



From the Principal.... Happy New Year!



It is hard to believe that a new year has started and second semester has arrived already. Please remember that with the New Year comes cold weather. Thank you for making sure your child/children are remembering to dress for the weather. We try to go outside, if at all possible, each day. Please remember that the school doors open at 8:25. We do not have staff available to supervise children dropped off prior to that time. In the event of really cold mornings, I know that a lot of parents want to drop their child off at the top bus loop lot. Please remember to pull all the way to the curb to drop off and please do not block the crosswalk or drop your child off in the middle of the carpool lane. Safety is always on our minds. Please be sure to drive slowly and look for people walking in the parking lot. Also, for families that walk to school, please remind children to cross with the lights and be careful crossing the street. As always, please be patient and careful in the parking lot.

Kindergarten Round Up was held last evening. Mr. Bilotta will be sending out the recorded link shortly.

Registrations will be completed online until January 31, 2022.

Go to the following link to register your child for kindergarten next year. <https://www.ops.org/Page/563>

Thank you for your support in being a partner with our school. We know when we work together our children will achieve more.

Mr. Carl Bilotta, Principal

Reminder :

No Breakfast will be served after 9:00. A.M.



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PTO News..



Up-Coming Events



Jan 17—Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School

Feb 4—Curriculum Day-No School

Feb 8—6:30 PTO Meeting

Feb 14— Valentine's Day 2:30pm

Feb 17—Music Program for parents whose last name begins A-K

Feb 18—Music Program for parents whose last name begins L-Z

Feb. 21— President's Day -No



News from the Library!

Golden Sower voting is coming up soon! The Golden Sower is a Nebraska book award that is chosen by students. Every year there are 10 picture books, 10 chapter books and 10 novels. Here in our library we have been focusing on reading all 10 picture books in our Kindergarten through 3rd grade classrooms. 4th and 5th grade have been focused on reading the 10 chapter books at their leisure. Our students are very excited about our Golden Sowers! Our final vote will take place during the second week in March. Take a moment to ask your child about their favorite Golden Sower nominee today!

Spring break is approaching! Along with spring break, we have spring cleaning! If your child is still missing a book from our library, take a moment and “spring clean” around your home to see if you can find it. We will be sending home slips with any missing books your student has. It is so important that we have these books returned to the library so all our students have an opportunity to check them out.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Lucie Ripley
Mrs. Amy Ackerman
Mrs. Amy Bateman



Psychology News:

Connection

Most educators believe in the importance of parent and school connections and research would agree. In fact, studies show that a strong connection between home and school benefits children tremendously. Students whose guardians stay involved in their education do better in school, have higher attendance rates, better social skills, and an increased graduation rate. However, with the busy life that guardians often have, it may be difficult to find ways to involve them in their student's education. Teachers and guardians can effectively cultivate partnerships using an array of strategies. First, teachers and guardians can promote the importance of reading at home. Regular reading at home models good reading skills and provides additional practice students need to become great readers. Next, teachers can help parents become great reading partners by recommending evidence-based reading strategies. Finally, teachers and guardians can ensure connections by keeping their lines of communication open. Communication between teachers and guardians should occur as often as possible to help guardians understand where their student is succeeding and struggling. In conclusion, we know that strong connections between school and home lead to better outcomes for children! Who wouldn't want that?

For additional information, please contact me at kyle.hesser@ops.org or 531-299-7182. Additional resources can be found at nasponline.org.

Kyle Hesser, Ed.S.

School Psychologist

Counseling Corner:

During the month of January, we are focusing our guidance lessons on kindness and empathy. We are talking about how important it is to treat each other with respect and to show appreciation for each other. We are also discussing the importance of having empathy (putting yourself in someone else's shoes) to better understand how someone is feeling.

We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and we are excited to begin the second semester. As a reminder, it is important to make sure your children are at school ready to learn on time and every day. The days of absences can add up and your children miss out on ample opportunities of learning.

We look forward to continue helping your children grow emotionally, socially, and academically.

Kaylee Asche & Sara Jones , Counselors



Notes from the Nurse:

Illness:

COVID 19 is looking more like other influenza diseases, so please consider keeping your child home if they are experiencing the below symptoms. These are the schools guidelines for exclusion of 5 days and returning on day 6.

Your child has exhibited or expressed the following symptom(s):

Student excluded for 1 or more of the following:

New onset cough Fever 100.4 or above, New onset of shortness of breath, New loss of taste or smell.

Student excluded for 2 or more of the following:

Chills, Muscle aches, Headache, Sore Throat, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea, Fatigue/

According to guidance provided by the Douglas County and Sarpy County Health Departments, your student must stay home for 5 days and until the below criteria are met:

24 hours fever free (without fever –reducing medications)

Symptoms have improved Your student may return to school sooner with:

Written permission from a health care provider and fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications). OR A negative COVID-19 test result and fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications).

A complete list of where to get tested can be found at

<https://www.douglascountyhealth.com/109-covid-19/773-where-to-get-tested>

Staying healthy and keeping your immune system and your child's in the best condition requires proper nutrition, exercise, and adequate sleep. Good handwashing, masking, and social distancing can help reduce the spread of germs.

Marilyn Hansen MSML, BSN, RN & Ms. McCullough Health Aide

