



Merryhill School[®] Elementary School

Our mission is to provide an educational environment that fosters academic excellence, instills a love of active learning, and provides experiences that enable students to acquire a foundation of skills for lifelong learning.

Dear Parent,

Parent/Teacher communication is an essential factor for a student to be successful in school. You recently received a student progress report. This report is not part of the student's permanent record but rather a tool of communication between the teacher and you. The purpose of this report is to help you guide your child in areas they may need improvement. On November 3rd we will have our first Parent/Teacher Conference of the year. The report card provides a limited amount of information, and we recognize you may need more of the total picture for you to work with your child. Conferences give parents a chance to ask questions about the student's learning and classroom expectations. It is an opportunity to exchange information about your child that may assist the teacher to work more effectively with the student. This is a time to resolve concerns, and most importantly, a time to celebrate successes.

It is hard to believe that we have already completed a quarter of our school year. I have had the opportunity to visit classrooms and spend time in the lunchroom. The students voice positive and happy comments for their studies, teachers, and classmates. Staff, in turn, is filled with praise for our students and school community. It is a privilege to work with your children. I learn from them. I love to see the zest for life they have and their excitement over small and wonderful things. We pledge our best effort to provide a rich learning experience for your child.

Sincerely,

Theresa Gotay, Principal

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS for November, 2014

Monday, November 3rd – TUITION PAYMENT DUE

Please remember that tuition payments are always due on the first of the month. Flat Rate Extended Care payments are also due on November 3rd. Thank you for your timely payments. We do appreciate it.

Monday, November 3rd – Parent-Teacher Conferences

NO school classes today as Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held. First Quarter Report Cards are given at these conferences. If you would like to meet with a Specialty Teacher, please schedule an appointment. All our Specialty Teachers will be on campus on Conference Day

from 12:30 to 3:00 P.M. *Please call the school office (242-8838) if you are unable to keep your scheduled appointment so we can notify the teacher.*

Wednesday, November 5th – Awards Ceremony at 8:30 A.M.

Recipients of October “Character Counts” and Academic Achievement Awards will receive their medals at the ceremony at 8:30 A.M. in the Multipurpose Room.

Tuesday, November 11th – Veterans’ Day

NO school classes today in observance of Veterans’ Day.

Tuesday, November 25th – Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be sent home today if they are needed.

Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th – Thanksgiving Break

NO school classes in observance of Thanksgiving. We wish all of our families a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Lunch times for the students are as follows: Kindergarten and 1st Grade eat at 11:20 A.M. and 2nd through 5th Graders eat at 12:05 P.M. You can order lunches online at www.wtcafe.com. The new menu is always effective on the **first** of the month. Phone number is 431-4463.

Dismissal times are as follows: Kindergarten and First Grade dismiss at 2:45 P.M.; Second through Fifth Grade dismiss at 3:00 P.M. Children not picked up by 3:15 P.M. will be sent to Extended Care.

Please remember to check your child’s “take home folder” every Monday for important newsletters, reminders, and other information. Thank you!

Please remember that children are not permitted to keep any type of medication including over the counter medication in their backpack. There is also a Medication Release Form available from the office that must be completed. This does include cough drops. Any and all medication must be kept in the office. Thank you!

Very Important Reminder: Parents, please respect the fire lane. Do not park in any red curb area. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the red curb area when you are picking up your child from Extended Care or an after school activity. Please park in the designated parking areas only. Thank you!