



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Parents,

Thanks for your help, this school year is off to a wonderful start! I highly appreciate all that you have done to get your child (or children) ready for this school year. At this time of year, I would like to remind you of some important issues.

First, students need to be at their bus stop **on time**. Students are required to wait for their bus driver to signal them across the road. Please do not direct your child to cross the road. Speak to him/her about watching and following the bus driver's signal. Also, remember that we get out at 3:15 p.m. on Mondays and all of the buses are at Green Forest and ready to go. Tuesday through Friday the bell does not ring until 3:20 p.m. In addition, all buses are equipped with surveillance cameras. Students, bus drivers, and parents who talk to the bus driver during a route will be recorded. Students who are picked up by Bus 5 in the mornings at Schafer Feed store need to be there by 6:50 a.m. I Can Too pick up is 6:55 a.m. In the evenings Bus 5 drops students off at Al Brown at 3:50 p.m. on Mondays and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday –Friday.

Second, if you need to check your child out of school, you must sign them out in the office. If you get here a little early to pick your child up, please wait for them in the cafeteria. **Please do not go directly to your child's classroom without first checking in at the office. Remember that you need to wear our visitor's badge if you need to go past the cafeteria.** If you need to speak with your child's teacher they will be happy to do so before or after school or during their planning time. Please call her to set up an appointment. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

Third, if your child wears **flip flops** to school, please pack **socks** in their backpack to wear with their P.E. shoes. If you want your child to be given any over-the-counter medications, you must bring them to the nurse's office. Your child's name should be written on the outside of the medicine container. **I still have several families that need to complete and return the free and reduced lunch form.** Please label your child's lunch box, coats, and hats with their name. If your child is missing an article of clothing please come in and check our lost and found.

Finally, continue making reading an important part of your child's life! 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 if a child reads every evening for 20 to 30 minutes, it can eventually have a profound effect on that child's reading level.**

Here are some September dates you need to remember:

Sept. 2– NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Sept. 5 – 5th and 6th B-ball – Dent Phelps R-3 – Home – 4:00 P.M.

Sept. 6 – 5th and 6th B-ball – Northwood R-4 – location TBA – 4:00 P.M./Progress Reports 2nd-8th

Sept. 10 – 5th and 6th B-ball – Oak Hill R-1 – Home – 4:00 P.M.

Sept. 12 – 5th and 6th B-ball – Edgar Springs – Away – 4:00 P.M. /Beef Days for third grade

Sept. 16 and 17 – 5th and 6th - B-ball Tournament at R-IV times TBA/Sept 16: K/1st Progress Reports

Sept. 23 – 7th/8th grade B-ball practice starts 3:30-5:00 p.m. (Athletes must have a physical)/ K-2nd Leach Theater trip.

Sept. 27 – Progress Reports 2nd -8th

I also want to encourage you to use our website. Our address is www.gfr2.k12.mo.us. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office 729-3902 or my home 729-7177.

Thanks!