

Star-worthy News



LIVE... from Mrs. Messer's Room

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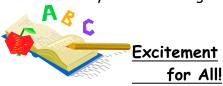
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Editorial:

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.



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 puzzleproject 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 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 *Some families find it day. 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 dropoff 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!