

# Knapp Elementary Newsletter



September 2023

## From the Principal

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a tremendous start for the staff and students of Knapp Elementary School! Staff have been establishing classroom routines and explicitly teaching expectations in our common learning areas. These expectations are called Cardinal Pride Expectations. We equip students with the skills necessary to make expected safe, responsible, and respectful choices. Our monthly all-school meetings are to celebrate our success and one another!

All students receive free breakfast at the start of the school day. Students purchasing school lunch have access to a garden bar which is filled with fruit and vegetable options. Students are allowed to go back for additional servings from the garden bar. It is very important that you fill out the [Free/Reduced Application](#) if you think you might qualify for free/reduced priced lunches. The school district monthly menus can be found on the district website [Menus](#).

A reminder regarding student attendance. Attendance is an essential part of a student's success. Please make every effort to help your child get to school on time. If your child is not present, please call or email Loretta Leable at 715-665-2131 or [loretta\\_leable@msd.k12.wi.us](mailto:loretta_leable@msd.k12.wi.us).

Students are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, religious services, and family activities. If a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from that business office needs to be turned into the Knapp office upon returning to school. If your child will be absent or is leaving school during the school day, please call the school office at 715-665-2131.

We hope you are able to join us at our September 13th PTO meeting at 5:30pm. Our PTO supports our school by purchasing items for classrooms and other school-wide opportunities. Come and learn more!

As we merge into cooler temperatures this fall, please label your child's items such as sweatshirts, jackets, as well as water bottles.

We look forward to our partnership with you in your child's education this year. Please contact your child's teacher or the principal with any ideas, questions, or concerns.

- Mrs. Branch



## September Calendar

- 4 NO SCHOOL
- 7 Boy Scout Sign-up 6:30 pm
- 13 PTO Meeting 5:30 pm
- 18 Picture Day
- 22 Homecoming Parade 3:45 pm

## District Forms

Please- remember to go online to complete the district forms for this school year. These forms do not carry over year to year and must be completed at the start of the school year.

Look for the "Annual Update of Student Information" in Family Access.



## Homecoming Parade

The MHS Homecoming is on Friday, September 22. The Knapp PTO helps to organize this event for our families to walk in the parade. Students are encouraged to wear RED in support of our school and to show their "School Spirit"! Notes will be sent home for permission to walk soon.

## Knapp Highlights



Fun bulletin board and classroom doors welcome students!!



## Parent—Teacher Conferences

Letters will be sent home to confirm the conference times some parents requested (others will be assigned) for Oct. 5 & 10. Please return the bottom portion- signed, to your child's teacher. There is **no school** on Oct. 13 or 16.

## Health Notes

If your child will be absent for health reasons, please remember to call the school **each day** they are absent. If you have a pre-arranged trip planned, a note explaining the absence and dates is required to excuse the absences. (*after missing 10 days, attendance letters will be sent.*)

Vaccinations are important for keeping our students healthy. If you have a child attending school that has missing vaccinations, please take care of this as soon as possible. Letters notifying families about missing vaccinations will be going home soon.

## Field Trips

Our first field trip this year will be to the Environmental Site. (*date is yet to be determined*) Most of our field trip experiences are supported and funded by the Knapp PTO. Through fundraising efforts by families, the PTO can pay for the expense of bussing our students to several events through the school year. School sack lunches can be ordered (*charged as a school hot lunch*) or lunches brought from home. Many trips can use some chaperones! If you think you would like to help out, please request and complete a background check form and turn it in to the school office. Once approved it is good for 3 years. If you don't know if you are still approved, just contact the school to check for you. Approvals take about a week, so having this in place before the field trip avoids possibly missing the opportunity. Please consider attending the Knapp PTO meetings where everyone is welcome! Childcare is provided for school-age students. The first meeting is on September 13 at 5:30 pm.