

Around the Round!

January 9, 2012

Round School Family!

The Round Staff hopes everyone had a great holiday break. Students came back this week in good spirits and ready to go back to work. We hope everyone had a relaxing break and ready to begin another new year with optimism. It was great seeing your children walk through the doors on Tuesday. They were excited to tell stories of their time with family and all their new presents! The first half of the year has been a successful one and we are looking forward to great things the rest of the year.

I would like to thank all the parents and volunteers who helped with the various holiday activities before break. There were definitely some fun and exciting festivities. Every grade seemed to have a different theme of celebrating the holidays. Without your help and dedication to our school, these things are not possible. You helped give our students a special memory. A special thank you to the PTO and all the families that sent in cookies for the “The Cookie Walk”. It was incredible and our staff greatly appreciated it.

The end of the month brings the end of the first half of the year. In most grades there will be district assessments to monitor where our students are in various areas. We look forward to seeing how far your children have come this year. It also gives us a chance to kickstart the second half of the year. We have had a tremendous first half of the year and our students are positively facing the challenges that are in front of them everyday.

Please take a look at the following information and upcoming events. Thank you to everyone in the Round School family for helping make our children’s educational experience a positive one.

Dave Minsker, Principal



PTO

The Round Elementary School PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. There are a few new initiatives this year that the PTO will be involved in. It's an exciting time to be a volunteer in the school. Please consider volunteering for the PTO this school year. The next scheduled PTO meeting is Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm in the Round media center.

PTO Golf Outing Fundraiser

Save the date! The PTO will be hosting its second Golf Outing Fundraiser, Dinner, and Auction on ***Saturday, May 12th at 1:00 pm at Hartland Glen Golf Course***. This will be a scramble format so anyone can do it! The cost will be \$65 per person. If you or anyone you know would be interested in supporting Round Elementary, please consider getting a golf team together, sponsoring a hole, or providing door prizes. More information will be coming soon! If you would like to sign up early for the golf outing contact Stacey Colliton at staceync@comcast.net or Colleen Waske at cwaske@yahoo.com

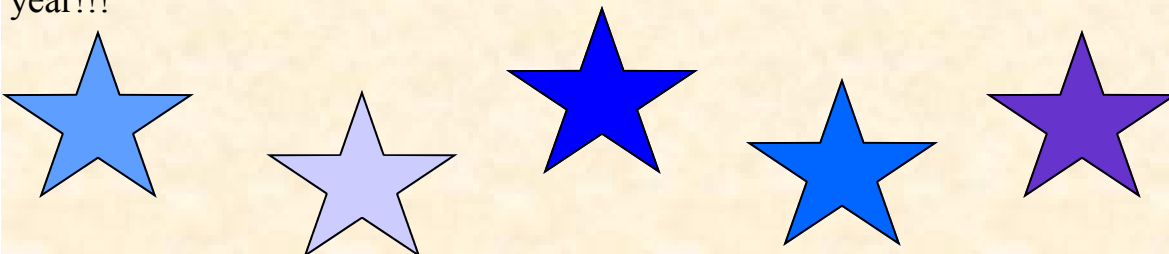
2012-13 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Round Up dates are March 13 and 14, 2012 at HESSC from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to register their child in accordance to the following:

Tuesday, March 13th – last names beginning with A – L

Wednesday, March 14th – last names beginning with M – Z

Please mark your calendars if you have a kindergartener starting next school year!!!



Hearing Screening Important Information

This school year the students scheduled for hearing screenings are Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades. Please call the school office if you have a concern and your child is not scheduled for a hearing screen, or you do not want your child screened.

Please call the Health Department at 517-546-9850 if your child has a programmable shunt.

Recycling

Round participates in a paper recycling initiative. We believe that 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 collect paper in the classrooms and will take the paper to Village throughout the school year. 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 bin 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.

There is also a recycling station just inside the main front doors. Batteries, CD's, and ink cartridges can be placed for recycling. Please consider bringing those items in to be recycled. 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.



Child Find Services

Each building in the Hartland Consolidated School District has either an Instructional Consultation Team (ICT) or Student Assistant Team (SAT) 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 child's teacher or Mr. Minsker. If you have concerns about the development of your infant, toddler, or preschooler, contact Sure Pearson, Director of Special Education at (810) 626-2102 for more information.

Community Education Indoor Soccer (January 15-February 19)

Indoor soccer for boys and girls in preschool through 2nd grade. When it's cold outside and the snow starts to fly, let the kids come inside to play soccer. Teams are coached by parent volunteers. If interested in coaching, please let us know when you register. The first Sunday will be a ½ hour practice then a ½ hour scrimmage. The last 5 weeks will be games. Pre-kickers will do a ½ hour of drills each week, and then a ½ hour of games, pre-kickers should bring their own ball. Shin guards are required. Must have a minimum of 4 teams per age group (32 players). Register early!



ISP W Preschool – Pre-kickers – 3 and 4 year olds
ISK W Kindergarten Indoor Soccer (U5 and U6
from fall)
IS12 W 1st and 2nd Grade Indoor Soccer
Sundays January 15 – February 19 at the Ore Creek
Gym between noon and 6:00 PM
Fee \$65.00 includes t-shirt



School Lunch Money

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. A reminder that there is a water fountain at the top of the stairs to the lunch room. If your child needs a drink of water they just need to ask permission and they are welcome to use it.

Beginning of School Day Reminder

Please refrain from walking your child to their classroom in the mornings. We understand the anxiety parents can have, especially those in the younger grades but there are a couple reasons for requesting this. Safety of our students is extremely important to us at Round Elementary. We need to monitor who is entering the building for your children's safety. It also allows teachers to begin the day without interruption. Instructional time is important. We also want to teach our students to be self-reliant and be able to do things for themselves. Please check in at the office if you plan on entering the hallways in the morning for specific school business. Parents may walk their children into the building just not down the hallways. Thank you for your understanding.

Phone Numbers Reminder

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.**



Parking

I would ask parents when dropping off in the east lot to be aware of timing and help move the line through quickly. Spending too much time dropping off your children backs up the line. Thank you for your cooperation.

As in years past, 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. This lot will be staff parking only during the school day. Parent parking and drop off will be located in the west lot. There are new signs located in the west lot to direct you toward the drop off area. Please do not drop your children off in the east lot. The lot is not adequate or safe enough to serve as a drop off area. There are cones on the west lot to provide a safe area for students. Also, please be considerate of others by only parking in a designated parking spot. By parking in any other area, it slows down traffic and causes problems in the lot. ***There are 2 spots designated for the two families that won those parking spots in the auction last spring. Only those two families will be permitted to park in those spots. Thank you for your understanding.***

School Hours Reminder

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.** As cold weather is upon us, please make arrangements around these times to ensure a safe and orderly situation for your child.

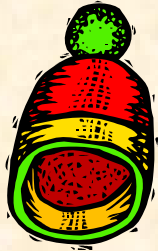


School Bus Stop Reminders

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.

Lost and Found

If your child is missing any clothing items please check the lost and found in the gym. There are even some extremely important items such as winter jackets and boots in the boxes.



Upcoming Events to Remember

- January 16:** MLK Day – no school
- January 18:** PTO Meeting
- January 20:** “Operation Nice” Assembly
- January 28:** No School / End of Semester
- February 15-16** Hearing Screening for K, 2, and 4th grades
- February 16:** PTO Meeting 4:00
- February 17:** Jump Rope for Heart
- February 24-27:** Mid-Winter Break – no school

Sign-In Procedure Reminder

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.

