

Around the Round!

October 2009

Round School Family!

The school year is in full gear and what a start it has been. Our students are doing a wonderful job getting acclimated to the building and enjoying a new year at Round. It was a pleasure seeing everyone at our Open House and 1st Grade Curriculum Night. It is great to see so many terrific people who care so much about their child's education. I look forward to working with you as the year progresses. I also want to thank those people that participated in the book fair. Reading is an integral part of our student's education and it's great to see the excitement of the book fair.

I ask all 3rd and 4th grade parents to read the attached information concerning the MEAP tests that will be given in the next few weeks. There is important and critical information you need to be aware of. The guidelines for the MEAP test are strict and your cooperation with the test will be important in our children's success. I appreciate your attention.

There is also a lot of important information below for you to view, particularly, school pictures and the Fun Run. Lots of things going on at Round. We don't want you to miss a thing!!! I do want to mention a suggestion about picking up your child early from school. The staff at Round are concerned with the number of students being picked up early from school each day. Our school day is set up to maximize instructional time and curriculum is taught until the end of the day. Picking up your child early only forces them to miss important information. The need to get ahead of the buses should not take precedence over education. We recommend picking up your children at the normal dismissal time. Thank you for your cooperation.

I would also like to thank our teaching staff for the dedicated work they do everyday for our students. I want to publicly acknowledge their efforts in making Round School the best it can be. Please read through the following information of guidelines and upcoming events. Our staff thank you for your support and all that you do for your child's education.

Dave Minsker, Principal



School Phone Numbers

Main office: (810) 626-2800

Absence Line: (810) 626-2805

***Please note that all calls concerning absences must be called in to the Absence Line, not the main office**



School Hours

School Hours: 8:55 – 3:45

Half Day Dismissal: 12:10

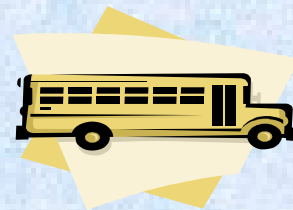
***Please note that students are not permitted in the building until 8:50. For parents who drop off their children in the morning, there will not be supervision outside the doors until 8:40.**

Parking

As in years past, parking is limited to the two parking lots as you immediately enter school property. The drive directly in front of the building is reserved only for busses. For the safety of our children, please do not drive or park in the area in front of the building. A reminder that the parking spot labeled “VIP Parking” in the west lot is reserved for the Bester family and the spot on the east lot is reserved for the Waldron family. They won the parking spots at the celebrity auction last year. Please refrain from parking in those two spots. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Bus Stop Reminders

A reminder to all parents, it is required that parents wait at the bus stop with their child in the morning and be there to pick up in the afternoon. Supervision is extremely important at the bus stop. Please understand that the bus stop is considered school property, so negative behaviors that warrant consequences at school are also in effect at the bus stop. Every classroom will be addressed about negative behaviors at the bus stop and what could happen if school rules are broken there. Please reiterate that message to your children as we work together to make our bus stops a safe place to be.

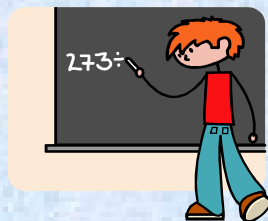


Sign-In Procedure

I would like to thank everyone for adhering to the safety and security plan we have here at Round Elementary School. We are dedicated in providing a safe environment conducive to learning. We will also ensure that all students acquire and use the knowledge, skills, and behaviors necessary to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow. We are looking forward to working with you to achieve those goals and we appreciate everyone's understanding of what it takes to make our building safe. We have also taken measures to maximize instructional time throughout the school day. Checking in at the office and monitoring all visitors going through the building is an important intervention to help ensure your child's safety and reducing classroom interruptions that effect your child's learning. I appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to maximize instructional time.

Parents entrust their most prized possession, their children, to us during the school year and we must do everything possible to keep our building safe. These guidelines are an important part of ensuring a safe environment for our children. They must be followed consistently and without exception.

- *After the bell at 8:55, parents must walk their child into the office and sign them in.
- *If you are picking your child up during the school day, please sign them out in the main office. You may wait in the hallway outside the office doors for your child.
- *During school hours, all parents and visitors must sign in at the office upon entering the building. Please do not walk through the building without signing in.
- *Instructional time is extremely important to the education of our children. Disruptions to that instructional time decreases the time your children are learning. **We ask that if you are dropping off items for your child during the school day, that you leave them with the office and we will take them to the classroom.** It is important that your child's teacher not be interrupted. Thank you for your understanding.



PTO

The next scheduled PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 at Round. If you are eager to help make Round a better place, please consider attending. Round's PTO has always done a fantastic job supporting our school, teachers and students throughout the year! I have been extremely impressed at their dedication and passion. The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help. There are a lot of fun things planned for this year!!

Fun Run (Get Movin' Crew)

You should have received information from your child concerning the Fall Fun Run this year. The "Get Movin' Crew" is a company dedicated to help students stay fit and raise money for our school. This serves as a fundraiser for our PTO. Students collect pledges for their run on October 1st. Pledges can be turned into the office in the packet sent home with your child last week. Pledges can also be made using PayPal. This makes donating easier for people living far away. PayPal and other information about the "Get Movin' Crew" can be obtained through the following website: www.thegetmovincrew.com There are chances for your child to win prizes and pledges will be donated back into Round Elementary School. Parents are welcome to come cheer our students on!!

"Fund Run" Schedule Thursday 10/1/09

9:15-9:55 3rd grade

10:00-10:40 1st grade

10:45-11:25 4th grade

1:00-1:40 2nd grade

1:50-2:30 Kindergarten



MEAP Testing

MEAP Information

(3rd and 4th Grade Students Only)

Dates:

Tuesday, October 13:	Reading – Session 1	(Makeup: October 14)
Thursday, October 15:	Reading – Session 2	(Makeup: October 19)
Tuesday, October 20:	Math	(Makeup: October 21)
Thursday, October 22:	Writing (Grade 4 only)	(Makeup: October 26)

Important Information About the MEAP Test:

It is critical that your child is at school on the above dates and does not leave the school during the day. Please stay away from scheduling appointments or vacations during these testing days. This year we are no longer given multiple days to make up a test that was missed by a student. There is only ONE predetermined date that a student will be able to makeup a test. So if a student misses the testing date and the make up date, they will receive a “0” on the test with no chance to make it up later. It’s important for students to try and take the test on the original testing date so they don’t risk something happening on the makeup date. Also, if a student has to leave early for an appointment before finishing the test, the whole test has to be thrown out and they must take the whole test over on the make up date. Even if they are almost done. Obviously if your child is sick, they should not be in school. But please make every effort to have them here the entire day on the dates listed above.

Please be sure that your child has a full balanced breakfast the morning of the tests. We want to make sure their brains are at full power! J Snacks will be provided the morning of the test as well.

Your child’s teacher has been working hard to prepare their class for the test. The students have been working really hard at preparing as well. We have been getting them excited about taking the test and they enjoy preparing as a team. They are also getting the message of how important the test is so we can get a good indication of where they are academically. Please do your best to give that same message to your child so we can get their best effort. It’s greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions concerning the MEAP test, please call Mr. Minsker at 626-2800. We appreciate all your support in helping our students become successful test takers.

Picture Day

School pictures are coming on October 5th. This year there is an additional service to you pertaining to ordering pictures. Ordering can now be done on-line using a credit card, while also being able to choose your background and package. You do not need to send in the order form and money on the day of pictures. So there are 2 ways to order your child's school pictures.

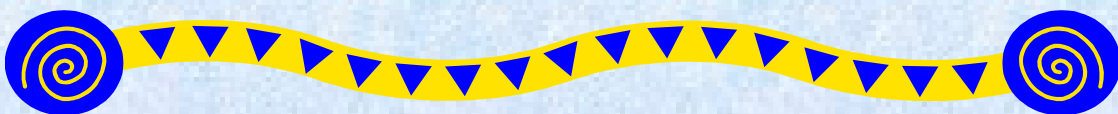
- 1) **Place your order on-line. Do not send in order form or money on picture day.**
- 2) **Fill out attached order form, include check, and turn in the day of pictures.**

It's your choice. If you choose the on-line service, you must use the school code located on the top of the attached order form. You will not be able to view your child's picture on-line but you can order your packages and choose the background. Pictures will be delivered to the school and distributed. As in past years, there will be a retake day for those wanting to retake the pictures. We hope this on-line service makes ordering pictures easier for you!!! Please call if office if you have any questions.



Child Find

Each school building in the Hartland Consolidated School District has an Instructional Consultation Team (ICT) / Child Study Team process in place, which is a vehicle for staff members to review student performance, concerns, and collaboratively develop interventions. If you have concerns about your child's development and are interested in more information on special services, contact your school. If you have concerns about the development of your infant, toddler, or preschooler, contact Sue Pearson, Director of Special Education at (810) 626-2102 for more information.



Student Lunches

Student lunches cost \$2.00 and include milk, fruit, and vegetable. Milk bought separately now costs .50 cents. Please do not send in cash or coins without putting the child's name on the envelope or baggie. All lunch money must be placed in the locked blue box outside the office. If you have any questions about lunches or your child's account, please contact Teri Sincock at Food Service.



Recycling at Round to Continue

Last year, Round started a paper recycling initiative. As most of you know, we lost the recycling bin last spring. We believe it is important that we continue recycling for the educational value for our students. Thanks to Village Elementary, we are now able to use their recycling bin. We will continue to collect paper in the classrooms and will take the paper to Village on a weekly basis. If parents choose to recycle at home and bring the paper in, please take the paper directly to the Village recycling bin. **This is for paper only.** Village will not be able to keep the recycling program if anything but paper is placed in the bin.

Here is a list of rules for the recycling bin: Paper only, no cardboard, no phone books, no construction paper, and paper can be in plastic bags



We would encourage you to recycle paper at home to reinforce the educational value of recycling here at school. We thank you for your cooperation in stressing the value of recycling.

September Events to Remember

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| October 1: | Fall Fun Run |
| October 5: | Picture Day |
| October 14: | PTO Meeting |
| October 13: | MEAP Test (3 rd and 4 th grade) |
| October 15: | MEAP Test (3 rd and 4 th grade) |
| October 20: | MEAP Test (3 rd and 4 th grade) |
| October 22: | MEAP test (4 th grade) |
| October 30: | Halloween Day at Round |

Round Elementary School Media Center by Ms. Benford

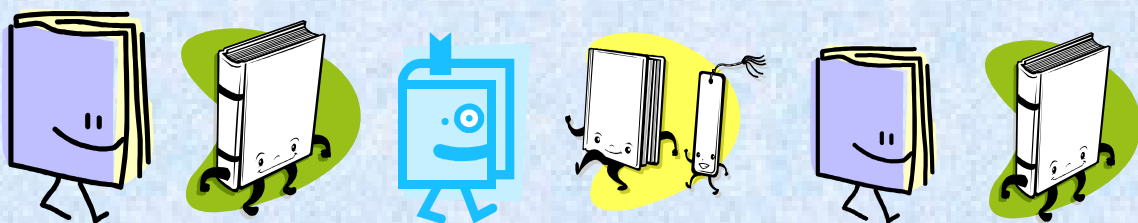
One of the best parts of my job as a school library media specialist involves ordering new material. I never have enough money to order every book that the students at Round would like to read. Many of you have donated generously to the media center in the past. I am also most appreciative of the money budgeted by the PTO for the library each year, which helps supplement the book budget.

Thank you. I am pleased to announce that we will be joining with Cromaine Public Library here in Hartland to create an interlibrary loan system this school year. This system will enable students to check out materials from Cromaine without having to go to the Cromaine to pick them up. Here's how it works:

1. Parents need to complete an authorization form at Cromaine on the second floor allowing me as the Round School Media Specialist to check out material for their son or daughter. Cromaine will keep these forms on file.
2. They need to make a photo copy of the student's Cromaine library card. I will use these cards to check out books that a student selects from the Cromaine website during media time. (I can only check out books if parents have signed the authorization agreement.)
3. I will collect the books from Cromaine and deliver them to students at Round saving parents a stop. Books will be checked out to the students and be the responsibility of the students if lost or damaged.

Interlibrary loan will allow students access to more titles and multiple copies... enlarging our collection beyond the walls of Round Media Center. The first year will be limited to 3rd and 4th grade students. I anticipate students using it for research and for accelerated reader.

Sign up on the second floor in the Youth Department. Third and Fourth grade students only this first year.



STUDENT DIRECTORY INFO NEEDED

The student telephone directory is under construction. The directory lists all students by class and is a valuable tool for families throughout the year. It contains student's and parents' names, address, and phone numbers. For existing students this information is pulled from administrative records. For new students it is taken from registration documents. Please return the form by September 30th or email it to sadarish@yahoo.com

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Please only return the bottom half of this sheet if you want to limit your information included in the directory. You do not have to return this form if you want all your info included.

A directory preview will be emailed in early October. Revisions will be made and an electronic copy will be emailed. A hard copy will be available upon request. The request form will come home in backpack mail.

THE 2009/2010 ROUND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Please return this form to school by:

Friday, September 30, 2009

Check one box below:

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| | Please update my information, it's changed |
| | Please include only the information completed below in the directory |
| | Please do not include my child(ren) in the directory, complete name/teacher |

Please print:

Student's Name:		Teacher's Name:	
Student's Name:		Teacher's Name:	
Student's Name:		Teacher's Name:	
Student's Name:		Teacher's Name:	
Street Address:		City:	
Zip Code:		Phone Number:	
Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	