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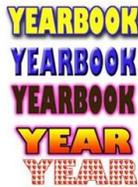
**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week**

The first week of May is always National Teacher Appreciation Week. We like to celebrate all of our staff throughout the week. We have different activities planned throughout the week to honor our staff; however, one of the most meaningful ways to honor them is to say thank you for what they do. We will have blank appreciation cards in the cafeteria for students to be able to fill out if they want and give to their teacher(s). I also encourage parents to write teachers a note of thanks. That kind of appreciation really "fills our buckets" and helps remind us the impact we have on your child's life. We thank you for the hard work you do with them at home as well!



**Field Trip Dates**

- 1st grade: Thursday, May 12th
- 2nd grade: Wednesday, May 18th
- 3rd grade: Thursday, May 19th
- 4th grade: Tuesday, May 24th
- 5th grade: Monday, May 23rd



**Yearbooks for Sale** in the Front Office for \$17.50. They will be handed out the last week of school to students. Reserve yours now!

**Next School Year**

Yes, believe it or not we are already thinking about and planning for next school year! We will be sending out letters in early August about who your child's teacher will be along with a supply list. However, for those of you who want to get a jump on buying school supplies we will include the next grade's supply list with your child's last grade card that comes home later this month. The school offices will be open until June 9th and remain closed until August 8th. Teachers officially start back on August 15th and the **first day for students is Monday, August 22nd.**

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- 5/2-5/5 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- Tuesday 5/10 @ 6pm - 1st/4th grade Music program
- Thursday 5/12 - PBIS Spend the Night at School
- Monday 5/16 @ 7pm - 5th grade band concert
- Wednesday 5/25 - Smile 4 a Mile
- Thursday 5/26 - School-wide Field Day in the AM
- Friday 5/27 awards assemblies 1st/2nd @ 8:30am; 3rd-5th @ 9:30am
- Friday 5/27 - Last day of school (early release @ 1pm)
- Monday 8/8 - School offices open after summer break

**School Information**

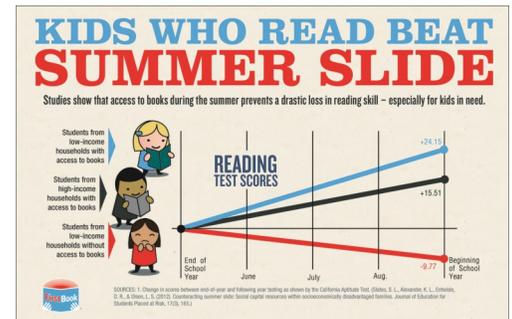
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## Counselor's Corner

As the school year winds down, we are spending our last few weeks talking and learning about Multiple Intelligences. Originally, this theory was developed by Howard Gardner in 1983 and has gained ground recently due to its explanations of different ways to learn. There are eight different intelligences that we all have in varying amounts. These intelligences can be nurtured and strengthened or ignored and weakened depending on how we use them. By learning about these 'smarts' it helps children to understand that they are all smart in different ways and that they are all capable learners. If you want to have more information about this subject, feel free to contact me for more information at (719) 852-4041 X 4138 or you can read this article: <http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/thinking-skills-learning-styles/how-your-child-smart>

### How to Stop the Summer Slide

The "summer slide" refers to the drop students typically have in summer because they have been out of school for 2-3 months. When this happens students have to gain traction again at the beginning of the school year that takes up valuable time that they could be learning new skills and/or content. The best way to prevent the "slide" from happening is by having students stay involved with learning over the summer months by reading at least 20 minutes a day and using math whenever possible in their daily lives (and show them how you use it too).



### Lost & Found

We have several pairs of eye glasses in the office that have been turned in and other items in the lost & found bin. Please stop by before the end of the year to claim what is yours. They will be donated at the end of the year if they aren't claimed.



### Drop Off/Pick Up

Please remember to pull forward as far as you can when picking up or dropping off students in the loop. This helps get everyone through faster with less traffic congestion in the loop and on the street. Thanks for being kind, courteous, and safe!

### Teacher Requests for Next School Year

It's hard to believe, but we are already thinking about next school year! We start working on class lists for next year soon and encourage parents to fill out an "Education Needs Form" in order to request a specific type of teacher if desired. Please know that we try to honor requests when possible; however, our main concern is to place children in appropriate environments as a whole and not just one student at a time. We are working on class lists May 6th so **May 5th is your last chance** to make specific requests.