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Date:
July 20, 2018

Parent Newsletter - Principal's Message



Calendar

August 17 - School
Open House from
4:00pm - 6:00pm

August 20 - School
resumes for 1st-6th

August 27 - School
resumes for
Kindergarten

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Dear Parents,

August seems to be rapidly approaching as this summer winds down, coming to a close in a few weeks. We thought we would pass along a few additional ideas and tips to help your child continue learning throughout the remaining summer days. As we mentioned last week, these ideas help keep your child's mind active and engaged in learning activities during the summer:

- 1. Go on a reading treasure hunt.** Fill your child's summer with as many books as possible! If your child is not yet able to read, have them go on a 'letter hunt' or a 'word hunt' by finding a letter or a word and then challenge them to come up with as many instances of that letter or word as possible.
- 2. Inspire creativity.** Help children engage in the arts by creating a summer scrapbook of photos from their activities, or even create a portfolio of pictures they've drawn of memorable, fun events.
- 3. Enroll in summer programs that blend fun, adventure, and learning.** There are many opportunities at local libraries who sponsor

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summer reading programs, or you could engage in online programs throughout the summer, like Lexia, or Brain Pop.

4. Sidewalk chalk stories. Invite your child to create a story and illustrate it in pictures on your sidewalk, or driveway. They could even retell the story to friends, neighbors, and family members.

5. Turn a museum/ aquarium visit into a treasure hunt. While visiting a museum or aquarium, turn the trip into a treasure hunt by trying to find animals, paintings, or objects found within. In addition, look for interactive exhibits and for animals, objects, or periods of history that your child has studied in school.

Once again, we appreciate the active role you take in helping create meaningful learning experiences for your child during the summer. As educators we love hearing of exciting learning experiences students enjoyed during the summer months.

Sincerely,

Mr. Shirley

School Announcements:

Summer Office Hours-- Our office will be open one more day in July to accommodate new school registrations or other needs you may have. Our new lead secretary, Sara Millward, will be happy to assist you. The dates and times will be:

Monday, July 23-- 9am - 11am

August Hours-- Our office will be open from 8:00-12:30 on August 2, 7, and 9 for any registrations or other office needs. If your student(s) are already registered, they do not need to re-register.

School starting dates-- The first day of school for 1st-6th Grade will be Monday, August 20. The first day of Kindergarten will be Monday, August 27.

School Open House/ Back to school Night, August 17

from 4:00-6:00 pm-- As a school leadership team, we met a few weeks ago to discuss our school's needs this coming year.

Representatives from each grade level gave input on a variety of items, one of which being our Back to School Night that has typically been held after school started, usually the first week of September. As a team, we felt that we should combine our school Open House with our Back to School Night, and hold it on Friday, August 17, from 4:00-6:00 pm. Parents will still be able to meet their teacher informally, ask questions, and be given information vital to their child's success this coming year. We hope to see all of you there as we welcome back our wonderful students!

REMEMBER TO READ-- There are still many opportunities left to enjoy reading individually, with a partner, or as a family. Reading can take your imagination anywhere!

PTA At a Glance:

Hello Mt. Mahogany parents!

We hope you are having a great summer! We are working hard on planning some fun activities for the students this coming school year.

We would like to encourage everyone who shops at Macey's to sign up for School Cents through your Perks account. For everything you buy, they will give us a percentage. We use this money to fund the activities that we do.

All parents will need to link their account this year, even if they have linked it in the past. For directions on how to link an account, visit <https://maceys.com/posts/support-your-childs-school>. If parents don't have a Perks account they can easily sign up at <https://maceys.com/perks> or by visiting any Macey's location.

Thanks for supporting us!

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Have a great summer!

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