



Murray Park Quest Elementary School News

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to Fall! It is hard to believe that we have officially been in school for a month. There has been so much happening during this first month and of course there is so much to celebrate! I would start by mentioning how beautifully the students are adapting to being back to school, thanks to our staff's outstanding efforts and the support and partnership we have with you. We cannot thank you enough for being an integral part of your child's learning experience. It would be impossible to do this without you.

Certainly, we have all faced various challenges within these past two years in ways we never realized we would. I would tell you that I am very proud of your children as we all work each and every day to "lean into" challenges, celebrate successes, and celebrate challenges too because we learn from our mistakes and persevere through.

Lastly, we are in **definite need for substitute teachers**. If you have an Associate's Degree, you love kids, and are interested in teaching, please consider applying to be a substitute in the Ripon Area School District. If this is of interest to you, please look online for an application or contact Glenda Rueter at 920-748-4616.

Hats off to a great start to our school year. Again, thank you for your support, communication, and teamwork in providing the ultimate learning experiences for your child on a daily basis. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns, as I am happy to help in any way possible.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Renee Bunge, Murray Park/Quest Principal



Digital Citizenship

What is Digital Citizenship? It's a way of thinking, being, and acting online. It's thinking critically and not trusting everything you see. It's thinking critically and not trusting everything you see. It's being safe with your information and who you connect with. It's acting responsibly in how you communicate and behave because let's face it, the digital world is a big part of the real world. So how do you become an awesome digital citizen? Learn more at www.common sense.org/education. Please read and talk with your family about these digital citizenship messages. They are meant to help you and your family make informed decisions about Digital Citizenship.

Student Flu Immunization Clinic

The following information is from the Fond du Lac County Health Department regarding FREE student flu shots.

Fond du lac County will be here conducting free flu shots on November 3rd. Letters and consent forms will be sent home shortly.

Dates to Remember

October 8th-No Elementary School (6-12 Early release)
October 15th-No classes
October 28th-Fall Celebrations
October 29th-Early Release Districtwide

Communication Expectations

Communication is key to success! Emails have made communication between home and school much more efficient and convenient and has increased the quality and quantity of communication, too. Please keep the communication coming. We want to hear from you.

Yet, with communication devices at our fingertips, it is harder and harder for everyone, including our staff, to unplug - and it is sometimes unclear what is considered a timely response for email. In order to strike a balance that keeps the lines of communication open and sets reasonable expectations of responsiveness from our staff, please expect a return to your email communication within 24 hours or during the next school day. Communication initiated on Friday-Sunday evenings will be returned on Monday or the next day of school. *If there is an urgent or emergency situation, please call your child's school office directly so a message can be relayed to your child's teacher(s).

Clarifying email communication expectations will provide time for our staff to "decompress" after a great day at school to care for themselves and their families. They will then be able to return the next day refreshed to care for your children. With this simple change, we hope to create a clear, mutual understanding of responsiveness, which allows our staff to feel it is "OK to unplug," while being assured you know that we truly value your communication.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During this unusual year for our fall celebrations, we will be allowing our Murray Park Quest Elementary School students to wear a school-appropriate costume to school for the day on October 28th (please follow the guidelines below) if they choose. Our reason for allowing kids to wear costumes for one full day this year, rather than only in the afternoon hours as in years past, is because it would be very difficult to maintain our safety protocol of physical distancing as kids change clothes in the restrooms.

If your child chooses to wear a costume on Thursday, October 28th, they need to follow these guidelines:

- All students need to wear Covid masks all day and cannot wear any other masks.
- Students need to be able to function as normal at school to be able to focus on their learning for the day (ex. Kids should wear costumes that allow them to sit comfortably in their assigned seat at school and on the bus. Ex. Kids should be able to easily see the whiteboard and use their computer. Ex. Kids should be able to easily use the restroom as needed.)
- ABSOLUTELY no costumes with blood, gore, or violent themes.
- Toy weapons cannot be brought or worn as part of any costume.
- Temporary face paint and/or hair painting needs to be applied at home.

Students will not be permitted to wear costumes that are inappropriate as described above and will be asked to change or have a parent bring other school-appropriate clothing for them to change into.