



"M.M. Generali School News"

MARCH 2019

Vision: Our students and staff will employ the mindfulness technique to make positive personal decisions enabling us to mentor responsible citizens.

Mission: M.M. Generali Elementary School's mission is to provide opportunities for all students, in partnership with families, to maximize their skills and talents in a positive atmosphere where teaching and learning flourish under the belief that all students can be exemplary students, while becoming respectful, responsible, productive citizens who will be vital to our community.

Dear Parents and Guardians:



Spring is near!

We are well beyond the mid-year mark. We have a few reminders to keep the rest of the school year running as smoothly as the first half.

- Please keep in touch with your child's teacher to monitor their progress.
- Please discuss with your child the type of behavior that you expect from him/her in school and on the bus .
- Please check your child's homework assignment and daily calendar. They have homework every night. Please sign agenda.
- Please read to your children and or require them to read daily. Ask them what the book is about, where it takes place, and who is in it. That will help with their reading comprehension.

These reminders will help with your child's academic success.

Spring M Class testing will occur after Spring Vacation. Any child that does not meet criteria will have to attend our summer program

Thank You & Happy Spring.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stamp

Principal

Reminders: Cellphone, Game boys, mp3 players are not allowed in school.

Chap stick, lipstick, lip gloss , large earring, high heeled shoes and fake nails are not allowed either. We are not responsible for any loss or stolen items



We will have outdoor recess if the temp rises above 32 degrees. Parents, please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the cold weather; we will be sending the children out to recess daily when the weather permits it. It would be best if their names are in their coats someplace in case they get misplaced during the day. We do have a lost and found outside the office door if your child is missing something.



Safety first

Think before you act

Always be kind

Respect yourself and others

Attendance Counselor-

As we settle into the routine of school, please remember to have your student in the building by 8:35 to avoid being tardy. We understand absences happen, please follow attendance procedures if your student is absent. Send in a doctor note or a parent note when the student returns. Once your student has missed 4 days in one month, or 10 days in a school year you will need to come in and meet with the attendance counselor. Please feel free to call me with any questions/concerns you have.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month! Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent—which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

Did you know???

→		18 OR MORE DAYS • Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn. • Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.
→		10 TO 17 DAYS • Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year. • When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.
→		9 OR FEWER ABSENCES • Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more. • Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Clearly going to school regularly matters! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

EARLY Pick-ups

Early pick-ups of students before the end of the school day are discouraged as students will miss valuable instructional time. Students leaving a few minutes early often miss important last minute instructions and/or reminders. This is considered the same as a tardy. Interrupting classes to call students to the office also distracts other students and interrupts the end of the day classroom routines. Early pick-ups should occur only in rare circumstances. Please make every effort to schedule appointments outside of school hours. **If you need to pick up your son/daughter during the day or at the end of the school day, you must send a note with your child in the morning. Early release notes must explain the reason for the early pick-up and the time you will pick up. Students will not be released for early pick-ups after 2:35.** This is a very busy time for the school and office personnel as we are preparing for dismissal and the close of the school day, and it is a safety concern to remove children once they begin to move towards their designated dismissal area. Also, due to the safety and security of our students and school building, we would like to remind you that parents are not allowed in the building at dismissal time and will have to wait outside for their children. We kindly ask that you consider the weather and prepare for pickup in advance as you will have to wait outside. Please make sure you prepare for the weather (umbrella, etc.) when picking up students. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

PARKING



Parents: Please do not use the bus lane to drop off or pick up your child. This area is reserved for busses only. All parents must use the parent drop off area in the Odd Fellows parking lot which is the building next door to the school or park in their parking lot and walk over when visiting the school. This is for the safety of our students. Thank you!



Meeting's with Teachers and Administration

We encourage meetings and communication with your child's classroom teacher. Working together increases student achievement. We do ask that you please provide your child's teacher with 24-hour advance notice when wanting to meet with them. When requesting a meeting with administrator, please see secretary to schedule meeting.



NURSE'S OFFICE INFORMATION

Sherry Mitchell, R.N.

Jessie Demers, Health Aide

Please remember to send and any changes in contacts phone numbers, so you can be reached in case of illness or emergency. Parents, please remember to always keep the nurses, as well as your child's teacher informed of any and all allergies your child's may have. Thanks



Kindergarten parents, please make sure an extra change of clothes is in your child's bookbag everyday in case of bathroom accidents.



Thanks very much! Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy March & Happy Saint Patrick's day to all!

Parents /Guardians -To reduce falls and slipping accidents please make sure your children's shoe laces are tied before leaving in the morning.



Thanks!!!

Sherry Mitchell, R. N.

&

Jessie Demers, Public Health Aide

What's happening around the school???



Kindergarten: This month we welcome Spring!! We will be reading many informational stories about spring and plants. We are continuing to work on addition and subtraction to 10. Please continue working with your child studying the sight word lists that have been sent home as well as decoding simple consonant vowel consonant words. While reading to your child, please be sure to ask questions about story elements (setting, character, events, problem, solution)

Story Elements



Thank you for all of your support and cooperation. It is very much appreciated

1st Grade-

In Reading students are moving along with reading fluency please practice trick words at home. They should know how to read and spell them. Please practice reading daily with your child.

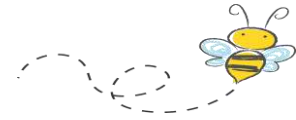


Math -We are moving on with time, shapes, and measurements. We are also working on fluency with our math facts, students should be able to solve addition and subtraction problems with missing addends and totals. Thank you for all your support.

2nd Grade -



Our Pennies for Patients campaign ends on March 15th. Many thanks for your contributions so far. We will announce a total in next month's newsletter. Our 3rd m.p. project on habitats is due March 4th. Hope everyone enjoyed learning and creating their animal habitats!



3rd Grade

In 3rd grade, we are currently working on fractions and wrapping up unit 2 in our new one wonders program for reading. We are preparing the students for the Smarter Balanced test that they will be taking soon. Please encourage your child to try their best, take their time, and get plenty of rest when it is testing time for them.



As always, please encourage 20 minutes of reading each night to improve reading fluency! Thank you for all of your support!

4th Grade -

The students have been working hard in their wanders curriculum. They are reading rigorous text and working on close reading strategies. Weekly vocabulary and grammar skills are also included. In math, students are busy adding in subtracting mixed numbers. Students continue to use I-ready for math weekly to work on skills they need reinforcement in. Students are also busy preparing for the SBAC test coming up this Spring by taking practice test on the computer. Please encourage 90 reading and multiplication in practice, Thank you.

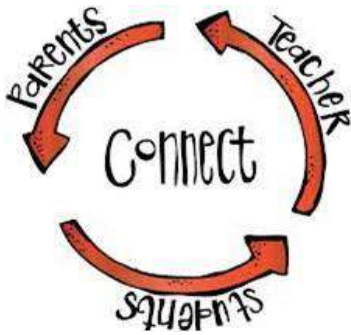
SBAC!

STATES OF MATTER



5th Grade-

Fifth grade is moving along quickly through this year. In science we are studying matter. Students will discover the different states of matter and how to measure matter. They will explore the different properties of matter along with dissolving rates of certain matter, and compare and contrast physical and chemical changes of matter. In math, students will solve addition and subtraction situations involving whole numbers, decimals, and fractions, including mixed numbers with unknowns in all positions. In reading our Big Idea for Unit 2 is *What does it take to put a plan into action?*. Please make sure to check your child's planner daily for homework and notices.



Parent Liaison's corner



Parents/Guardians,
 The **Student of the Month** ceremony for the month of February will be held on March 20th at 9:30 am in the school cafeteria.



Thursday March 28th

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and chat with the Parent Liaison and other parents.
9:45-10:45



- March 8 -Professional Development – No school
- March 15th - With a \$1 donation Wear green for Muscular Dystrophy
- March 20- K Report cards go out
- March 20 -Student of the Month Ceremony at 9:30
- March 21 -Reading and Science Night 6:00-7:00
- March 22 – End of the third marking period
- March 22 – Math Assembly
- March 28th –Parent coffee Hour