

MacArthur Elementary

The Messenger

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School Hours:

Kdg-5th 8:50—3:44

*Please remember that students
cannot be dropped off at school
any earlier than 8:35 a.m.*

Mission Statement

MACARTHUR

Exercise mind and body
Acept others
Give back to the community
Learn for life together
Educate for success
Show respect

What Do Teachers Do on Inservice Days?

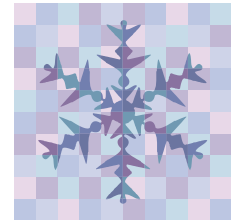
During our late starts and in-service time school staff are required to engage in many learning events, curriculum development, and other district strategic plan initiatives. Every minute of that time is focused on student achievement. High impact professional learning has three essential characteristics. (1) a focus on student learning, (2) rigorous measurement of adult decisions, and (3) a focus on people and practices, not programs. If we expect teachers and school leaders to improve professional practices and decision making, then we need to give them different knowledge and skills than they have received in the past. During the 2011-2012 school year, the MacArthur community has focused this common learning time in the following areas:

- Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)- You've seen tidbits about this in each newsletter this year. This is an important effort to have common student expectations as well as actively teaching those to our students.
- Common Core State Standards- The state of Wisconsin adopted these "national standards" in June 2010. Germantown continues to spend time aligning our curriculum and resources to meet the rigor found in these standards. We are going to be prepared for the new state assessment system targeted to begin in 2014.
- CREATE- Staff is beginning to look at more current research aligned to diversity and culturally responsive practices in the classroom.
- The Germantown School District is in the process of adopting new reading materials aligned to current research and the Common Core State Standards. The staff is busy familiarizing themselves to a balanced literacy approach in reading and writing instruction.
- Response to Intervention (RtI)- As we continue to strive to meet our district's mission of "empowering and inspiring every student to success", the staff is working at implementing instructional strategies to help meet every students' needs.
- Assessment for Learning-With the implementation of the MAP assessment and other screening tools teachers are spending time analyzing the data to make more informed instructional decisions.

Professional learning is about undertaking the challenge of professional work with a deep meaning and lifelong impact. The journey is not easy, but the rewards of increasing student achievement and social development are incomparable! I invite you to ask your child's teacher what they are learning! Indeed MacArthur is a life-long learning community for everyone who is within these walls.



COLD WEATHER IS HERE!!!



Now that the weather is turning colder, it is important that students come to school prepared for cold weather. Appropriate boots, coats, gloves, and hats are a must! Labeling the items with your child's name is a good idea, especially when our lost and found is getting full.

All students will go out for recess during the winter months, unless the temperature and/or wind chill are zero or below, so please make sure your child is dressed properly. **No child is excused from outdoor activities unless a doctor's excuse is provided.** It is assumed that if your child is healthy enough to attend school, then he/she is also healthy enough to participate in all normal school activities (including recess). A child who doesn't have boots and snow pants will not be allowed in the snow and must remain on the asphalt area of the playground.

Germantown Kiwanis/Area Council PTA Mini-Grant Recipients Announced

Congratulations to the following teachers who were awarded a total of \$826 in grants to benefit the students in their classrooms:

Daren Schwarten (PE)—\$490 for equipment to enhance cooperative team building games

Mary Van Slett/Tiffany Brewer/Angela Dora (3rd)—\$336 to purchase 3 incubators that will be used to hatch chick eggs. These incubators have microscopes allowing the students to see the process inside of the egg!

Thank you to the members of the Germantown Kiwanis and Area Council PTA for the opportunity to support these awesome projects in those classrooms!



School Closing Due to Inclement Weather

Severe weather bulletins regarding school closings and delays will be issued over the Germantown School District website at www.germantownschoools.org and the following television and radio stations:

Local Television Stations

WTMJ 4—NBC
WITI 6—FOX
WISN 12—ABC
WDJT 58—CBS

Local Radio Stations

94.5 FM LAKE FM	95.7 FM WRIT	96.5 FM WKLH
98.3 FM WFMR	99.1 FM WMYX	100.7 FM WKKV
103.7 FM WXSS	104.9 FM WTKM	106.1 FM WMIL
106.9 FM WZBK	620 AM WTMJ	920 AM WOKY
1130 AM WISN	1250 AM WEMP	
1470 AM WBKV		

If there is a school closing or delay, you will also be notified via AlertNow, a phone system that will dial your Primary Phone number.

Eagles Of the Week

The following students were selected as Eagles of the Week during the month of December. This is a random selection, and every child has equal opportunity to be Eagle of the Week.

December Eagles

Kindergarten—Elizabeth Liker, Alivia Bunke, Brett Haengsen

1st Grade—Cedric Harris, Braeden Pfaff, Kyra Nickerson

2nd Grade—Hanna DeGrace, Megan Pederson, Lauren Lenius

3rd Grade—Noah Basting, Anastasia Rushmer, Luke Herrscher

4th Grade—Arielle Woppert, Shamar Vance, Madelyn Laszewski

5th Grade—Michael Wahl, Rebekkah Carpenter, Carter Schmidt



PBIS Acknowledgment

On December 23, students and staff gathered in the gym for our 3rd PBIS acknowledgment. Mrs. Schneider had the privilege of kissing Daisy the Goat, not once, but three times! Daisy wasn't too interested in the kiss, and if you look closely at the bottom picture, you might be able to guess just why! I'm sure if your child told you about their day, this was one of the first things mentioned!



Thank you to the family of Karissa, Derek, and Isabella Brown for letting us borrow Daisy!

Upon our return from winter break, students will begin disassembling the puzzle for our 4th acknowledgment. Stay tuned!

Odds and Ends

If you miss a call from MacArthur Elementary, please do not hit redial on your phone. This dials an outgoing line, and we may not be able to receive the call. Please always dial 253-3468 as this will insure your call is answered.

Due to the tight custodian cleaning schedule in the evenings, we are unable to let students into the classrooms after 4:00 to retrieve forgotten homework materials.

Students should not have soda with their lunch; this same rule applies when a visitor comes and brings a special lunch from McDonald's, Subway, Roberts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation!

Remember to call school no later than 9:00 a.m. if your child will be absent that day. If your child will be late and is eating hot lunch, please call school and place his/her order before 9:00 a.m.

ENROLLMENT AT MACARTHUR

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>CLASS SIZE</u>	<u>TEACHER</u>
Kindergarten	25	Mrs. Books
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Schwarten
Kindergarten	24	Mrs. Hauck
1	22	Mrs. King
1	21	Mrs. Pecunia
1	20	Mrs. Unruh
2	20	Mrs. Collins
2	19	Mrs. Doedens
2	20	Mr. Jacobson
3	24	Mrs. Brewer
3	22	Mrs. Dora
3	24	Mrs. Van Slett
4	22	Mrs. Berglund
4	22	Mr. Greifenkamp
4	20	Mrs. Niedfeldt
5	26	Mrs. Besonen
5	25	Mrs. Biermann
5	23	Mrs. Lehouillier
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JANUARY CALENDAR



3rd	School Resumes
12th	7:00 PTA Meeting
19th	3rd Grade Animal Tracks Visit
20th	No School—Staff Inservice
23rd	7:00 School Board Meeting held at MacArthur
24th	2nd session of Spanish begins
	7:00 4th Grade Recorder Concert
26th	2:45 General MacArthur Birthday MacFest
27th	10:00 Kindergarten to Milwaukee Youth Arts Center

Save the Date for Carnival!!

Mark your calendars...the date has been set! Carnival will be held at MacArthur on March 2 this year. Hope to see everyone there!



NEW Box Top Contest

A new Box Top contest has just been launched. Fill up those collection sheets and turn them into school before **February 10**. Currently, Woodman's is offering a special promotion to support Box Tops. Buy any 10 participating General Mills Box Tops for Education products between 1/2/12 and 1/30/12 and get 50 Bonus Box Tops via mail-in rebate. Look for mail-in rebate form in stores to participate in this great offer. Offer available while mail-in rebate form supplies last. Also, remember to keep an eye on your Pick n' Save circulars for any special Box Top offers! Staple any Bonus Box Top certificates you earn to a collection sheet (with your child's information filled in) and send into school to make sure your child's name is entered in the drawings. MacArthur is doing a GREAT job collecting. Keep up the good work!



Kemps Money Isn't Just for Milk Caps

Thank you for all of the Kemps milk caps that have been sent into school thus far. Just a reminder that we earn five cents for every Kemps milk cap turned in **AND** for every Nickel for Schools Proof of Purchase found on other Kemps dairy products.

SCRIP for Everyday Purchases

Last month we had a fabulous SCRIP order!! Thank you to all who ordered! Remember, these cards make great gifts any time of year. Some people even do all of their shopping via gift cards. By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, restaurants, clothes, entertainment and home repair, the average family can earn at least \$11 a week for the school! **The next order date is January 13, with a pick-up date of January 19.** Proceeds will be used to support the PTA SMART Board Initiative and other programs benefiting MacArthur students. Please contact Lisa Erickson at 293-3237 or lanerickson@wi.rr.com with questions.

PTA Meeting

Please join us at the next PTA meeting Thursday, January 12, 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Free child care is available.