
- Oct. 25th- Picture Retake Day/APTT Team Meeting- 4:45-7:00 pm
- Oct. 30th-PTO Event-Trunk or Treat" - 4:00-5:00 pm

## IMPORTANT

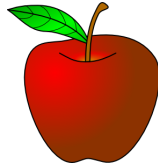
The office **MUST** have the following information completed and up to date.

**An emergency card, and an emergency medical dental form .**

If the office does not have these 2 forms completed for every student, your student may NOT be able to participate in field trips.

## News from the EC:SE Three Year old program

We are off to a great start in early childhood this year. We are so excited to welcome back some returning friends and welcome our new friends. We will continue to have new friends begin attend this Fall. We have been reading about Pete the Cat and his adventures coming to school. We have already learned the letter sounds "S", "A" and "T". Thanks to everyone for returning all of the important paperwork to school. We will be beginning our Apple and Fall units soon as the weather begins to change and we see signs of Fall.



## K4 News

In October, we will be learning the following letters/sounds: li, Pp, Nn, Cc, and Kk and DLI will be learning the following letters/sounds in spanish: Uu, Ee, Mm, Pp, and Ss. We will be beginning our Tree Unit of Study! We are looking for volunteers who have knowledge in the area of Trees and would be willing to come in and share their knowledge. In the past we've had parents who trim/plan trees for a living/hobby or work at a greenhouse or have experience for any other reason relating to trees come in and talk to our classes for a bit and show us tools they use. If you are having any work done on trees near your house and you want to send us a video or pictures or even parts of trees we'd really appreciate it. We will also be learning about counting sets of objects and patterns. We will continue to practice name writing and print awareness. You may hear your child coming home talking about parts of a book. We look forward to seeing everyone at our first APTT meeting the night of October 25th. We will be talking about our goals for your child's letter identification and how you can help them practice at home!



## Kindergarten News

The kindergarten students have been working hard on learning school routines. We have practiced and learned our PBIS (Positive Behavioral intervention and Supports) rules and Cool Tools to help us know how to behave at school. We have a few field trips scheduled this school year. Our first trip will be to Green Meadow Farms the beginning of October. If you plan on volunteering - please make sure that you have an approved volunteer form on file in the OFFICE. We are excited to meet with you at Parent Teacher Conferences in **October**. Please remember to read to your child each day.

Thanks,

The Kindergarten staff



## 1<sup>st</sup> grade families

The first month of First Grade has gone by so fast! The students are learning classroom and school routines. In math, the students worked on adding numbers to 10. During reading, the students are learning there are three ways to read a book (look at the pictures, read the words, and retell the story). They are also learning good reading habits such as taking a sneak peek at the book before they read and to "do something" at the end such as tell about their favorite part. The students are working on learning to read sight words which will help them read more and more. During writing, the students are writing small moments stories about events that have happened in their own lives. In science, the students are learning about engineering and technology. We are also looking forward to our first Academic Parent Teacher Team meeting on October 25 at 5:15!



In **2nd grade DLI** we are finishing up Chapter 1 in Go Math, and starting Chapter 2. Your students will soon be learning about numbers 0 to 1,000. In English and Spanish Literacy we are talking about characters, settings, and understanding point of view. In Social Studies we have also been discussing communities and what kind of places we live in. We are looking forward to our two field trips to the BMHS Homecoming Parade and also Big Hills Park.

Thanks for reading!

Mrs. Ramsey-Martinez and Ms. Polaski

## 2nd Grade

Welcome back to another school year! So far this year in second grade, we have been working on our reading stamina and learning how to read effectively with reading partners. We are working on using our strong "reading muscles" to get through tricky words. For math, we are working with two-digit numbers. We are breaking them apart into tens and ones and talking about place value. For writing, we are writing narrative stories. We are choosing a special moment in our lives to write about, and writing as many details as possible about it. For science, we are working with our new science curriculum and learning about the design process. We are also working on the Todd School PBIS behaviors within the classroom and around the building.

Some important notes...

We are going to the homecoming parade on Friday, October 5th.

Ms. Polaski and Mrs. Ramsey-Martinez will be going to Big Hill Park on Wednesday, October 10th.

Mrs. Striegel, Ms. Griffin, and Mr. Rohrbeck will be going to Big Hill Park on Monday, October 15th.

Thanks for all your support!

The Second Grade Todd Team



## 3rd Grade

We're off to a good start in third grade. We are working hard to act like the leaders of the school, and this means practicing the expected behaviors in the school building and at recess.

In class, we're practicing stamina for read to self time. We're studying mathematics. This year we have a new Science program. We're also learning social and emotional skills through the Second Step and Zones programs.

We've had a couple of assemblies. We have a field trip on October 5th, 2018 to see the Homecoming Parade. We're looking forward to a great school year.



### Art News with Mrs. Kindschi

Welcome back to school! I am so excited to try out new projects with your children this year. Please be on the lookout for Artsonia slips coming home to you if you have not yet signed up to see your child's artwork online. Artsonia is a wonderful way to share their artwork with family and friends from anywhere in the country, or the world! On your slip there will be a code you need to access your child's work. From there, you can invite relatives and friends to join your child's Fan Club and view their artwork as well! There are also products available for purchase with your child's artwork on them, if you so choose. And, Todd School gets 20% of all sales back to use for supplies for our art room! If you have questions about Artsonia or any other questions regarding your child's art projects, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me through email at [mkindschi@sdb.k12.wi.us](mailto:mkindschi@sdb.k12.wi.us) or by phone at [\(608\)361-4277](tel:6083614277).

### Notes from the School Nurse:

- \*Any student needing to take medication at school needs to provide written permission from **both** the physician and the parents in order for the school to administer the medication. The medication permission forms are available from the office or school nurse.
- \*If your child is ill with a fever, please keep them home at least **24** hours after they are free of symptoms, without medication
- \* Cold weather is coming, all children will go outside for recess unless the wind chill reaches below 10 degrees. No student will be allowed to remain indoors for medical reasons without a written request from the child's physician.

## Information from Mrs. Dorst

### Media and your child

There are many wonderful uses for media that provide conveniences and education for us and our families. There are also dangers in media use that as parents and educators, we must protect our children from media that is not age appropriate. When a child or adolescent views media showing violence, sexual content, or harmful stereotypes, their own ideas, feelings, and behaviors are impacted. Repeated exposure to these kinds of media may lead to an increase in aggression and a decrease in empathy.

#### Quick tips for setting media guidelines:

Limit the amount of screen time to 1-2 hours a day (or less if you notice it is negatively impacting your child).

Model screen-free times/activities (like dinner time, for example).

Keep children's bedrooms free of screen media (no TV, game systems, laptops, Ipads, cell phones, etc).

Preview media that your child is interested in before you allow them to view/play it.

## Before and Afterschool Program

We are off to a great start in our Morning and Afternoon Timberwolf Time program. We are creating, visualizing, organizing, sorting and building in our Morning program. We still have openings in our Morning program. Our Morning program runs 5 days a week from 7:00-7:45. Please let Mrs. Fuentes know if you would like to attend.

Our Afterschool Timberwolf Time program is up and running. We are practicing our Yoga, learning math through many activities, reading and writing while learning keyboarding and building extraordinary creations. The Welty Environmental Center classes along with STEM class are up and running and we will be adding iReady Reading & Math along with Cooking class the first part of October. We are currently at our maximum capacity in our Afterschool Timberwolf Time Program.

We are very excited for Beloit College Turtle Tunes Strings program for 3rd graders and Beloit College Reading Buddies program for 2nd graders which are starting up in October. Our Turtle Tunes recital will be held on Wednesday, December 5th at 4:30pm.

## News from PTO

Thank you to all who attended our 1st meeting in September. We have 3 exciting events coming in October that we will need your assistance. First is our Book Fair during conferences, we will need parents to assist. **Dates are Oct. 16th and 18th.** We will also need assistance when our fundraiser is returned. Then on Oct 30th we will need assistance with our **Trunk or Treat** event. Keep your eyes out for our volunteer request form.

Also- keep your eyes open for those deals on Halloween Candy...we will need LOTS of donations! Our next meeting is October 9th, 2018. We hope to see you then!



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The mission of the School District of Beloit, committed to excellence and strengthened and enriched by diversity, is to prepare each student to compete, contribute and thrive as an admirable citizen in a rapidly changing world by engaging students in a wide variety of high quality, relevant programs in partnership with families, schools and the stateline community.

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