

# Morning Recess

We have seen an increase in students playing in areas they should not be this year, and more as of late for some reason. We are asking that ALL students be directed to the playground areas and not to be hanging out near the office doors, under the overhang by the cafeteria, or anywhere else around campus. We are unable to supervise students if they are in areas where our adults cannot see them. Thank you for encouraging your student(s) to be out on the playground, socializing with their peers.

## Medication at School

For the safety of your child and ALL students, please DO NOT send ANY medication to school with your child. This includes over the counter medications like Tylenol, Ibuprofen, and cough drops. If your child needs medication while at school, please follow the policy and reach out to Nurse Becky! From time to time we have found medication on our playground and campus. This could be very detrimental if a child takes something they find, no matter what kind of medication it is.

## STAFF APPRECIATION

This week we have been celebrating Staff Appreciation Week. Thank you to the PTO and School District for the daily goodies in each building! More importantly, thank you to ALL staff members who work tirelessly to help our students succeed and shine! We have an amazing staff full of teachers, paras, janitors, cafeteria staff, and office staff who all contribute to making our school a positive place to be.

## GOT TALENT ?

Do you have a special talent? The K-8 Variety Show will be held on Wednesday, June 4th. Auditions for that show will be held **May 20th through May 22nd by appointment**. It's time to gather any costumes, props as well as any accompaniment you might need and to PRACTICE. Stop by Mrs. Hedahl's office and book your audition. If you would like to be part of the show, now is the time to 'get your act together'.

## YEARBOOKS Have Arrived

The 2024-25 K-8 Yearbook has arrived and is being sent home today, with those students who purchased one. If you missed out, we have 16 copies available for purchase at just \$15 each. They will be sold on a first come first served basis and are available in the office.

## CANDY ORDERS DUE TODAY

The PTO Freeze Dried Candy Fundraiser ends today. The completed forms along with all sales proceeds must be returned to the Elementary Office by **TODAY, May 8th, to be counted in the order that is being placed**. Candy orders will arrive and be ready for pickup here at the Elementary on **Friday, May 23rd** between 3:30 and 5:00PM. Watch next week's newsletter to find out which class will be rewarded with an Ice Cream Party for selling the most candy!

## Challenge Reached!!

PTO's Box Top Challenge has been met! PTO issued the challenge of raising \$250 by the end of May through the Box Tops for Education App. That \$250 goal has been reached! Students were promised a free recess if the challenge was met. That recess will happen tomorrow. PTO will use the funds to purchase minor playground equipment.

## Important Happenings

5/5-5/9	Staff Appreciation Week
5/8	Final day to submit PTO candy orders
5/8	5th-12th Gr Band Concert - 6:30PM - HS Gym
5/9	Fun Friday - Career Day-dress for your future career
5/9	5th/6th Gr Solar Ovens completed
5/9	Popcorn Friday - sponsored by Happy Trails Pre-School
5/9	PTO Reverse Blue Hawk Buck Drawing
5/9	Kinder Mother's Day Tea Party-1:15 - Lunchroom
5/12	PTO Meeting - 5:00PM - Elementary
5/12	School Board Meeting - 6:00PM - Board Room
5/13	K-6 Choir Concert - 6:30PM - JH Gym
5/14	Early Childhood Screening (Birth-5) call for appt.
5/15	4th Gr Poetry Slam - 10:15-11:00AM - Band Room
5/16	Fun Friday - Neon Day
5/16	5th/6th Gr Egg Cart Races
5/16	3rd Gr Field Trip - TFalls Dam
5/19	1st Gr Field Trip - Airport / Downtown Businesses
5/19-5/22	4th-8th Gr Girls Spring Volleyball
5/20	3rd Gr Field Trip - Noxon Dam
5/20	Variety Show Auditions
5/21	Basketball Summer Camp forms due
5/21	Variety Show Auditions
5/22	Variety Show Auditions
5/23	Fun Friday - Beach Day
5/23	2nd Gr Field Trip - Harlow's Bison Ranch
5/23	PTO Candy Pickup - 3:30-5:00PM - Elementary
5/26	<b>NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day</b>
5/27	6th Gr Field Trip - Fort Missoula
5/28	Graduation Walk - 10:30AM - Elementary
5/29	4th Gr Field Trip - Clark Fork Fish Hatchery
5/29	5th Gr Field Trip - Conrad Mansion
5/30	Fun Friday - Blue Hawk Day

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### **A Heartfelt Thanks to Imperfect Mothers Everywhere**

No one is perfect, including mothers! We believe that mothers who make mistakes, and react with a healthy attitude, teach their kids a valuable lesson. It is an opportunity for them to show their kids how to accept their imperfections and [to learn from their mistakes](#).

#### **Why Imperfect Moms Are Remarkable**

Wonderful moms understand that kids need to make plenty of small, affordable mistakes. They know that kids must occasionally experience struggles and disappointments. They also know that constant rescuing or micromanaging creates kids who need constant rescuing and micromanaging. Because of this, the best moms often feel a bit lonely and unsure of themselves.

They feel lonely because our society too frequently rewards what looks good rather than what is truly good. They feel unsure of themselves because they rarely overhear other mothers bragging about allowing their kids to learn by forgetting their lunch, misplacing an occasional homework paper, or having to pay for a lost coat.

It's easy to feel guilty or insecure when you see so many "super-hovering mommies," loaded with all their children's sporting equipment, back packs, and responsibilities. It's easy to lose perspective when your vehicle is the only one without an "Honor Student" bumper sticker. It's tempting to waver when the parents next door are working harder to complete their child's homework than their child is.

#### **Encouragement and Tips for Moms**

Moms, I thank you for all that you do! Here are some tips that I hope you will take to heart:

- Parents who try to be perfect often raise kids who struggle with painful levels of perfectionism. Give your kids a gift by making mistakes and being gentle with yourself over them.
- Take care of yourself by letting your kids do most of the housework. This builds their self-esteem and shows that you are someone to be honored rather than taken for granted.
- Become very hard of hearing when your kids get demanding or fail to preface their request with a pleasant "please."
- Ignore the perfect moms on social media.

#### **How Others Can Support Moms**

Everyone else (including me) can support moms by:

- Letting the kids know how fortunate they are to have such a wonderful mom.
- Modeling an attitude of service by helping mom in front of the kids.
- Giving opportunities for mom to have a special time just for herself.
- Cleaning up after yourself.
- Providing this support throughout the year—not just on Mother's Day.

#### **A Final Thanks to Imperfect Mothers**

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all mothers everywhere for everything they do. I hope to encourage all the wonderful mothers who let things fall apart from time to time and who understand the wisdom of providing a rather imperfect world for their kids. If you'd like some tips for those times when you feel overwhelmed, you might benefit from our audio, [Love and Logic Magic When Kids Drain Your Energy](#).

***Each week we share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.***

***Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.***