



Marcellus Elementary

May 2017

Newsletter

Kindergarten Screening – will take place on Tuesday, May 2nd and Wednesday, May 3rd. If you missed Kindergarten Round-Up for your child and they will be ready for Kindergarten in the fall, please call the office to schedule a time.

Early Release – will be on Tuesday, May 9th

Student Showcase – will take place at the High School on May 9th from 4:30 – 6:00. Come on out and see the marvelous work our students have done throughout the school year.

Library News – all books and library dues should be turned into Mrs. Forsyth by June 2nd

4th Grade News – Mrs. Tone’s class will be visiting the Carnegie Center in Three Rivers on Thursday, May 4th and Mr. Essex’s class will go on Friday, May 5th.

6th Grade Camp – will be held at Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers. Parents please look for permission slips to come with your 6th grader.

M-STEP – testing will take place this month for 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades.

Vocabulary:

Each week students will be taught a new vocabulary word and its definition, for May they will learn the following words:

- Suggest – recommend
- Demonstrate – show, prove
- Distinguish – tell things apart

Parents, please help your child become familiar with these words, for example: use them in a sentence, quiz them about their meaning.

Spirit Wear Sale - Last chance this school year to get your orange and black spirit wear. Show off your Wildcat Pride with a new T-shirt or sweatshirt! The sale will run from May 1st – May 12th Please see attached order form.

School Store – is open every Tuesday and Friday during lunch hours.

Sticker Machine – there are assorted stickers for sale in the school lobby for 50 cents.

Pencils – Marcellus Elementary School pencils are for sale in the office for 25 cents. Get a “prize” pencil and win a special treat.

Caring
Always do your best
Take responsibilities
Show respect

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
1	2	3	4	5
	KDG Screening --- 6 th Grade M-STEP	KDG Screening --- 6 th Grade M-STEP	4 th Grade Field Trip --- 6 th Grade M-STEP	4 th Grade Field Trip
8	9	10	11	12
	Early Release ---- Student Showcase	3 rd Grade M-STEP	3 rd Grade M-STEP	3 rd Grade M-STEP
15	16	17	18	19
	4 th Grade M-STEP	4 th Grade M-STEP	4 th Grade M-STEP	
22	23	24	25	26
			3 rd Grade Field Trip ---- 5 th Grade Field Trip	
29	30	31		
NO SCHOOL	6 th Grade Camp	6 th Grade Camp		

Improving Comprehension

Comprehension is understanding what was read. If a child can read words but does not understand what is being read, it is really just word calling. The reading has no meaning to the child. So, it is important that you check your child's comprehension as he reads.

One thing you can do is teach your child to question himself while reading, For example:



- * Who are the main characters?
- * What is the problem?
- * What is going on?

Also, encourage your child to predict what he thinks is going to happen next. When you are reading with your child you can model making predictions with your child and checking if you are correct. Good readers are always predicting and revising their predictions based on what is read.

Good readers are able to summarize and retell what was read. So, ask your child to tell you about what he reads each day.

Dress Code

With warmer weather comes shorts, skirts, dresses, tank tops and flip flops—so please remember that your shorts, skirts, and dresses must reach beyond your extended arm and fingertips. Tank top straps need to be at least the width of 2 fingers. Flip—flops need to have a back strap on them to be able to wear them on the playground.



Swim Camp

The Niles-Buchanan YMCA will once again facilitate an intensive six-day water safety instruction & swim lesson program for all Marcellus Elementary 3rd graders. This program will take place in June and will be during the school day. School bus drivers will transport students to the local sites and the 3rd grade teachers will accompany their students. The YMCA will provide lifeguards and swim instructors. Funding for this important program come from generous donations. The estimated cost to sponsor one 3rd grade students is \$70. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation you can send a check directly to the Michigan Gateway foundation at 111 Days Avenue, Buchanan, MI 49107. Donations may also be dropped off at the Elementary Office . Please note on the memo line that the gift is to the Marcellus Swim Camp.

