

Knapp Elementary Newsletter

October 2, 2017

From the Principal

The crisp fall air has arrived and everyone has settled into their routines at school. With this change in temperature, it is a good time to remind everyone about sending warmer clothing for the playground each day.

We spent a great day out at the Environmental Site this week. It was great to see all the parents and family members that were able to share in this learning experience with the children. We have many more opportunities this month for families to be involved in.

A very exciting activity that is taking place the first week of October is the installation of a tile mural in the entryway to the school. Our students are working with local artist, Jeanne Styczynski, and art teacher, Megan Steinkraus, during art class. There is a lot of energy as the mural will portray the scenic hills of Knapp during the four seasons. Be sure to check it out during our October family events.

A few important events to make you aware of that will be happening next week. We have our first all school family night on Thursday, October 5th. Everyone is invited to play math games in

their child's classroom. Students from UW-Stout have developed the activities and there will be games to take home to play. The evening starts out with a walking taco dinner at 5:30pm, followed by the activities (6-7pm). We hope you can make it! On Friday, October 6th, we welcome our grandparents for a luncheon with their grandchild.

Conferences for our parents and teachers will take place on Oct. 12th and 17th. You should have been contacted by the school with information on this. If you need any changes made, please contact the school.

October Calendar

- 4 K & 1 Maple Leaf Orchard
- 5 Family Math Night
- 6 Grandparent's Lunch 11:30
- 6 Homecoming Parade 4:00
- 12 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 17 Parent / Teacher Conferences
- 19 PD Day– NO SCHOOL
- 20 NO SCHOOL
- 27 Popcorn Friday
- 31 Halloween Parade & Parties

Veterans Day Pictures

The students and staff at Knapp would like to honor men and women who have served in the armed forces in our Veteran's Day program on November 10th at 10:30am.

If you have a parent, grandparent or other relative that has served and would like to submit a military photo that will be presented in the program please send to school by **October 27th**. If you sent in a photo last year, we still have your photo in the slide show.

Please send the photo digitally to Mrs. Orf via E-mail or with your student in an envelope labeled with the following:

- The student's name
- The relation/connection to the student
- The name of who served
- The branch they served in.

We want to make sure the photo can be returned to your family.

Thank you,

Mrs. Orf, Knapp Music Teacher
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Homecoming Parade

The Homecoming Parade is on Friday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. We are #37 in line. Families are invited to walk with our school group and wear RED to show their **Cardinal Pride!**

Student Council News

Every month the student council holds a “POPCORN FRIDAY” where students may purchase a popcorn snack for a quarter. This is a fundraiser for the student council to raise money for a donation to an organization in our area. Last year money was donated to the Dunn County Humane Society. Our first “POPCORN FRIDAY” will be on October 27.



Look Who's New at School



My name is Kayla Kegan. I am teaching the 4th grade Bear Cabin here at Knapp Elementary. I am a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin- River Falls. I grew up on a small hobby farm outside of Boyceville, Wisconsin. I attended school in Boyceville until graduating in 2012. In my free time I enjoy fishing, kayaking, and swimming. I also enjoy watching movies, playing volleyball, and spending time with my family and friends.



My name is Charlie Minnich and this is my first year teaching at Knapp Elementary School. I recently graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire. I live in Menomonie with my wife, Becca, who is the fourth grade teacher at Downsville. We got married this summer! I enjoy watching Minnesota sports teams, especially the MN Twins. The reason I am a teacher is because I have always enjoyed helping people. Learning is an activity that never stops, which is awesome.



Hi, my name is Mr. Stanchik and I am the new physical education teacher at Knapp Elementary. I am also the physical education teacher at Downsville Elementary as well as the Environmental Site Coordinator. Originally from Hudson, WI, I am very excited to start my first teaching position here and still be close to my family and friends. My hobbies consist of all kinds of sports and activities, pretty much anything to do with being active. I graduated from the University of North Dakota where I was fortunate enough to play football. There I also received a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and a minor in Health Education. I'm so excited to be a part of Knapp Elementary and this community.

Parent—Teacher Conferences

Conferences will run 4:00 - 7:45 pm Thursday, October 12 and Tuesday, October 17. Please sign and return your confirmation letters and return to school. To better follow the School District's wellness plan, we will no longer be asking for donations of cookies for conference nights. **There will be no school on Thursday or Friday, October 19 & 20.**

Counselor Connections

Deb Hoage -School Counselor

“Bucket Fill-osophy”

Have your children come home saying they are a ‘bucket filler’ or that someone helped ‘fill their bucket’?

At the start of the school year through guidance class, K-5 students heard the story, ‘Have you Filled a Bucket Today’ by Carol McCloud. The book explains that we all carry an invisible bucket that keeps our feelings about ourselves. When our buckets are full, we are happy; when they are empty, we are sad. It’s important to know that we can fill our own bucket and so can others. The best way to fill up our own bucket is by doing things to fill the buckets of others. This is the idea made clear in Carol McCloud’s book.

The bucket filling message is one that every person can follow. There is a choice to be a bucket filler or a bucket dipper. The way to fill a bucket is to be kind to someone. A smile or a compliment is an excellent way to fill a bucket and it makes you happy, too. On the other hand, a person can dip into your bucket by name calling, pushing, or ignoring and then you feel sad. If someone keeps dipping in your bucket you can put a lid over your bucket (such as ignoring them) and they cannot make you feel bad anymore. It is important for children to report hurtful incidents to a teacher or another caring adult. If someone’s bucket is completely empty, then that is an *emergency and we need to make sure that we fill their bucket right away.*

Throughout the year, we will be speaking with Knapp students and engaging them through classroom and school-wide PBIS activities to encourage bucket filling in and out of school.

For more ideas or to receive a weekly newsletter you can visit the bucket fillers website at www.bucketfillers101.com

We want everyone to feel welcome and appreciated at Downsville Elementary School!



Have you filled someone’s bucket today?

Bucket Filler Ways-A to Z List

- Ask if you can help
- Be a bucketfiller
- Cheer up a friend
- Donate to a special group
- Excited to fill buckets
- Friends have fun
- Give a little of your time
- Heroes look out for others
- Invite someone to join the fun
- Joyful when you give a hug
- Kindness brightens your day
- Listen when people talk
- Make a bucket filling card
- Notice helpful things
- Offer to help
- Practice daily bucket filling
- Quit any bucket dipping
- Respect everyone
- Smile and see what happens
- Tell your family you love them
- Use kind words
- Volunteer to do some work
- Watch out for bucket dipping
- EXtra-special is a friend
- You do your best
- Zero you can't work out