

Friday Note 9/9/2016

Welcome to a brand new school year! We are very excited to see all of the bright happy faces in the school!! We are off to a great start, but we do have a few important reminders to share with you.

School at Washington School starts at 8:00 am. Students who arrive at the school before 7:45 am are to wait in the cafeteria. **Any student who comes to school late MUST check in with either Mrs. Simcoe or Mrs. Bergquist after they are buzzed into the school.** Please remember to call the school at 906-663-4515 if your child will be absent or tardy. Any unreported absences will be considered unexcused. **We are required to report absences and tardiness to the State each year.**



Dismissal for grades K-3 is at 2:55 pm and grades 4-6 are dismissed at 3:00 pm. There is NOT a late bus run this year so please be aware of what time your child will be dropped off after school. If you have any questions about transportation, please call Mrs. Bergquist at 906-667-0802. For safety reasons, any student who walks home from school is expected to leave the school grounds as soon as they are dismissed and are not to remain on school grounds.

Please remember that if you have any changes in transportation arrangements for your child we need to be notified in writing. For example- if you need your child to be dropped off at a grandparent's house tomorrow because you won't be home, please just write a note with the address where they are to be dropped off at, sign and date it, and send it to school with your child. Please notify the school before 1:00 pm for busing changes or as soon as possible in case of an emergency. Remember, we do not allow busing changes for birthday party groups.



If your child needs to take any medications during the school day there is a form that **MUST** be filled out before the medication can be given. Students are not allowed to transport any medication, including over the counter medications such as Tylenol, cold medicine, etc. Parents must bring the form and the medication to the school. Controlled substances also require a form that needs to be filled out by a doctor.

Milk money for students in grades K-3 was due today in the amount of \$8 but may still be paid on Monday.

There were several forms sent home at the beginning of the school year. Please make sure you return them all. Applications for Free or Reduced lunch are being processed now and you will receive a letter soon to inform you if you qualify. **Remember, you only need to fill out one lunch application per family, not one per child.** Please read the instructions carefully as any forms that are not filled out correctly will not be able to be processed and will be returned to you before processing. All income reported must be your income **BEFORE** taxes are taken out.

Now through September 21st, there is an online Bessemer Apparel Store where you can purchase Bessemer sports related apparel. The website is www.ernstsports.com then click on Bessemer with the "Winged Foot" design. There are items for the Speedboys, Speedgirls, and Miners on the site. There will be sales later in the year also, but this one ends in time for the orders to come before football season ends.

The Bessemer Speedboy/Speedgirl Booster Club is still recruiting Super Boosters. A \$10 donation to the Booster Club will qualify you as a Super Booster. Your name will appear in all programs for "home" games for our sports teams. If you would like to be a Super Booster, please contact Deb Aspinwall at 906-663-4781 to donate.

There will be a winter clothing giveaway at the Sharon Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 17th from 12-4 pm and on Sunday, September 18th from 10am- 2pm. These are gently used donated items. If you have any items that would like to donate, you may bring them to the church any day through Friday, September 16th from 8am-12pm.



DOVE, Inc. will be sponsoring a Daddy/Daughter & Mother/Son Date Night dance on Saturday, October 22nd at the Bessemer VFW from 7-9 pm. The price is \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional child. The dance plays an important role in teaching children about love and respect. It is a fun-filled evening for children of all age and the special men and women in their lives. It focuses on the importance of fathers and mothers having strong, healthy relationships with their son or daughter.

DOVE, Inc. will also be holding a Fun Glow Run/Walk/Stroll event on Saturday, October 8th at the new pavilion at Sunday Lake in Wakefield. Registration starts at 7 pm and the run is at 8 pm. Registration cost is \$25 with children 8 and under free (\$10 for a T-Shirt). Times will not be recorded. For more information, please contact DOVE at 906-932-4990.

Friday Notes will be sent home on most weeks. If there is a short week due to holidays, etc. there may not be one sent home. Friday Notes are also posted on our school website at www.bessemer.k12.mi.us/what-s-happening and on our Bessemer Area Schools Facebook page. If you would like to receive the Friday Note by e-mail, please contact Mrs. Simcoe and she will add you to the list.