

County Line Connection

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January Calendar

- 1st No School – Happy New Year
- 4th First Day back from Winter Break
- 5th PTA Meeting 6:30 in Library
- 6th Popcorn Day; Staff Meeting 4PM in Library
- 11th Market Day Paper Orders Due
- 12th Jr. Art Docent Field Trip; BLT Meeting 4PM in Library
- 13th Popcorn Day; Spanish Class Make-up 3:50-4:50 Library & 211
- 14th Market Day Internet Orders Due
- 15th 3N & 3E Field Trip to Planetarium; PTA Counce House Reward 6PM to 8PM in Gym
- 18th Market Day Pick Up 3:30-4:30 in Library
- 19th KMS Band Presentation
- 20th Grade 2 Schlitz Audubon Assembly; Popcorn Day
- 21st County Line Fun Day “School Pride Day”
- 22nd Teacher Inservice/Work Day – **No School**
- 26th Grade 5 Library Lesson w/ Aaron Gaskell
- 27th Popcorn Day

From the Principal's Desk.....

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! Where did the first decade of the 2000's go?

As the new year begins we have some wonderful new additions at County Line School. The first big project is just winding up. All the lights have been replaced. They are brighter and more energy efficient. The biggest difference is in the hallways. It is so easy now to see the student work that is proudly on display. Another new addition coming in early January are Sound Enhancement Systems. Each classroom will have one of the Red Cat systems. Each teacher wears a small microphone. The teacher's voice is enhanced so that all students can hear a natural speaking voice. I have had these in other school's I have worked in and it is amazing to see the improvement in focus of children and academic achievement. There is a second microphone for students. As students read or share with the class, they too can be heard by all.

Report cards went home in mid December. I had the privilege of reading and signing all the report cards (Yes, all 510 ☺) Our students had a great first trimester. I was so pleased to see the accomplishments of our students. Your support is appreciated!

Just a reminder as we enter into the bitter cold of winter. Children should come prepared to go outside each day. Our guideline for recess in the winter months is wind chill or temperature of 0. We send the children out if it is above 0. It may not be for the entire recess time or at each recess. What may seem like an indoor recess day in the morning sometimes changes for the afternoon. Don't forget to put your child's names in coats, snow pants, hats and boots. Our Lost and Found is growing already.

Thank you for your support of our December Flap Jack Flurry. It was a great event. Our DI teams thank those of you that supported their Marcus fundraiser. They reached their fundraising goal already! We appreciate your support of our school and PTA sponsored events. The money raised supports our students in ways they will remember. Several classrooms are the proud recipients of new technology courtesy of the PTA Teacher Grants. Our 1st and 4th grade teams received ELMO document cameras and Mr. Woger's fourth grade class has a new LCD projector that will be permanently installed.

If you missed the cable broadcast of our Blue Ribbon Ceremony, we have a few copies that can be checked out. Please contact me if you are interested in borrowing a DVD copy.

I look forward to the new year. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me via email at cschultz@germantown.k12.wi.us or by calling school.

Sincerely,
Cathy Schultz

The President's Corner...

Brrrr...yup, January is most certainly upon us! Welcome back and happy 2010. I truly hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Break and are all recharged to take the rest of the school years.

First and foremost, I would like to send out a big 'ole THANK YOU to Robin Sherman for taking on the Reflections project this year, with a late start no less. Robin and the other volunteers were able to work through all aspects of the program, working on a short calendar, and get the job done. Thank you again!

Speaking of Reflections, congratulations to all students who did enroll and submit an entry! As usual we had a nice contribution from County Line.

So who made it out to The FlapJack Flurry in December? Fun wasn't it? Thank you to all chairs and volunteers who helped make the evening as fun as it was. The PTA was able to make enough funds from all of your contributions to continue to help fund projects and events at County Line.

As a reminder, we do have some excellent up coming events in the months ahead, so as usual keep an eye out for fliers coming home with your child. Coming up we have The Bounce Party as well as the Annual Sock Hop!

As we begin to look forward to the next school year, we need to start looking at committee openings. So yes, we will be looking for your help with upcoming openings. If you have any interest in helping out your school, please contact me and I will be more than happy to help make fit with committee openings.

Well that's all for this month. Stay warm and enjoy the snow!

Warmest regards,

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Market Day

This month, Market Day is offering a FREE 4-pack of PB&J Grahamwiches with a \$40 purchase (total before tax). Grahamwiches are great for breakfast, lunch or snacks on-the-go!

February is Cookie Dough BONUS month where our school earns extra profit on every box sold. In addition to the traditional line up of flavors, Market Day is introducing a new cookie flavor: Lemon Cooler. All the Market Day cookie doughs come individually portioned as cookie 'pucks' to make cookie making quick and easy.

Reminders:

- a.. Our next sale is Monday, January 18th located in the school library - 3:30 to 4:30 pm.
- b.. Paper order forms are due Monday, January 11th.
- c.. Online orders are due Thursday, January 14th by 11 PM CST.

The most convenient way to order is directly through the Market Day website: www.marketday.com using our school code of 25617. You may elect to prepay your order or to pay cash/check the day of the sale. It's so easy!!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Lyn Moran 502-4696 or Sharon Brandenburg 251-2498.

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

Mission Nutrition

Give your child a good start to the day—eat breakfast together! Breakfast helps to fuel your child’s body to learn! And remember, a good morning begins with a full night’s sleep (most young children need 10 to 12 hours of sleep every night to grow up healthy).

Prepare healthy snacks and meals—use fresh fruits, whole grains and fresh vegetables. Need some ideas for “kid-friendly” snacks and lunches? Here are a couple to start you off:

Strawberry Cream Cheese Sandwiches

Ingredients: 1 tablespoon reduced-fat cream cheese, 1/4 teaspoon honey, 1/8 teaspoon freshly grated orange zest, 2 slices very thin whole-wheat sandwich bread, 2 medium strawberries, sliced

Preparation: Combine cream cheese, honey and orange zest in a bowl. Spread bread with the cheese mixture. Place sliced strawberries on 1 piece of bread, top with the other.

Pizza Roll Pinwheels

Ingredients: One 8-inch whole-wheat flour tortilla, 2 tablespoons prepared pizza sauce, 12 leaves baby spinach, 3 tablespoons shredded part-skim mozzarella

Preparation: Place tortilla on a plate and spread pizza sauce over it. Top with an even layer of spinach and sprinkle cheese on top. Microwave on High until the cheese is just melted, about 45 seconds. Carefully roll the tortilla up. Let cool for 10 minutes before slicing into pieces, if desired.

County Line Memory Book

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 \$10.50 as long as it is purchased before January 29, 2010. 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.

Watch your child's take-home folder for a flyer from Lifetouch. This flyer will include the order form, attached envelope and brief instructions. The order forms will be sent home around January 15, 2010.

Girl Scout News

Happy New Year!! We have some exciting events happening this year. Our Mexican Fiesta will be January 29th. We will be learning about the Mexican culture, tasting some yummy treats, and learning the Mexican Hat Dance. Watch for a flyer this week. February 26th will be our Annual Mother/Daughter Spa Night, and I promise, NO FOOD COLORING!! We learn a little more every year ☺! Our Powder Puff Derby will be March or April...just nailing down the last details on the date.

Also, thank you for your patience with the patches. We should have the Blankets of Joy, Survivor, and Raingutter Regatta patches out soon. If you are interested in joining Girl Scouts, please contact Holly Hagen at (414) 881-9433 or hehagen@sbcglobal.net.

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.

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

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 January 25th, 2009.