February 2020 Newsletter

Eureka Elementary

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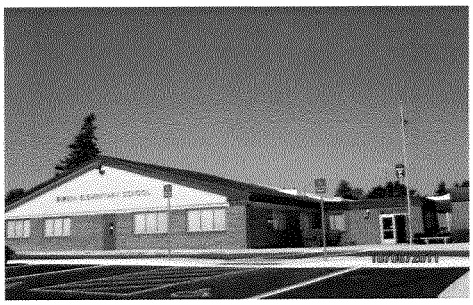

Dear Eureka Family,

Happy February. Hopefully, this mild winter has you feeling positive and productive as the days pass. With mid-year testing and conferences wrapped up, we are back to regular routines. It's hard to believe that the 100th day of school has already come and gone for the year. We are getting things done!

Valentine hearts are a good reminder of the importance of physical and mental health. Our staff would like to use February as an opportunity to focus on healthful habits such as good nutrition, regular exercise, adequate sleep, and mindful thinking. On Valentines Day, we will host Eureka's annual Healthy Hearts Valentines Celebration. Classroom teachers and Mr. Matulis, our phys. ed teacher, will focus on the value of healthful snacking and daily physical activity. Please look for notes or Class Dojo messages from your child's teacher for additional information about Valentines Day.

February is also the month when we prepare for Mileage Club. After spring break, students may participate in this healthy recess activity sponsored by Sparrow Hospital. Please look for information in today's folder. Online registration is now open, and paper registration forms are available in the office. The last day to register is March 2nd. We hope every Eureka student will get to participate this year.

We are dedicated to helping our students stay socially and emotionally healthy, as well. Classroom lessons include learning ways to manage feelings, calm down, effectively communicate, resolve conflict, and think positively. Mrs. Toft, our school counselor, works with students each Wednesday. She is available to provide support for anyone who needs it.

Healthy minds and bodies keep our students doing their best at school. We hope you can extend this message at home by planning some new healthful routines for your family to try this winter.

Stay warm,

Anne-Marie Potter, principal

Upcoming Events

February 1-March 2
Mileage Club Registration

February 12
6:30 PM PTO Meeting

February 14
Healthy Hearts Valentines Day

February 17
PD for Teachers; No School

February 22
Daddy/Daughter Dance @ 6PM

March 6
Theme Day: Crazy Socks Day

PTO

We always appreciate the support parents give us here at Eureka. Volunteers for special events make a positive difference for our school. Please consider attending a PTO meeting to share ideas and plan activities. If you can't join a meeting, feel free to contact the office or visit our webpage for ways to become involved. Thank you for supporting us!

If you were able to take our Perception Survey, thank you for sharing your thoughts about Eureka. Totals aren't in yet, but this may have been our highest year yet for parent participation. Yes! Once we have results, our School Improvement Team will analyze the data and make plans to address any needs that surface. We continually strive to make Eureka an excellent place to work and learn. Your feedback keeps us moving in a positive direction. As always, feel free to contact us with questions, concerns and suggestions. We are committed to a strong partnership with our Eureka families, so don't hesitate to communicate with us. Thank you for taking time to share your thoughts!

Attendance Line: Please Call

We recently installed a new phone system, so it is a good reminder to communicate information about reporting student absences. When your child will be absent, please leave a message on our attendance line. If your child will be arriving late, please leave a message with the day's lunch choice by 9:30AM. If you need to share specific information with our secretary, Mrs. McKane, please call her line to talk or leave a message for her. The contact numbers are:

Attendance Line: 989-227-4944

Eureka Secretary, Mrs. McKane: 989-227-4902

We are happy to welcome a new group of CMU pre-service teachers to Eureka. This semester brings three students who will be working in our lower elementary classrooms. Kdg.- 2nd graders will benefit from support from Ms. Sepulveda, Ms. Lewallen, and Ms. Buzinski. Welcome CMU students!

If you drop your child off in the morning or come in at dismissal time, you will notice that the doors to the academic hallway are closed and locked. This is an intentional part of our school safety routines. We continue to evaluate and revise ways to make the safety of our students and staff members a priority. Thank you for supporting our efforts by signing in and out at the office and remaining in the lobby during daily arrival and dismissal times. If you need to chat with your child's teacher, just send a Dojo message or give us a call to find a time to meet.

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Registration for this year's Mileage Club is now open. Please find information in your child's Friday Folder.

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Date: Thursday, March 12th
Location: Wilson Center in SJ
Time: 3 -7 PM

Information and forms are available on the district's webpage at www.sjredwings.org. A link is also available on Eureka's webpage.