

# Elementary Essentials



September 2008

## WELCOME BACK

Educating your children is the number one priority here at Appleton/Milan Elementary. We value our students' parents as partners in their education. Assignment books, memos, and Thursday folders are some of the ways we work to keep you abreast of your child's school life. Remember to ask your child daily about their school day. It is important for them to know you are interested in their "job" as a student and that you value their education. Instead of asking "What did you do in school today?". You may want to ask a more specific question, for instance, "Did you go to the computer lab today? What kinds of questions were you working on in Math?, Did the your teacher read a good book to your class today, tell me about it? "Which Specialist did you have today?, What are you studying in Science, Social, etc? This form of questioning helps students focus in on a certain part of the day and makes it harder to say the normal response to the question "What did you do today?" "Nothing"

The Elementary Essentials will be sent home monthly with students.

## Lunch Accounts

Remember to pay your lunch bill in advance. Please complete free and reduced lunch applications if you qualify as soon as possible and return to the offices. If you need help completing the forms contact the office. Breakfast is free and milk costs 35 cents.

## New Staff

Welcome Maria Garcia as a Pupil Support Assistant, Sandy Olson in food service and Kari Miska Speech/Language teacher. We are fortunate to add them to our school family.

## Thanks

Thanks to Keith Boetcher and his sons, Jeremy and Jacob for taking the time and effort to make our Cans for Kids recycle ready and for transporting the cans to the recycling center for us. We really appreciate your willingness to take on this project for us.

## Student Arrival and Departure

No K-12 grade student should arrive at A/M Elementary School prior to 7:50 AM. Remember unless there is a note or phone call, all students must be sent home via their normal routine. We appreciate your help in keeping our students safe. Thanks so much!

## Homecoming Parade

Students will participate in the Homecoming parade on Thursday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00. The parade starts at the City Park and concludes on the Appleton/Milan Elementary playground with a short pep-fest.

## Grandparents Day

Grandparents are invited to visit school on Monday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in Appleton between 1:00 and 1:45 P.M. We realize that not all grandparents can make it on this day, so please invite a special friend along to visit us in their absence.

## Dates to Remember

Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> gr. to UMM Research Center
Sept. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day 1-1:45 p.m.
Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming Parade 2:00 p.m.
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade to Shrine Circus
Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Muffins with Mom (Moms come join your child for breakfast)
Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day in Appleton
Oct. 16-17 <sup>h</sup>	Education MN--NoSchool
Oct. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Artist Visit—Jack Pearson
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Donuts with Dad (Dads come join your child for breakfast)

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Bike Safety	If your child rides bike to school please require them to wear their bike helmet. Consider giving your child a helmet and bike lock for his/her next gift. Register your child's bike with the Appleton Police Department
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