



# Pearson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center

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## NEWSLETTER

Hello Pearson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center Families,

It's hard to believe that we are thinking about the last few weeks of school already. Your sixth graders have grown in many ways this year academically, socially, emotionally, and physically. Many of them are taller than me now, even with my heels on! It's hard to imagine that only nine months ago fears of lockers, seven class periods, new teachers, new friends, and no recess were what flooded their minds. Now the talk in the hallways is what Junior High each student is going to as they have enjoyed their big year together as a sixth grade class.

I hope you have enjoyed the school year as well and have found the learning and growing experience at Pearson 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center positive for you and your family. I always start to feel melancholy around this time of the year as it's hard to pass on these great students and adolescents to the next school. I have truly enjoyed getting to know your individual children, their interests, strengths, and goals for the future. I hope that Pearson has helped set them up for success as they continue on with their secondary years in Shakopee Schools.

Not only is the school year quickly coming to an end, but we finished up our state MCA testing this week as well. A big WELL DONE is in order for your student as both our reading and math percentages increased by several percentage points from where they were at as fifth graders. Students truly gave their best efforts, took their time, and gave us a true picture of their knowledge which is what we truly want for them. Thank you for your support helping them eat healthy breakfasts and get long nights of sleep.

"Every story has an ending, but in life, every ending is a new beginning." I have seen this quote many

times over the years and I think it relates well to the closure of a new school year. My hope is that the story of sixth grade for your child has been a happy one and that Junior High will bring many new and exciting beginnings.

Thank you for all of your support this school year.

Best Wishes,

Angela

### Kids Eat Free

Shakopee Schools will be offering FREE summer meals (breakfast and lunch) for all children ages 1-18.

#### June 16 - August 1 at Jackson Elementary

Breakfast 7:15 am-9:00 am

Lunch 11:45 am-1:45 pm

#### June 16 - August 8 at East Jr. High

Breakfast 6:45 am -9:00 am

Lunch 10:45 am-12:45 pm



No meals served on July 3rd and 4th.

Children enrolled in summer school at Jackson Elementary and East Jr. High will also receive a free breakfast and lunch.

Summer program for early childhood-aged children who have siblings attending summer school is offered at New Creation Church across from Sweeney Elementary. Contact Pastor Pat to sign up.

### Upcoming Important Dates

- May 12-Choir concert (WJH) 6:00 pm/7:30 pm
- May 13-Spring Picture Day
- May 19-Band Concert (WJH) 6:00 pm/7:30 pm
- May 26-No School-Memorial Day
- June 4-SHARP Awards for Discovery & Explorer students at 8:30 am
- June 5-SHARP Awards for Trailblazer & Voyager students at 8:30 am
- June 5-Last day of School

### Final Due Date for Books

All Media Center books are due back by Thursday, May 22. Please check at home for any books belonging to the Media Center. Advisory classes who turn in all their books by the 22nd will be entered into a drawing for a breakfast party provided by Mrs. Weatherman and Ms. Clarke.



### Spring Pictures

Smile...Lifetouch will be at Pearson the morning of Tuesday, May 13 for spring pictures. Students that would like their pictures taken must bring in a completed order form and payment on the day of pictures. Extra order forms can be picked up in the office.



Si a usted le gustaría recibir más información sobre estas formas, por favor comuníquese con Lupita Gutiérrez al 952-496-5730. Gracias.

Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно этой информации или вам понадобится объяснение на русском языке, пожалуйста, позвоните Светлане по телефону 496-5094 и оставьте ваше сообщение. Вам ответят на звонок вскоре. Спасибо!

### Shakopee Police Department Presents: Internet Safety for Parents

Parents, do you know what your kids are doing online? Who they are talking to? What they are talking about?

The Shakopee Police Department will offer a free Internet Safety for Parents presentation on Monday, May 19 to provide parents tools for talking to their children about safe Internet use. The class is from 6 to 8 PM in the Police Department Training Room, 475 Gorman Street; no registration required.

Crime Prevention Specialist Janna Grassel will speak about common apps and websites your children may be using, such as Snapchat, Kik, Omegle, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Vine, Ask.fm, Yik Yak and more. The event will also discuss cyber bullying and sexting, as well as provide tips on how to keep your child safer online by increasing parental controls.

The presentation is part of the Department's week-long campaign on child safety. Throughout the week, the Department will be posting daily child safety tips on Facebook and Twitter. Residents can also stop by the Police Department the week of May 19-23 to pick up a free child ID kit, which includes a fingerprinting card, DNA collection tools and an ID card. Kits are available to the first 100 people. Come to the Police Department lobby between 8 am and 4:30 pm to request a kit.

These activities are in honor of National Missing and Exploited Children's Day, May 25, which, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, "celebrates this message of hope and honors the commitment to help locate and recover missing children by reminding parents and communities that every child deserves a safe childhood."