



Star-worthy News



LIVE... from Mrs. Messer's Room

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Editorial:

Hello Parents and Families!
Welcome Kindergarten...
Hollywood Style!

This is going to be a very special year for you and your child and I am very excited to be a part of it! Kindergarten is full of fun and educational adventures, so get ready for the ride of a lifetime!

The first few days of kindergarten will be busy with learning where things are in the classroom and the school, meeting new friends and getting used to the school routine. **Please don't worry if it takes your kindergartner a little while to feel completely comfortable with coming to school. This is a big place with lots of new faces!!* Fortunately, one benefit of attending school all day/everyday is the speed at which children transition from home and preschool to the elementary school setting.



Excitement for All!

This exciting year of learning includes many new experiences such as: reading readiness with

a very interactive reading series, math skills, journaling (free writing), computer skills, library time, introductions to science, social studies and health, and of course creative arts, music and physical education. New this year will be the implementation of iPads in our daily curriculum! We will definitely be keeping busy!

Snack Time

We will be having snack each day at about 1:30 p.m. Your child will be asked to contribute a snack about once a month, and also on their "school birthday". ****A snack calendar is attached to this newsletter.****

On the back of the snack calendar you will find a list of nutritious snacks that are recommended by the school district. I will include this list on all snack calendars for your convenience. Please remember that all snacks must be purchased, not homemade. Thanks for helping make our snack time a special time!

****The school provides milk each day for the kindergarten snack break!***



This week in Kindergarten...

We began our kindergarten adventures by reading a wonderful book entitled:

The Kissing Hand. This story is about a little raccoon named Chester who, like your child, is going to school for the first time. He has a few worries which are calmed when mom shares with him the story of the kissing hand. As you saw in school bags today, we made our own special kissing hand puzzle-project to help moms and dads feel better about sending their little ones off to school. We hope you had a good time with this "first day of school" project.



Also this week, we will take a tour of our school, guided by our new friend "Mouse" from the book If You Take a Mouse to School. Mouse has his own book that will help us find many important rooms in our school such as; the gym, cafeteria, library, computer lab, school office and of course our own room. What a fun way it is to learn how to navigate the halls in our very own school!

Our Daily Schedule:

Please find attached to this Kindernews, a copy of our daily schedule. As the schedule points out, our class



goes to music-Mondays,
physical education-Tuesdays,
computer lab-Wednesdays
and there is a 3 week rotation
on Thursdays. Because we
didn't have school Monday,
our first Music day is this
Thursday. Please do have
your child wear or bring
tennis shoes each day as we
go out for recess after lunch
and again at the end of the
day. **Some families find it
easier to purchase an
inexpensive pair of gym shoes
at Target or Wal-Mart and
just leave them at school.
Please do what works for you!*

End of the Day Plans

If your child's regular after
school plans change, you
MUST send a note with your
child, email me in the morning,
or call the school.

I will **always** send your child
their regular way without
instructions from you. For
example, if your child's
regular routine is to ride the
bus to daycare, if I do not
receive information from a
parent; that is where
they will go every day.
*None of us want a little
child lost at the end of
the day!!!*



****Our pick-up and drop-
off door will be door #8.***



A little about Mrs. Messer:

I am currently in my 16th
year of teaching here in
Barnesville. **Wow! That was*

*weird to type!!! Anyway...I
taught kindergarten and
preschool for several years,
first grade for one year, and
have been teaching all
day/every day kindergarten
for the past 9 years.*

*Last year the "cool, new
thing" about me was
completing my first $\frac{1}{2}$
Marathon. Next Spring I am
planning to run it
again...hopefully a little
faster! ☺*

*My family and I moved to
Barnesville 6 years ago, and
have been busy "filling up the
house" ever since. My
household currently consists
of 5 people, 1 dog and 3 fish.
My husband Jason works in
West Fargo, Meghan, my
oldest daughter, is 11 and a
sixth grader (she's at the
High School!), Savannah is 9
and is a fourth grader, and my
busy little super-hero, Jensen
will be 5 on September 24th
and starts Preschool in a
couple weeks! Where did
those 5 years go I
ask!*



*Finally; Windsor our
wonderful golden retriever
turned 4 in June, and you are
bound to hear many "Windsor
stories" this year. He is a
very sweet golden and loves
nothing better than going on
runs and walks!*

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*This will be an even more
exciting year of learning with
the implementation of iPads
for every student. I had the*

*opportunity to use one in my
classroom last year and praise
the benefits for early
learning skills. Your child will
be practicing letters, sounds,
reading and math skills in a
totally interactive way.
Through-out the first 2
weeks of school I will get
everyone's iPads assigned to
them. We will then start
using them in an individualized
manner daily or nearly daily.
In early October there will be
a Kindergarten Parent
Meeting in my classroom to
discuss iPad use, and our new
Guided Reading Program.
What a fantastic year of
learning this will be!!!*

Please know: If you ever have
any questions or concerns
throughout the year, please
don't hesitate to call, email or
drop me a note. I feel that open
lines of communication can only
benefit your child! You are your
child's first and most important
teacher...and never forget it!

How to get a hold of me...

*My cell phone number is:
701.306.7851*

*The school phone number is:
218.354.2300, my ext. is 416.*

You can email me at:

cmesser@barnesville.k12.mn.us

*I am very excited for a
fantastic year of learning and
new experiences for all!*

~Mrs. Messer ☺

***Upcoming Events:**

****Tuesday, September 17th-
School picture day.***

Reminder: Please register yourself on the Honeywell Instant Alert Program. Papers came home with your packet at Open House. If you have any question please contact Cindy in the office. Thanks!