

COLT COUNTRY

October, 2011

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NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The 2011-2012 school year is off to a wonderful start. We appreciate your communication and support. Working together as a team helps make your child's education a success!

October is school lunch month. McKinley's National Hot Lunch Celebration is coming in October. We are inviting parents/guardians to come in and eat school lunch with your child. Please see the calendar for the appropriate date.

Keeping safety in mind, many of our McKinley students ride the bus to the Middle School to get the the Boy's and Girl's Club. We are encouraging all students to take bus #78 from the Middle School to the Club. This is for your child's safety. The area around the Middle School and Boy's and Girl's Club is a high traffic area. The bus is the safest mode of transportation.

As we are now getting into the regular routine of school days, it is important to help your child develop good homework habits. Developing these skills at a young age can carry over into a lifetime of success. Here are some ideas to help your child.

1. Divide and Conquer - Kids feel overwhelmed when they look over their assignments for the week. Using a daily planner helps to manage their time. Having the assignments listed in the planner is particularly helpful if you are at work when your child gets home from school.
2. Get into a Regular Routine - Find the after school routine that works best for your child and stick to it. If your child knows what is expected and when, it'll be easier for him/her to work more efficiently.
3. Set Up a Great Homework Area - Having a quiet and comfortable place to do homework is essential to building good study and work habits. Make sure it is peaceful, quiet, free from TV and other distractions.
4. Work Alongside Your Child - Younger children tend to work better when an adult is nearby, ready to answer questions or help work out a problem. You can sit down with your own work or a magazine or book. Whatever quiet activity you can do while your child does her homework.

As always, please remember if you have any questions or concerns, we are only a phone call or an email away.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Bollinger

October Calendar

- 10 - Native American Day- NO SCHOOL
- 17 - Picture re-takes
- 25 - 5th & 6th Grade Volleyball Day
- 26 - 12:20 Dismissal - PM Preschool & PM Kindergarten (8:30-11:30)
- 27 - End of 1st Quarter

November 14-Turkey Bingo



McKinley School Float

McKinley School's float "Soared into a victory" this year, as we encouraged the football team to "Soar over the Eagles"! Our float won "Best School Float" in the 2011-2012 Ki-Yi Parade!

A big "THANK YOU" to all who helped make our entry a success!

Physical Fitness Events:

Cross Country Run

On Thursday, October 6th, 2011 all elementary students are invited to participate in a "Cross Country Run". The run will take place at the Watertown Stadium on West Kemp Avenue. The top 10 finishers in each age group will be awarded medals. All finishers will be awarded ribbons.

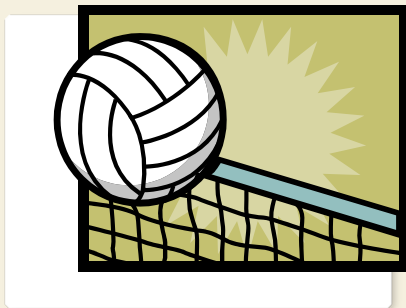
Kindergarten - 2nd Grade = 5:30 pm; run 1/4 mile

3rd & 4th Graders = 5:50 pm; run 1/2 mile

5th & 6th Graders = 6:10 pm; run 1 mile

Volleyball Day for 5th & 6th Grades

The 5th & 6th Grade students will be attending a volleyball day on Tuesday, October 25th. 5th grade students will be playing in the morning, and 6th grade students will be playing in the afternoon. The purpose of the day is to demonstrate volleyball skills learned and practiced in their health/fitness classes. Skills such as bump, set, serve, rotation, sportsmanship, and team cooperation will be emphasized. Students will be transported by bus to and from the high school. Thirty teams will be playing at a time, and the students will be playing for over 2 hours. Parents are welcome to come and watch their child play.



Full Band Rehearsals

Full band rehearsals for all schools will begin on **OCTOBER 24th** at the middle school band room. Rehearsals will be the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 3:40-4:30. Dates are listed below.

Please attempt to make as many rehearsals as possible. This is our only rehearsal time preparing for our two concerts this year.

The two performances at the high school arena are **March 19th** and **May 1st** at 7:00.

Full band rehearsals will be a wonderful, educational experience and a great way to meet kids from all the elementary schools before entering middle school. Students, you are a very important member of this team. It is important to practice and to attend after school rehearsals. We cannot do this without you!!

If your child is unable to attend because of illness, sports practice, doctor appointments or any other reason, please let me know. We want to make sure that we are not missing anybody that should be in attendance for that day. Also, if school is dismissed early because of inclement weather, the rehearsal will be canceled.

Rehearsal dates will be:

October 24th	November 14th
November 28th	December 12th
January 9th	January 23rd
February 13th	February 27th
March 12th	March 26th
April 23rd	

Parents, please make arrangements to pick up your child at 4:30 from the middle school. If this is not possible, we are encouraging you to have them go to the Boys and Girls Club until you are able to pick them up.

Mrs. Magstadt
Robyn.Magstadt@k12.sd.us

August 25, 2011

TO: Parents of ALL students ATTENDING A TITLE I SCHOOL

FR: Brenda Palsma, Assistant Director of Special Services

RE: Parents' Right to Know

In accordance with Title I Part A, Section 1111 (h) (6), this is to notify you that, as a parent of a student attending a Title I school, you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. The Watertown School District will provide a response to the parent's request in a timely manner.

The information provided to parents will include the following:

1. Whether any teacher has met state qualification and licensing criteria for the grade level and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction,
2. Whether any teacher is teaching under an "Authority to Act" status,
3. The baccalaureate degree or major of the degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree, and
4. Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

Parents may also request information on the level of achievement of their child in each of the state academic assessments. The Watertown School District will give parents timely notice that their child has been assigned, or has been taught for four or more consecutive weeks by a teacher who is not highly qualified.

Any parent wishing to obtain information regarding the qualifications of their child's teacher may direct inquiries to the building principal.

All inquiries regarding achievement information on your child can also be obtained by contacting your child's building principal.

KEA

Citizen Concerns About Federal Program A parent, student, employee, or District stakeholder who has a complaint regarding the use of federal NCLB funds and is unable to solve the issue, may address the complaint in writing to the District's superintendent. Disputes addressing the enrollment, transportation (including inter-district disputes), and other barriers to the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness are also addressed under this procedure. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth may initiate the dispute resolution process directly at the school they choose, as well as at the District or District's homeless liaison's office.

The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the school's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision. Students should be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes resolved.

— The superintendent will investigate, within one week, the circumstances of the complaint and render a decision within two weeks, after receipt of the complaint.

— The superintendent will notify the complainant of the decision in writing.

— The complainant will either accept or disagree with the decision and will provide such acknowledgement in writing, addressed to the District's superintendent.

— If the issue is not resolved with the superintendent, the complaint will be forwarded to the District's School Board for further review. The parent or guardian or unaccompanied youth shall be provided with a written explanation of the District's decision including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.

— Unresolved complaints may be forwarded by the stakeholder to the South Dakota Department of Education for review. (Consult SD Department of Education Complaint Procedure).
5/12/08

National School Lunch Week is upon us, and we would like to invite you to come and eat school lunch with your child(ren).

Please call the office as soon as possible, if you plan to eat with your child(ren). 605-882-6350

*Adult Lunch price = \$2.60; Student Lunch price = \$1.85

* Adult Breakfast price = \$2.00; Student Breakfast price = \$1.50

6th Grade - Tuesday, October 11th - 12:10 pm - Vegetable Soup

5th Grade - Thursday, October 13th - 11:20 am - Cheeseburger/Mac Hotdish

4th Grade - Tuesday, October 18th - 11:15 am - Dominos School Pepperoni Pizza

3rd Grade - Thursday - October 20th - 11:40 am - Deluxe Burger

2nd Grade - Tuesday - October 25th - 11:45 am - Hot Dog

1st Grade - Thursday - October 27th - 12:05 pm - Chicken Strips

Morning Preschool - Wednesday - October 19th - 8:40 am - Breakfast Egg Pizza

Afternoon Preschool - Wednesday - October 19th - 12:35 pm - Beef & Bean Chimichanga

Social Work Corner

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources.

Here are some resources:

PACH (People Against Child Hunger)

On Friday students receive a bag of food that helps to provide snacks and meals for the weekend. Parents must complete an application to participate. The program does not have any income requirements. If you are interested, please contact Paula Davis.

Household Products

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, there are household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and shampoo etc available for families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you, please contact Paula Davis.



INVITATION TO PARENTING CLASS

WHAT: Common Sense Parenting Class

WHEN: 6 weeks, beginning Tuesday, October 18th, from 5:30-7:30 pm

WHERE: Watertown Boys & Girls Club

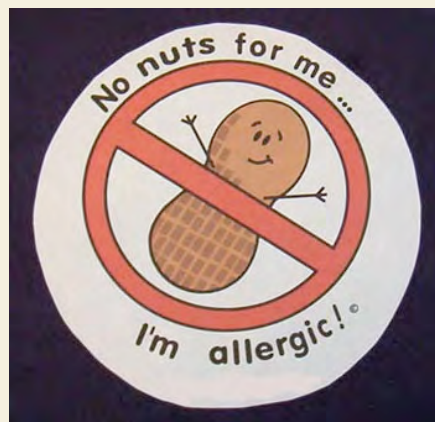
To enroll, please contact Linda Schoepp at 886-6666. The cost is \$20, which includes a parenting book. (no one will be turned away; scholarships are available)

We would like all parents to be aware that there is a student/s in our school with a severe life-threatening food allergy to peanuts and tree nuts (anaphylaxis). This includes any food that contains peanuts/nuts in it. This is a medical condition that causes a severe reaction to specific foods and can result in death within minutes.

Prevention of course is the best approach. Although this may or may not affect your child's class directly, we want to inform you so that you may remind your child to bring foods to school that are free from peanuts or nut products. In a school setting, cross-contamination is the greatest risk for this type of allergy. Trace (1/1000th of a peanut) amounts of peanuts/nuts can be left on gym equipment, computer keyboards, pencils, door handles, etc.

We endeavor to make the school a safe environment for all students. Anyone wishing further information about anaphylaxis may contact the school.

Thank you for your support





"Enhancing educational opportunities for students."



Social & Activities 5:30 P.M.

Dinner & Live Auction 7:00 P.M.

*Order tickets online by credit card
at arrowfoundation.org or call
605.882.6399/605.520.2378*

CASUAL ATTIRE

Raffle Tickets - \$100

Dinner Tickets - \$30

Reserved Table for 8 - \$650

(Includes dinner for eight & four raffle tickets)

*Reverse Raffle
with a
**Grand Prize
of \$5,000!***