



September 11, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS:

- **PLEASE** get all forms to office by **9/13/2024**
- **Scholastic Book Fair**---Sept. 16-20th
- **IDEAL Orientation Night**-----September 18th @ 6 PM
- **School Picture Day**----September 20th
- **State Count Day**----September 20th
- **NO SCHOOL**----September 27th



IDEAL NEWS!

- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!! WE HAD 183 STUDENTS ACHIEVE 100% THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL!!!! THAT IS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE! KEEP IT UP---EVERYDAY COUNTS!!!!!!!!!!!!** 🌀
- ******Very important: New this year it is a district mandate that all students who are picked up from school early need to be signed out in the main office by a parent/guardian/adult who is listed on the child's emergency contact information. A photo ID will be required. Please do not ask to have students sent out to meet you as we are not allowed to do so. We want everyone to be safe at ALL times.**
- **School Picture Day is Friday, September 13th. Picture packets are coming home today. Families wishing to purchase a packet must return the envelope with the exact money by September 13th, the office does NOT have change. There will**

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be a retake day as well scheduled for later. Please also note, each child must have their own package (do not combine siblings).

- *The Scholastic Book Fair will be here the week of September 16th. All students will be given an opportunity to visit the book fair and make purchases. Here is a link to share some of the information:*
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/idealcharterschool2>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- IDEAL's school day is 9:10 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. and our main office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The main office phone number is 414-267-1600.
- Breakfast is available for ALL students at no charge beginning at 8:45 a.m. daily. Students who would like breakfast should enter through the main entrances. ALL other students should line up on the playground with staff at 9:00 a.m.
- **Pick-up Procedures:** Students who are picked up by a parent after school will be escorted out the playground door. Parents should get in the car line facing west on Gold Crest Avenue. Students will be dismissed to your vehicle as you pull forward. For everyone's safety PLEASE do not call your children to your car, please follow the safe procedures in place.
- Before/After School Camp information is available in the office. Students **MUST** be signed up to attend this program and there is a fee. Ms. Annette is our Camp Director, please contact her at 414-267-1665 for more information.
- **Cell Phones:** Per district policy, NO child may carry or use a cell phone during the school day. They must be turned off and either stored in their locker (middle school) or given to a teacher to be locked up during the day. Students found using or carrying a cell phone can have it confiscated until a parent conference is held.
- **Building:** We are VERY fortunate at IDEAL School to be one of the few buildings that has air conditioning. Parents may want to send a sweater/sweatshirt with students as it does get chilly.
- **School Communications:** Make sure you are signed up to receive district and school texts & emails! Text **67587** and confirm with a Y. You definitely do not want to miss important information.
- **Medications:** Any medications your child needs during the school day must have documentation with our nurse, Nurse Nikki. Forms are available in the main office.

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- **Dietary Forms:** If your child has special diet restrictions, please fill out the dietary needs form in the main office.

Afterschool Sports:

Soccer practice is every Tuesday 4-5:30. Please pick up on time. Parent meeting on Tuesday 9/17 at 5 pm in the library.

Tennis shoes for PE!

Primary: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Elementary: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Middle School: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Middle School Music/Band:

Hello IDEAL Families. I'm Mr. Streator, the music and band teacher here at IDEAL. This is a friendly reminder to middle school families to return the band flyers back to school by THIS FRIDAY, September 13th. We hope to see many middle school students join band! Thanks so much!

Primary News:

-Hello Primary Families! We hope everyone had a great first week and that everyone is getting back into the Back to School routine.

-We are still trying to have a few families connected to Seesaw. This is very important as it is an easy way for us to communicate with families as a group or to individual families. Watch for the QR code that comes home and scan it with your cell phone. Then enter a few pieces of information (name and email address) to complete the process. Please reach out to us if you have not connected or need help doing so.

-As the primary students build on their foundational skills this year, they need to be read to each night. Children that have books read to them everyday have a higher chance to be on level in school. According to scientific research, "Having books read daily, in the home is proven to positively benefit children in a myriad of ways. [A two-decade long study](#) found that the mere presence of a home library increases children's academic success, vocabulary development, attention and job attainment" (Science Direct Journal). If you need books to read, please let us know. We would be happy to send some home.

-As a reminder, the primary students have a snack time each morning. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day (please refrain from snacks with peanuts and peanut butter due to possible allergies).

-If you haven't already sent in extra clothes, please do so. We keep these here for possible spills and accidents. A sweater or sweatshirt to keep at school is also helpful if your child feels cold. Please label tags to avoid mix-ups or lost items.

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-Primary students need to wear gym shoes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. They may keep a pair here at school if that is easier on your morning routine.

-If you have any further questions, please let us know through Seesaw or by calling the office. They will get you to the teacher's voicemail or deliver your message. Know anyone looking for a fabulous, southside school? We are still enrolling!

Elementary News:

- We are so happy and excited to see everyone back at school! The students took some time, the first few days, to become familiar with routines and classroom procedures. They also spent time getting to know their teachers and classmates. Mrs. Kolatski's home base worked on a team building STEM activity that required communication, patience, and critical thinking with the members of their group.
- Homework started this week. The students received a reading log on Monday. It is an expectation of all students in the Elementary Unit to read 30 minutes every night and record information on their reading log. The reading logs are due on Friday's.
- Our unit is utilizing "Class Dojo" as home school communication. We are kindly asking that all parents connect to your student's home base classroom. Instructions on how to log in were sent home last week. Please let us know if you need any assistance with this.
- Your child may bring a small, healthy snack to eat in the mornings. (Please no candy, cookies, chips.) This should be something that they can eat quickly and be nut free. All students are welcome to bring a water bottle to school that they can refill each day. Please send only regular water, no flavoring, Gatorade, juice etc.
- The students also started their specials this week (Library, Music, Health, Phy. Ed.). Elementary students have Phy. Ed. on Monday's and Thursday's. Please make sure your child has tennis shoes on these days. They can always bring a pair of shoes to change into if needed. Have a great week!

Middle School News:

Welcome new and returning families! We are glad you are here!

Last week, we sent home log in information to our families that are new to our Class Dojo. Please do connect with the Middle School account. It's a great tool for you to be able to communicate with us quickly. We do not spam you with texts or posts. We post a reminder for important events happening that we would like you to be aware of.

Students have just started their normal schedules this week, so we are readily hopping into the hustle of middle school. Students should be reading a half hour every night to help build stamina and vocabulary skills.

Needed: We are gearing up for our first big project-based learning piece and are needing newspapers and empty, clean jars with lids (pickle and pasta sauce jars work great). Please send in

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any newspapers you may receive. Your student can keep their jar in their locker, so they are ready to start.

Bus information:

Thank you for your patience during the beginning days of school with the new bus routes. It is VERY important students ride the bus as much as possible so drivers are familiar with the routes/stops.

Here is a list of contact numbers:

Route 283: WI Central (East)----414-481-1000

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Route 285: Safeway South-----414-559-1943

Route 510: Lamers----414-282-3566

Route 5302: Collaborative Transport----414-376-3201

Route 8311: WI Central (West)----414-279-9150

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IDEAL School will ensure the healthy development and high academic success of all students through our unique multi-age program.

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