

County Line Connection

**“CARING, SHARING AND LEARNING...
FOR LIFE”**

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February Calendar

- 1st- Booster Night at Roberts!!!
- 2nd- Staff Meeting 4PM; PTA Meeting in Library @ 6:30PM
- 3rd- Kindergarten Field Trip to Children’s Health Museum; 4th Gr.to Milwaukee Symphony & Art Museum
- 5th- Third Grade (3J & 3K) Field Trip to Wauwatosa West Planetarium
- 10th- Spanish Class 3:50 to 4:50
- 11th- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 to 7:45 PM; Market Day Paper Orders Due
- 12th- County Line Fun Day **Wear Red**; Fifth Grade Field Trip to First Stage
- 13th- Market Day Online Orders Due by 11PM
- 15th- Full Day of School/Snow Make Up Day
- 16th- Grade 5 Library Lesson w/Aaron Gaskell; BLT meeting 4PM in Library
- 17th- Jr. Art Docent Field Trip; Market Day Pick Up in Library 3:30-4:30; Spanish Class 3:50-4:50
- 18th- Fifth Grade Music Presentation at KMS
- 19th- Fifth Grade DARE
- 22nd- Kindergarten & Fifth Grade Vision Screening
- 24th- Kindergarten Registration 8:30-3:30 & 5:30-7PM; Spanish Class 3:50-4:50
- 25th- Kindergarten Registration 8:30-3:30
- 26th- Fifth Grade DARE

From the Principal’s Desk.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to share that we had a 96% attendance rating for our first round of Parent/Teacher Conferences. It is time for our second round of conferences. Unlike our first round, we have a shorter amount of time for this round. Teachers are setting up their schedules. Let's work together to have 100% attendance for students scheduled for this round of conferences.

As a pet owner (we have two cats, Roxanne and Tiger Lily) I know how important pets are to families. On special occasions (birthday or student of the week) family pets have been brought to school. Classroom teachers may have shared with families the enforcement of the guideline for pet visits. The guidelines state that dogs and cats should not be brought to school. We have a significant number of students who are allergic to animals. In addition, family pets may not be use to large groups and the class often gets excited which may scare the pet. Thank you for respecting this effort to keep students healthy and safe.

Look for future communication regarding parent pick up. The parking lot becomes even more challenging after the first snow fall. We are working on ways to make this a safer option for students and parents.

On February 3rd, I will be having surgery on my right ankle to remove the hardware put in two years ago when I broke my ankle. I should be out about a week. The children have enjoyed watching me practice with my Roll About scooter. Mr. Endlich will be my stand in. I will be checking emails and be in contact with school so messages can be passed on to me during my time away.

At the last PTA meeting I announced a Reading Celebration Family Event scheduled for this month. It has been moved to March 11th. Look for more information later in the month. This month we look forward to the return of Jump Rope for Heart. Mr. Nodolf and Ms. Peil, our two Physical Education teachers, have put together an article that can be found in this edition of the Connection. Student Leadership will also be sponsoring Pennies for Patients this month. Both are worthy causes and are great service learning projects for our students.

On the recent Inservice Day, our staff was very busy. Many County Line teachers serve on district curriculum committees. The science and communicative arts teams had meetings on Records Day. Both subject areas are undergoing major revisions. Other staff worked to review grade level goals for improved student achievement and were introduced to new software programs by Mrs. Duenk, our librarian. Teacher rated the technology sessions as either essential or very helpful in working with students and technology.

On February 2nd at 6:30, Dr. Kenneth Rogers, our superintendent, will be speaking at the PTA meeting. Dr. Rogers will be sharing the Applied Population Study done for the district and explaining how the results will be used in future planning. The meeting will be in the gym. I hope you can join us.

I am starting to ride school buses at the end of the day. I started the end of January and will continue until I have been on each bus. I look forward to this experience and will be working with our students on bus behavior basics so that all can have a safe and pleasurable ride.

It is a joy being County Line principal. The staff, students and parents make this a great place to learn.

Sincerely,
Cathy Schultz

The President's Corner...

And...the month of February is upon us. The next thing we know we'll be cutting the lawn and watering the flowers! Or, I might be getting a little ahead of myself there.

Well hey, how did you all like the Bouncefest Party? Unfortunately I was not able to attend, but from what hear it was a great time. We certainly hope that everyone enjoyed themselves, as that was the goal for the evening! Thank you to all those who stepped up last minute to volunteer and help make the event a success.

Another exciting evening is coming up very soon. The annual **Sock Hop** will be held on March 19th, so get that date written down on your calendars. As in years past, there will be some excellent music and dancing in the gym and in the library will be Karaoke singing...where we all get to be a star! We certainly look forward to seeing as many people as possible at this fun event. Volunteer information will coming out soon, so if you can, please consider helping out for a bit on that evening! Thank you.

Once again County Line School in conjunction with the Germantown Recreation Department will be offering a **Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course**. The course will be held on May 18, 19, and 20th in the school library promptly after school. Participants will need to be 11 years old by the last day of the course. The cost of the program will be \$46. A big thank you to Mrs. Schultz for volunteering to help with these classes!

Stay warm and enjoy these winter months as they are quickly coming to an end. Spring is right around the corner with more fun school activities on their way.

Warmest regards,
Shad Young
PTA President
Younger85@hotmail.com

Robert's Frozen Custard Booster Night

Monday, February 1st, 2010 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm

Austin Sipe is a fifth grade Rockfield student who is battling a brain stem tumor. Robert's has graciously offered to help Rockfield's fundraising efforts by holding a Booster Night for Austin.

Up to 15% of the sales for this time will be donated by Robert's to Austin to help cover medical expenses. This is a wonderful way to contribute while sharing a family meal. Let's all participate for the love of a child.

Market Day

It's cookie time again with Market Day! With nine varieties to choose from, including the new Lemon Cooler flavor, now is the time to stock up on your family's favorite flavors. Each selection has pre-portioned 'pucks' to make it easy to go from freezer to oven.

Details from last month include: January sale \$268.73 bringing our total for this school year to \$2337.22.

The February sale will be on a different day than our typical Monday date, due to the President's Day holiday. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 17th to pick up your Market Day order in the library from 3:30-4:30 pm.

As a reminder, you can order online at www.marketday.com (school account 25617) and opt to pay at the sale. Online orders are accepted thru Saturday, February 13 at 11 pm and paper orders are due Friday, February 5th.

Any questions, feel free to contact either of us!

Lyn Moran 502-4696

Sharon Brandenburg 251-2498

Kindergarten News

The kindergarteners have settled in and have adjusted nicely to the school theme of caring, sharing, and learning for life. Daily, they demonstrate rule following, working together, and enthusiasm for learning.

We have had several special visits this year: Riteway Bus Co, Germantown Fire Department, and Mrs. Klever from the Washington County Agriculture Department. In February, we will go to the Children's Health Education Center and in May we will go to First Stage Children's Theater. The kindergarteners have also been enjoying many special activities with their third and fourth grade buddies.

Our days have been busy preparing for first grade. We've completed the Jolly Phonics program which is helping us learn to read and write. Soon we will begin reading in small groups. Watch for our special reading folders to come home. In February, we will be learning to recognize coins and their values. We will also learn about many important people in history. Soon the children will begin typing in their lunch codes. They are proud to do this as it makes them feel more responsible.

Watch for the next report card in March and the last one in June. We're sure you'll notice how much we've grown!

The Kindergarten Staff

Chess Club

Do you know how to play chess? Are you available from 12:45 to 1:15? County Line would like to start a Chess Club for the fourth and fifth graders during their recess time. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Cathy Schultz for more information. Thanks!!

5th Grade News Winter-Spring 2009-2010

The fifth grade kicked-off December going to the Milwaukee Public Museum and IMAX Theater on December 8th. Then later in the month, some fifth grade classes participated in many different holiday activities with their 2nd grade buddies. In 2010, the 5th graders WILL BE very busy. The students will travel to KMS at the end of February to see what music opportunities they will have for 6th grade next year at Kennedy Middle School. We are anxiously looking forward to our DARE program starting in spring with Officer Borden. This is a terrific experience for the students to see the real dangers of drugs and talk to a real Germantown Police Officer about them. DARE will be on every Friday until the end of the year with the end being the DARE Graduation ceremony on June 4th. Next on the 5th grade calendar, will be their field trip to First Stage Children's Theater in Milwaukee on February 12th to see "The Thief Lord". Lastly, a reminder to all the 5th graders is to bring a healthy snack and water bottle to school daily. This is essential to success in the classroom!

Jump Rope For Heart Is Coming To County Line!

Mr. Nodolf and Ms. Peil are currently organizing Jump Rope for Heart to be held the week of February 22 - 26 during gym class. Information will go home with the students during the week of February 1 and the deadline for donations will be Monday, February 15. Why Jump Rope for Heart? Heart disease ranks as this nation's No. 1 killer. Every year, about 950,000 Americans die from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. That's nearly 40 percent of all deaths. These diseases may remain critical problems in the future because of poor lifestyle habits among American adults and children. For example, only one of 10 Americans participates in 30 minutes or more of vigorous activity every day. In addition...

- * Over 15 percent of children and adolescents are now overweight
- * Obesity among the nation's youth has tripled in the past 15 years.
- * 4 million children have above-normal blood pressure.
- * 27 million children have high cholesterol.
- * Cardiovascular disease ranks as the No. 3 cause of death for children under age 15.
- * Congenital cardiovascular defects are the most common cause of infant death from birth defects.
- * Obesity is the fastest growing cause of illness and death in the U.S.

Families and schools are the two most critical links in providing the foundation for physical activity and nutrition. Healthy lifestyles can help prevent heart disease and stroke. Good nutrition, physical activity, and maintaining a healthy blood pressure and weight are all part of a healthy lifestyle. Jump Rope for Heart gives students an opportunity to "Jump" into a heart-healthy lifestyle while showing students they can contribute to their community's welfare. It's a great community service project - and it's Fun! For more information, contact Mr. Nodolf or Ms. Peil.

County Line Memory Book Orders

What is the County Line Memory Book? It is a soft-covered yearbook starring your child along with all of their friends here at County Line School. Included will be class photos of every student and action shots from the year.

This year's book is \$11.50. As a special feature, you can add a Zoom insert for \$1.50. Zoom is a special insert that includes top highlights from around the world from this year. Please make all payments to County Line School PTA.

There is still time to order. **All orders are due on February 26, 2010.**

PTA Membership

The PTA is once again encouraging all of our staff and families to become members. Joining the PTA is a great way to make a difference in your child(ren)'s education. Your membership helps out in a number of ways at County Line, by providing programs that benefit all of our children, such as the Scholastic Book Fairs, various Family Fun Nights, the Publishing Center, just to name a few. We know that busy schedules are the norm, so you decide how active you would like to be. There are a number of different ways to show your support, such as volunteering, baking, or sending in supplies.

Actually, just by becoming a member, you are helping out. Also, with your membership, you will receive a free, updated County Line Directory, so you will have names and numbers (of Susie's best friend from class, whose last name she can not remember) right at your fingertips! We would once again love to shoot for 100% participation this year, so come join us and send in your PTA envelope provided in your summer packets, along with \$10.00 for a single, or \$18.00 for a double membership.

For those of you who would like to join us, PTA meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of each month (with a few exceptions), at 6:30pm in the school library. Watch for monthly reminders.

-Dawn Fulton and Susan Mahnke
Membership Committee

Girl Scout News

Arriba, Arriba!! We had a great time at Mexican Fiesta. The girls participated in Zumba, made piñatas, ponchos, and tissue flowers, and we ate a ton of yummy Mexican Food. Thank you to everyone that helped make this a wonderful evening. Our next event is our Mother/Daughter spa night. Watch your daughter's backpack for a flyer soon.

We are so lucky to have some wonderful Girl Scout leaders and volunteers at our school. Did you know that every year, leaders and volunteers are nominated for Outstanding Service awards? Let's thank our leaders and nominate them for their outstanding service. You can go to <http://www.gswise.org/Volunteers/Volunteer-Recognition/National-and-Council-Awards.aspx> to find all the information on how to nominate your leader. Forms must be in by February 22nd, so don't wait!!

If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts, it's not too late. Please call Holly at (262) 343-1831 for more information. Thanks!!

Campbell's Soups Labels

Please remember to save your UPC codes from Campbell's products and send them to school with your children. There is a Campbell's collection envelope in each classroom. **Please only send the UPC code for Campbell Soup products** – not the whole label. And for V8 vegetable & fruit juices, just send in the lid. In addition to many Campbell's soups and juices, UPC codes can also be obtained off Market Day products, Pepperidge Farm products, Swanson products Spaghetti O's and Prego Sauces.

For more information, log on to www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of products, or e-mail Mary Schmidt at mary-rob@wi.rr.com with any questions. Together with Campbell's, we can acquire free merchandise for our school, such as: computers, audio/visual equipment, physical education equipment, reference books and musical instruments.

-Mary Schmidt, Campbell's Campaign chair

GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS 4 EDUCATION

As the new school year begins, collecting box tops to earn money for the County Line School is back. Please turn your clipped box tops, with your name and classroom code on the back, into your classroom collection container. We earn 10 cents for each box top.

Weekly prize drawings will continue this school year. The more box tops you submit, the greater your chance to win a prize. Thank you for your continued support! Your box tops do make a difference for our school.

Tyson Project A+ 1,2,3

Please continue to clip and turn in your Tyson 1,2,3 labels for cash. Our school earns 25 cents for each label or pull strip from Tyson products. Turn them into your child's classroom, along with box tops. Be sure to include the entire box label or entire pull strip from frozen bag items. Thank you for your continued support!

If you would like to be included in our next County Line Connection, please send articles to Holly Hagen at hehagen@sbcglobal.net by February 25th, 2009.