

WELCOME BACK!!

Parents,

I want to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year!! I hope everyone had a great summer, and I hope everyone is ready to have a great school year.

Beginning the week of August 19th, we will begin screening all students in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades for the reading disability of dyslexia as required by Missouri state statute. Dyslexia refers to difficulty with accurate word recognition, spelling and decoding strategies. Students whose results show that they might be at risk for dyslexia will receive supports and accommodations in their classroom and intervention instruction in the Title I ELA (English Language Arts) classroom. Parents will receive notification of whether their child is at risk for dyslexia or not at risk. All students will be screened again in December and in April/May. Children in Kindergarten will be screened in December and April/May. If your child is in 4th-8th grades and you would like him/her to be screened for dyslexia, please let us know. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact Ms. McClanahan. **NOTE:** Screen will result in a diagnosis of dyslexia.

I also need to ask you to **fill out the free and reduced lunch form, in your student packet, whether you think you qualify or not.** Very simply put, the more of these that are filled out and returned, the more the school benefits because this drives money through the state foundation formula. **NEW Lunch prices are \$2.50 a day,** and breakfast is \$1.50 a day. Reduced prices are still \$.40 for lunch and \$.30 for breakfast. **Once again, please fill out the free and reduced forms and send them back ASAP!!** Thank you.

Please remember that the building is not open until 7:30 A.M. Please do not have your children here before this time. **There is no supervision before this time.** Breakfast will be served between 7:40 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. The first bell will ring at 8:00 A.M. All students are expected to be in class by 8:05 A.M. or they will be considered tardy.

Here are some important dates you need to remember:

Aug. 19 – 5th/6th grade basketball practice starts

Aug. 21 – Picture Day

Aug. 26 – PTO Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

Sept. 3 – NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Sept. 6 - Progress Reports for 2nd-8th

Sept. 27 – Progress Reports for 2nd-8th

Please especially note the items in the student handbook on the following pages: p. 7 notification of surveillance in the building, and on school grounds and buses p. 30 lunch price change from \$2.40-\$2.50 The last three pages of the handbook are perforated to make their removal easier. They should be filled out and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

Your child's education will greatly benefit by making reading an important part of your child's life. Read every evening!! As reading laws continually raise expectations for students, it's important that children get consistent reading opportunities at home every evening. Make reading important, make it fun, and make it a consistent part of your child's day! Research clearly shows that a child reading every evening for 20 to 30 minutes, can have a profound effect on that child's reading level. Thanks again, and if you have any questions please feel free to call me at 729-3902.

Sincerely, Mrs. Tatom