

NEENAH CREEK NEWS

NEENAH CREEK ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 2020



SCHOOL DAY

Our school day begins at 8:10am. This means all students should be in their desks ready to go for the day at this time. When students arrive late it can throw their whole day off as well as the rest of the class.

Please, try to be on time every day.

Our school day ends by 3:15pm. A lot of instructional time takes place at the end of our day. Please, try to limit early departures as much as possible. This will help ensure your student is not missing out on important instruction.

Late policy

Late children should be accompanied by their parent to the front door. You can then push the ringer and you will be met at the door by a Neenah Creek staff member and asked to sign your child in.

After School Routine

If your child's after school routine changes you **MUST** send a note with your child that day of school. If an emergency occurs, call the school office **prior to 2pm**. If we do not receive a note or phone call, we will follow the regular routine form you completed at the beginning of the year.

Hello Neenah Creek Families,

It has been a whole month now that we have been in school. Students and Staff have been working hard on growing our brains after our unexpected quarantine last Spring. Students have been doing amazing with wearing masks and staying in their own space bubbles. Please, continue to encourage your students to keep up the great work! Thank you all so much for supporting your students and our staff! We will all get through this crazy time in our lives. We are stronger together!!

We would also like to give a Huge Shout Out to our American Legion Post 329 here in Briggsville for allowing us to use their picnic tables. The picnic tables have given our students the option to have outdoor learning!! Our Briggsville American Legion Ladies Auxiliary also donated disinfectant wipes and masks for the students. We live in an amazing community and we are so thankful for all the support!!

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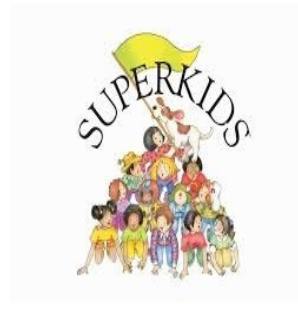


Hello Neenah Creek Families,

I hope everyone has gotten off to a great start to the school year! It has been great to have the students back at school, in the library, and being able to check out books again! Speaking of books, unfortunately this year due to all of the changes, the library will not be able to hold an in person book fair at our library like we have in the past years. As luck would have it though Follett is offering a **Virtual Book Fair** and will ship any books ordered directly to the school with no shipping or handling fees! They have some great titles to choose from along with some great deals! Stay tuned, I will be sending more information out soon about our school **Virtual Book Fair**. I hope you are as excited as I am!!

Mrs. Schulz

Neenah Creek Library



Building a Super Reader

Tips for Parents

Sara Ketterer,

Literacy Coach

Talk often to your child to

build listening and speaking skills, and to develop vocabulary:

- Talk with your child as you go about daily activities. Ask them about school and friends. Encourage them to talk.
- Have your child make up and tell stories. Ask them questions to help expand the stories.
- Tell stories about your childhood.
- Listen to your child’s questions patiently and answer them just as patiently!
- Talk about books that you’ve read together
- Talk about new words your child has read or heard.

CHARACTER TRAITS

Here at Neenah Creek our students will be working on a different Character Trait each month. For the Month of September we worked very hard on **Respect**. We worked really hard on treating each other the way we want to be treated and also treating each other and objects politely. Here is a list of students who have exemplified the definition of **Respect** here at Neenah Creek all month.

K—Ava

Art—Brenton

1st grade—Remy

Gym—Ariana

2nd grade—Destiny

Music—Janitta

3rd grade—Alana

LMC—Alix

4th grade—Lane

5th grade—Melody

Guidance—Tucker

MUSIC NEWS

Greetings Everyone! We are so thrilled to be back at school and learning more and more everyday in music class. I am Mrs. Paukner and I am excited to be teaching at Neenah Creek this year! It is such a wonderful school where everyone is dedicated to our students' success!

- Grade K is working on steady beat and will be exploring high and low sounds, along with speaking, whispering, shouting, and singing voices.
- Grade 1 is working on steady beat. We will also be learning about high and low pitches on the staff.
- Grade 2 is working on the difference between beat and rhythm and will soon begin to explore solfeggio syllables and hand signs.
- Grade 3 is using solfeggio syllables and have begun our Quaver vocabulary adventure soon!
- Grade 4 is working on reading rhythms and will be learning note names and other music vocabulary.
- Grade 5 is reviewing reading rhythms, note names, and other music vocabulary. The year long goal is to work on combining these skills.

I look forward to watching our students learn and grow this year!!

Nicole Paukner

Lake Dellton and Neenah Creek

Music Teacher

Zzzzz's Lead to A's!

Sleep

Sleep is a vital part of life for people of all ages but it is especially important for children. Receiving adequate sleep on a routine basis is essential to the development of your growing child. Sleep allows your child to grow both physically and mentally. He/she will be able to participate and more attentively focus in and outside of school. Sleep also helps to promote a health immune system to better fight off illness and infection.

How much each night?

- Age 3-5 need 11-13 hours of sleep
- Age 5-10 need 10-11 hours of sleep
- Age 10-17 need 8.5-9.5 hours of sleep

Here are some simple tips to promote regular sleep:

- Go to bed and get up at the same time each day. Sleep in a quiet, dark, and relaxing environment
- Make your bed comfortable and use it only for sleeping and not for other activities such as watching TV, playing video games, etc.
- Remove all TVs, computers, and other "gadgets" from the bedroom
- Avoid physical and stimulating activity a few hours before bedtime
- Avoid large meals and caffeinated beverages before bedtime

Adapted from <http://www.cdc.gov/features/sleep>

Michelle Jenkins

District Nurse

Counselor Corner

I look forward to working with all the students at Neenah Creek for the 2019-2020 school year. During the month of October we will be working on the following:

Kindergarten and 1st Grade—How to Listen

2nd Grade—Respect

3rd Grade—Focus and Attention

4th and 5th Grade—Empathy and Respect

Brandon Anderson

Elementary School Counselor: Lake Delton and Neenah Creek

Homeless/Families in Transition District Liaison

School District of Wisconsin Dells

Food Service Department

There is **NO CHANGE** to the District's **Monthly Snack Milk Program**. Monthly Snack Milk is not a USDA program, therefore, it is not part of the Summer Food Service Program which allows the District to serve meals free to students until December 31st, 2020. Monthly charges will come out of the students food service accounts as they have in the past. (For students who have qualified for free and reduced meals this program is free.) Recording of milks taken during snack time will still need to be tracked on a daily basis. Also, if a child wants milk with their cold lunches from home, or an extra milk there will be a charge on the students family food service account as before.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: A new application for free and reduced meals must be filled out each school year unless you have been notified that your child is eligible. The 30-day rollover is fast approaching. Applications for the 2020-21 school year must be submitted by 10/12/2020 or your student(s) will default to **PAID** status. You will be responsible for any charges that are incurred. Applications are available on the District website, www.sdwd.k12.wi.us, and all school offices.

The **USDA waiver** that is presently in effect allowing **ALL** students to receive Breakfast and Lunch at no charge expires December 31st, 2020.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at (608) 253-1461, ext. 1032.

Thank you,
Greg Heller
Food Service Director



Upcoming Events

Fundraiser at Chalet: October 4th

Early Release: October 7th

Early Release: October 21st

School Picture Retakes: October 22nd

No School: October 30th

CAUTION
this is a
**Nut-Awareness
ZONE**

Peanuts, nuts, and their oils could cause a life threatening reaction in some students. Please cooperate by not bringing peanuts, nuts, peanut butter into the building. Thank you for helping us keep this environment safe for everyone. If you do bring them, please be very careful to keep these from touching any surface. Wash your hands and face with soap and water immediately after eating them.

CAUTION

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