

January 23, 2023

## IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS:

- Jan. 19th --- Mar. 3----Attendance/Bike Raffle (see flyer)
- January 30 & 31---PAWs for Reading (Primary & Elementary) Note date change
- February 4, 2023----Kindergarten Enrollment Fair
- Feb 4 - March 5----Kindergarten Enrollment Window
- February 17th---NO SCHOOL----RECORD DAY
- February 20th---NO SCHOOL----Mid-Semester Break



## IDEAL NEWS!

**\* Calling all parents of K4 students for next year! MPS Kindergarten enrollment takes place from February 4 thru March 5th. Enrollment is online (MPS website), we can assist you at the school office as well. Parents do need to show a copy of your child's birth certificate and Immunization records. Children must be four years old by September 1, 2023 to enroll.**

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**\* Reminder our Attendance Raffle is currently taking place. It runs January 19 thru March 3rd. Every day your child is present during that timeframe they will be able to enter a ticket into the raffle. The more they are present, the more chances they have to win! We are very fortunate as Mrs. Sivilotti our physical education teacher was able to acquire a bike for each of our units for this raffle.**

**\* Weather!!!! Please make sure to dress all students appropriately for outdoor conditions. We go outside every day unless bitterly cold or raining.**

**\* Our After-school tutoring is back in session! Tuesdays and Thursdays after-school until 5:30 p.m. Students must be signed up and there is no fee for this service. Contact the school office to register your child(ren).**

**\* After-school clubs begin! We have two unique after-school opportunities for students. Beginning February 8th we will have two new "Clubs" available for students in select grades. We will have "Coding Club" and "Painting/Art Club" on Wednesdays for approximately six weeks.**

**The "Coding Club" will be for students in grades 3 through 5 (limited seats available). The "Painting/Art Club" will be for students in grades 3 through 8 (limited seats available). A flyer is coming home to sign students up.**

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- **School starts at 9:10 AM and ends at 4:10 PM.**
- Main office phone number: 414-267-1600
- **Students *MUST* be called in for absences. Please remember students are allowed 10 excused absences per school year. Our daily attendance numbers continue to decrease, please make sure to get your child(ren) to school daily on-time and have them stay in school all day. Attendance is measured by the minute in MPS.**
- **Reminder: Per MPS policy, students are NOT allowed to carry/use a cell phone during the school day. They need to be locked up in student's locker or in the teacher's closet during the day. Parents we need your help with reinforcing this matter.**
- **Our school's Parent Coordinator is Ms. Holland Vander Heyden. Her email address is [larsonaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us](mailto:larsonaj@milwaukee.k12.wi.us) or you can call the main office at 414-267-1600 for any needs.**

### Physical Education/Sports:

Students are finishing up a stunts and tumbling unit and then next week we will be working on a ropes unit!

Sports:

4/5th Volleyball: Game 1/28 at 10 am vs Bay View Montessori

6/8<sup>th</sup> Friday Volleyball: Game 1/27 at 9 pm vs Wedgewood

6/8<sup>th</sup> Saturday Volleyball: Game 1/28 at 2 pm vs Woodlands Bluemound

## PRIMARY UNIT NEWS

Hello Primary Families! **What a wintery weather start we have this week!** We hope everyone can get out and enjoy playing outside this week. You will need to bundle up because it's very cold. Those outdoor breaks are very important for the kiddos, physical activity is so important for the growing mind and body. Please make it a daily goal to get them outside for a little while.

This week we are beginning to learn about living things, animal traits from their parents, and how the environment affects an animal's survival skills. This includes different biomes and habitats. Ask your child questions about what they are learning about! This extends their learning outside of the classroom and helps them make connections.

Please continue reading with and to your child/children each night and then have your child update their Reading Log on the weekly Home Learning packet. Many students are doing it regularly, but

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there are still many who are not. We ask that you make this a priority. Remember your child can also build their minutes and have an extra learning opportunity if they log into ST math, I-Ready, EPIC, and Learning A-Z

Finally, our primary students (excluding the 4 year olds) will be going to First Stage for the play Carmela Full of Wishes. Please talk to your child about safe bus riding expectations, being a good audience member, and staying with their teacher. We are very excited! We hope everyone has a wonderful week!

## ELEMENTARY UNIT NEWS

Last week the fourth and fifth grade elementary students had their first AmeriCorps session. This is a partnership with the Milwaukee Public Library that we are proud to be offered this year at IDEAL School. Ms. West will be leading lessons in digital literacy each week. The first week included getting to know you activities and the differences between sharing personal and private information. We are excited to build upon our knowledge each week within this program.

Your child received their permission slip for the second Jr. Docent Art Museum Field Trip for Grades 3-5 this school year. The field trip will take place on February 3rd in the morning and is free of charge. Please sign and return the permission slip by no later than February 1st if you have not already done so. We are excited to get back to the Milwaukee Art Museum and continue learning about and experiencing all of the artwork.

Next week, the elementary unit will be able to participate in the PAWS for Reading event that is coming to IDEAL School. We will be having a visit with some doggy friends and getting to hear a story read to us while we interact with the special guests. Students received a permission slip for this as well last week. If you would still like your child to participate and have not returned your slip, please send it with them to school in the morning.

We will be finishing up our STAR testing this week. We are proud of the growth we've seen and how the students have done with testing thus far. Please make sure to send your child to school having eaten a healthy breakfast and had a good night's rest. These are really important so they can do their very best!

Remember to always have a refillable water bottle at school, bring a healthy snack if you'd like to eat one during the day, and complete your daily reading log and home learning!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIT NEWS

**Science:** We are currently learning about genetics in science! The students are breeding digital dragons. They are having a lot of fun completing their Punnett Squares and building their digital dragons! We have been working hard all week. Please have your student show you their projects! They are due January 31st! Here is a great site for them to practice their Punnett Squares: <http://bit.ly/3J6exHJ>

**Interim Progress Reports:** Interims are currently being completed for the second trimester. When they arrive it is very important to review it with your student and touch base about their work in class. Middle school teachers are always available to share missing work and any information that is needed.

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**8<sup>th</sup> grade parents:** High School acceptance letters were mailed out. If you are unsure of the assigned high school for your student, please reach out to a teacher and we can help to locate that information for you.

**Water Bottles:** Many students are not carrying their water bottles. We would please ask that you check in with them and encourage your child to bring a water bottle to school and use daily. Teachers have soap and sinks for students to be able to wash their items weekly.

**Attendance:** The district encourages 95% attendance. Being in school all day, every day really helps students in understanding content, expectations, and work completion. Please help your child to be prepared, ready to go, and in attendance every school day. We are very excited about the raffle that will start this week focusing on attendance!

## **Bus Information:**

Here are the bus contact numbers:

Route 283---Lamers South---414-282-3566

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Route 295---Lamers South---414-282-3566

Route 510---WI Central---414-481-1000

Route 1623---Adroit --- 888-778-3413

Route 5405---MC Transportation

Route 8311---WI Central---414-481-1000

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