



Elementary October Newsletter

Bus Route Changes - Reminder

Your child should regularly ride their bus home. If a change is necessary due to an emergency, we must receive a note from a parent indicating the day, date and exact location. **If you do not need the bus to pick up your child/children please notify the bus company. Tim Theis 453-6215 and Ron Dockendorf 764-7355.** No bus route changes will be accepted for sleepovers, playing with friends, or birthday parties, etc. Emergencies only. **Also when making a change for the same day, please have that change to us by 1:00 p.m.**

Education Minnesota Conferences No School

Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th are Education Minnesota Conference days in the state of Minnesota. There will be no school on Thursday and Friday.

Ludwig Photography

Picture day will be October 1st for the Eden Valley Elementary. Watkins picture day will be on Oct. 3rd.

Conferences/Mid-quarter Slips

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 12th from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m. and Thursday, November 14th from 3:30 to 7:45 p.m. Mid-quarter deficiency notices and achievement notices will be sent home the first week of November. If your child is having academic problems or is doing extremely well, you will be notified.

Dropping Off/Picking Up Students

If you have any questions about parent pick up and drop off, please call the office at 453-6455.

Ill Children

Please keep your child home for a full 24 hours after vomiting, diarrhea, and unmedicated fever of a 100 degrees or more

Absent Children

If your child is going to be absent, we ask that you call the elementary office in the morning at 453-6455 ext 2134. Please remember to send a note explaining the absence when your child returns to school. The following information should be included: **the date, reason, and symptoms**, (example) temperature, vomiting, sore throat, etc.

School Health Services

The ACMC clinic from Litchfield will be coming the morning of Friday, Oct. 11th, to give Flu vaccinations for EV-W kindergarten thru 12th grade students. A consent form is required to participate. You will find all the health related forms and information on the school website, under District Nurse webpage. Forms are due October 3rd.

Sealant Program

We will be hosting the MN School Sealant Program again this year for grades 1st-6th on November 20th. They offer free or reduced cost services for cleaning, fluoride, varnish, and sealants. Look for forms to come home on October 7th, or they can be found on the Health Services Page on the website. Any questions please call Nurse Johnson. Ext. 2135.

Vision and Hearing

Elementary vision and hearing for grades 1, 3, and 5 will be October 15th.

Fire Prevention Week October 7th -13th

This is a good time to practice home fire drills and what steps your children should take to get out of your home in a fire situation. Items like exits to use and where to meet outside



should be discussed and practiced. The Eden Valley Fire Department will have the fire trucks at the Eden Valley Elementary and will discuss fire safety with K-4th grade students. The Watkins Fire Department will have the

fire truck at the Watkins Elementary and discuss fire safety with the students.

Fall Parade

We will have our annual Fall parade on Thursday, October 31st.

This is an opportunity for your child to display their costume at school. The parade will start at 1:15 p.m. in Watkins and at 1:45 p.m. in Eden Valley. We extend an invitation to all parents to come and watch the parade.



Appropriate Snack/Treat List

The list can be found on the school website, on District Nurse's webpage.

Please note specific brands listed are okay, but generic items are not the same. Please read all labels.

How Can I Help My Child With Homework?

Most teachers assign homework on a regular basis because practice is needed before children fully understand new skills or concepts. Homework also increases the amount of learning time available and allows students to do more in depth learning.

General Guidelines

Reward progress; use lots of praise; display good work. Find out how much and what type of homework is assigned in each class, how students are expected to finish it and turn it in, and what students can do when they don't understand something; help your child manage the workload by dividing it into smaller tasks. Help your child develop a homework schedule that he or she can stick to. Talk to your child each day about homework assignments; go over work; see if it's complete; ask questions about it but don't do your child's homework for them. Provide a suitable place for study (if possible, make it quiet and away from the distractions of TV, phone, and loud music). Avoid making homework a punishment.

Medications

We would like to remind parents to check the student handbook for the policy on giving medications at school. All medications need to have a physician's order and this applies to over-the-counter medication as well as prescription medication (ex. cough drops, Tylenol.)

Chickenpox

Please notify the school nurse if your child develops chickenpox or shingles **during** the school year. The Minnesota Dept. of Health requires the school to report this. They are doing this to evaluate the effectiveness of the varicella immunization. This will help prevent and control outbreaks in schools and the community.

If you need to report chickenpox or have any questions, please call Anno Johnson at 453-2900, ext. 2135.

Food Service

When sending money with your students, please have the money in an envelope with first and last name, grade and lunch number. For families with more than one child, please specify what amount should go to which child. This is very important so the money goes into the proper account. Also a reminder that Kindergarten receives breakfast at no charge.

Did You Know:

90% of students do not like to see someone bullied, however less than 20% of students try to stop it. Talk with your child(ren) that one voice can change many.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR SCHOOLS

SAVE THESE ITEMS, TURN THEM INTO THE WATKINS ELEMENTARY, EV-W ELEMENTARY, STEIN'S GROCERY IN WATKINS AND HELP US RAISE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOLS.

Our Family Labels for Learning

"Our Family" will donate 5 cents for every "OUR FAMILY" UPC code that you purchase and turn in.

Loaves For Learning

Please save the UPC codes on Country Hearth & Village Hearth products. They donate 5 cents for every UPC code.

Box Tops for Education Update

Let's all continue to WORK TOGETHER to have a successful year with the Box Tops for Education program. Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Please

download the app today and begin scanning your receipts to log your BoxTops for EVW.

Teal's Receipts

Simply shop at Teal's Market and earn 1% back on all your qualifying purchases which will be donated to our schools. Just send in your receipts from Teal's into the Elementary.

Pop Tops

We will also still collect pop tops to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks!!

Student Council News

The Eden Valley-Watkins Elementary Student Council had their election of officers and representatives. The following should be congratulated on being elected on these positions. Officers: President- Jackson Portner, Vice President- Isabel Schlangen, Secretary- Laura Heuring, Treasurer- Lilian Schultz; Representatives:
Grade 1- Kiya Lubbers, Makya Price, Sawyer Asmus; Grade 2- Myra Hendricks, Spencer Valiant, Isaac Manuel; Grade 3- Zoey Huschle, Miley Kuechle, Brody Pauls; Grade 4- Bryce Neiman, Alexis Elias, Aubrey Sina; Grade 5- Andrew Schmitz, Addy du'Monceaux, Sara Ahl; Grade 6- Ava Schumacher, Neha Manuel, Gavin Arens, Alexis Bailey

Student Council News Fall Aluminum Recycling

Our Fall Aluminum Recycling Drive will be from October 14th – October 31st. Our school goal is to collect 350 pounds. Please bring bagged cans to the metal shed by the elementary school. Thank you for helping with our recycling drive.

Class Meetings

If your child is having a problem at lunch, recess, or on the bus, encourage them to discuss it with their teacher. Each homeroom conducts weekly classroom meetings and many issues can be resolved in these meetings.

Elementary Lunch Program

We are off to a great year. We are continuing our cooking from scratch, so the food is less processed. We are making the

meals as healthy as possible while still having the students like them.

Eating breakfast and lunch gives your child/children the energy to get through the day. Just as a car doesn't run without gas in it, students don't learn without food in their bodies.

As income changes during the course of the year, sometimes with seasonal employment, we accept free and reduced meal applications throughout the year. They are available in each of the building's offices.

If you ever have questions, concerns, or comments, please give me a call at 320/453-2900 ext 1106 or email me at jheyning@evw.k12.mn.us
Jessica Heyning

Looking ahead

We will be trying something new next month! Our monthly newsletter will be sent via email. Please keep a watch out for it.

Halloween Safety Tips

1. Small kids should always be escorted by an adult while trick-or-treating.
2. Use a flashlight.
3. Always throw away all unwrapped candy.
4. Kids should wear fire-safe and traffic-safe costumes.
5. Parents shouldn't allow kids to go inside houses unaccompanied.
6. Parent should always check kids' candy. Small, hard candy is a choking hazard for young children.



Rob Pederson, Elementary Principal

