

Maine Messenger

Friday, September 10, 2021

Dear Families,

The sense of synergy among our Maine Lion pride is energizing! Kids are learning about the 7 Habits and have been busy implementing the habits throughout the day. Next week we will begin our reading, writing, and math benchmarking. Benchmarking occurs three times during the school year (fall, winter, spring). Teachers use the information from these assessments to inform instruction. Between each benchmark, teachers monitor student progress and differentiate instruction as necessary to meet student needs.



Keep up to date with what your child is doing in class. Check out See Saw for teacher messages and check the Look Book or Assignment Notebook each day. If you have questions, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Last night we held our parent meeting with information about protecting and talking to children, online safety, minimizing opportunity, recognizing signs, and reacting responsibly. The presentation allowed parents to learn important information and experts were available to answer questions. If you were unable to make it to the meeting last night and are interested in learning more, please let me know. I am trying to gauge interest in offering this a second time.

I want to thank you for your patience and attention to safety by following our drop off and pick up protocols. We have more car riders this year than we have had in a long time so traffic congestion is inevitable. Please be careful not to block driveways so that the buses can get in and out.

The WSD is looking for regular and substitute paraprofessionals, teachers, nutrition services, and custodial staff. For more information go to

<https://www.wausauschools.org/departments/humanresources/current-vacancies>

As we go into the weekend, remember to take time to sharpen your saw!

Yours in Education,
Marie Northup, Principal

Featuring our new Art and Science teachers!

MY NAME IS TABITHA GRAUN AND I AM THE NEW SCIENCE TEACHER. I WENT TO SCHOOL FOR MY ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN EARLY CHILDHOOD AT NTC, AND THEN MOVED ON FOR MY BACHELORS DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION AT UW SUPERIOR. I HAVE TAUGHT 4K, FOURTH, AND FIFTH GRADE SINCE GETTING MY DEGREE, AND AM OVERJOYED TO BE TEACHING SCIENCE NOW. I CURRENTLY LIVE IN ABBOTSFORD WI WITH MY HUSBAND, 2 HIGH SCHOOL DAUGHTERS, AND OUR THREE LITTLE DOGS. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR CHILDREN AND BRINGING A LITTLE ADVENTURE AND POSITIVE VIBES TO THEIR SCIENCE EXPERIENCE.



MRS. GRAUN,
SCIENCE TEACHER



MR SLEZEWSKI
ART TEACHER

MY NAME IS SAM SLEZEWSKI, I GRADUATED FROM UW-GREEN BAY. THIS IS MY 6TH YEAR AS AN ART TEACHER. I HAVE LOVED TO DRAW, PAINT, AND SCULPT ALL MY LIFE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING IT WITH OUR STUDENTS



First PTO Meeting September 14

Our PTO will be meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-7:00 in the library. We need you! Please join us and find out how you can help support our school community!

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Check out what students and teachers have been learning and practicing!

Overview of the 7 Habits



Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're in Charge)

I take initiative. I am a responsible person. I do not blame others for my mistakes. I choose my actions and attitudes. I do the right thing without being asked, even when no one is looking.



Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)

I plan ahead and set goals. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school's mission and vision.



Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

I spend my time on my highest priorities. I say no to time-wasters. I make a schedule and stick to it. I get assignments done on time. I am organized.



Habit 4: Think Win-Win (We All Can Win)

I am happy when others do well. I balance courage for getting what I want with consideration for what others want. When conflicts arise, I look for a win-win solution.



Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)

I listen with my eyes, ears and heart. I try to see things from others' viewpoints. I listen without interrupting. I voice my ideas with confidence.



Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)

I value others' strengths and learn from them. I get along with others, even people who are different from me. I look for Third Alternatives.



Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

I care for my body by eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep. (body) I learn in lots of ways and places, not just in school. (mind) I spend time with family and friends. (heart) I find meaningful ways to help others. (spirit) I care for my whole person.



Kindergarten
Leaders



1st Grade Leaders



2nd Grade Leaders

Intramural Sports

The WSD offers intramural sports opportunities. Students in 4th and 5th grade recently received a yellow note if they were interested in joining the volleyball team. The team will have seven practices

culminating with a Volleyball Jamobree at Wausau West on Oct. 15 from 4:30-6:00.

Flag football is offered to students in 5th grade. Interested students would have recently brought a permission slip home. Students will have six practices culminating with a Football Jamboree on Oct. 11 at Thom Field from 4:15 -6:15

Students interested in participating must return their permission form and \$5.00 fee before they are able to attend practice. Practice dates are listed on the permission slip. Practice for both sports ends at 4:45; please pick your child up on time.



Upcoming Dates to Remember!

- Sept. 14 First PTO Meeting 6:00-7:00pm Maine Library
- Sept. 15 School Pictures
- Oct. 11 Football Jamboree @ Thom Field 4:15-6:15
- Oct. 12 First Grade to School Forest
- Oct. 15 Volleyball Jamboree @ West 4:30-6:00
- Oct. 20 Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 26 P/T Conferences 3:45 - 7:45
- Oct. 27 P/T Conferences 12:00 - 7:45
- Oct. 28-29 No Classes - Professional Learning for Teachers
- Nov. 6 PTO Chili Supper
- Nov. 24-26 No Classes - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 20 Winter Concert @ West 6:30-7:15



Bring Your Sneakers for PE Class!

Wearing your sneakers for PE class is super important! Be proactive and make sure you either wear your sneakers or bring them on PE days.

- Day 1 - Laux, Swiander, Moore, Miller, Thorson, Williamson, Bandura
 - Day 2 - Rasmussen, Laux, Swiander, Xiong, Litman, Fitzsimmons, Kmiecik
 - Day 3 - Rasmussen, Moore, Miller, Xiong, Thorson, Litman, Fitzsimmons, Williamson, Bandura, Kmiecik
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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7 Day 4	8 Day 5	9 Day 1	10 Day 2	11
12	13 Day 3	14 Day 4	15 Day 5 Picture Day	16 Day 1	17 Day 2	18
19	20 Day 3	21 Day 4	22 Day 5	23 Day 1	24 Day 2	25
26	27 Day 3	28 Day 4	29 Day 5	30 Day 1	Oct 1 Day 2	Oct 2

Box Tops for Education

Help Maine Elementary earn Box Tops for Education. Yes, there's an app for it! Simply download the app to your mobile device and scan your grocery receipt. Or if you purchase products with a box top, you can clip them and send them to school. Box Tops have been used to help us purchase items for the playground or as all school awards. Your help is greatly appreciated!



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