

Lapham Lookout Elementary

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Lapham Elementary School
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Dear Parents:

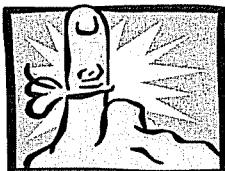
Welcome to the 2009 – 2010 School Year. I cannot believe how quickly summer passed. Our first week has gone well. It feels good to have one week completed. I hope your child reported that his/her first week went well. The Lapham Lookout is sent each first Friday of the month on the same color paper.

We did enroll more students than we expected. Our kindergarten and first grade classrooms at Lapham are almost all at capacity or close to it. MMSD closely watches the numbers at all schools and sometimes adjustments are made the second or third week of school. Lapham could be one of the schools that has to reorganize. As always, if there were to be any changes, we would send information home right away.

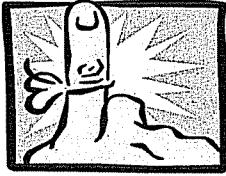
I hope you and your family have a great Labor Day Weekend. The weather should be great. Madison is lucky to have so many free activities for children and families. Spending time as a family is one of the best things you can do for your child.

I love serving as your principal. Here is my contact information in case you should need to reach me: Lapham School Phone Number is 204-4140. My email is mhertting@madison.k12.wi.us. In case of emergency my home phone number is 250-1750. Please feel free to contact any member of the Lapham staff if you have questions, need assistance or have concerns. We are here to work with parents as partners in the education of their children.

Mike Hertting



Tuesday	Sept. 8th	6:30	Ice Cream Social at Marquette
Tuesday	Sept. 29th	6:15	Lapham Open House



Reminders

Lapham Start Time 7:40 AM
Dismissal 2:32 (1:00 Mondays)
Lunch will be served at 11:05

Safe Arrival Number (if your child is sick) 204-4148



Questions and Answers

Where can I drop off my child? You can drop your child off on Dayton Street or in the Circle Drive on Ingersol Street. Children should be dropped off so they can join their class on the playground anytime after 7:30. Please do not drop your child off in the Staff parking lot; you could be ticketed by the police. Please do not park in the Ingersol Street circle at any time.

Were there any new Classroom Teacher Changes at Lapham since school closed in June? At the end of the summer Debbie Dickerson transferred to a first grade position at Elvehjem. We then rescinded Sarah Hodkiewicz's surplus. We also added Emily Kitchel-Cross as an Early Childhood Teacher.

How do we add money to our child's lunch account? You can check your child's account balance on line at <http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/menus.htm> or call 204-4154. You can also drop off checks in the main office.

What do I do if my child is going to be late? Please call the Safe Arrival number if your child is going to be late due to an appointment. All late arrivals should check into the office for a pass before going to the classroom. Please work to be on time each and every day.

New Staff at Lapham

We welcome the following new staff to our school:

Cara Walker	School Secretary
Joe Moran	Physical Therapy
Laura Farley	School Nurse
Emily Kishel—Cross	Early Learning Teacher

More complete bios will follow in later newsletters.



Wish List

Hallway Hangings – We are looking for brightly colored wall hangings for our hallway. They should be around 4 feet length or height. We have 5 hangings in our collection. We would love to add to this collection.

Lunch Volunteers—Looking for something fun to do? Think about volunteering in our lunchroom. It is fun and is a chance to visit with your child.

Meet the Lapham Secretary

We send our congratulations to Nancy Judd who was appointed Head Secretary at Whitehorse Middle School. Nancy served Lapham for six years, and was at LaFollette and the Doyle Building prior to that.

We welcome Cara Walker to our school. Cara was previously a grade level secretary at Madison West High School for several years. We are glad to have Cara aboard at our school. She is quickly learning all of the many details of an elementary school office.

Lapham Open House

Tuesday, September 29th

Room Visitation from 6:15 until 7 PM

Special Treat in Cafeteria at 7 PM

Backpack Mail



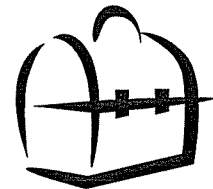
You should have received these important items via backpack mail

- ✓ Lapham Calendar
- ✓ MMSD Code of Conduct
- ✓ MMSD Foundation Information

Please let the office know if you did not receive any of these important items!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is located inside a bench near the Dayton Street entrance closest to the Auditorium. Please feel free to check it at any time. Our students lose many things every day! Labeling your child's belongings is helpful. Red Caboose also has a lost and found for items found during their program.



Inclement Weather

When it is raining in the morning the students should report to the Auditorium instead of the playground. We also do this at noon if the weather is such that we cannot go outside.

Student Drop Information

Please use one of the following areas to drop off your child for school in the morning:

- ✓ Circle Drive on Ingersoll St. (**No Parking—drop off only**)
- ✓ A legal parking spot on any of the streets (Then walk your child to the playground).
- ✓ Dayton Street (In the **Loading Zone** – you can park for up to 10 minutes!)



Please read this!

Please **do not** drop your child off in the **staff parking** lot. The Madison Police Department will ticket parents who drop off children in the staff parking lot. We **do not** want children and parents near school buses that are loading or unloading.

Red Caboose After School Program

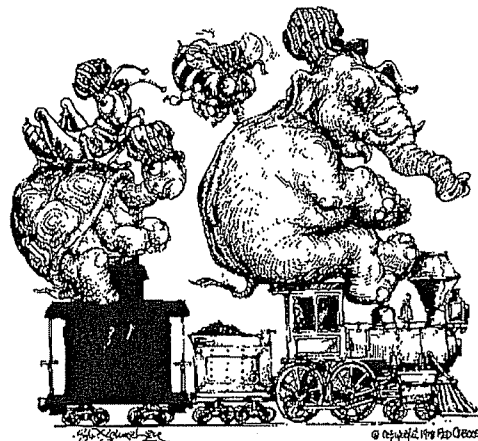
Red Caboose is our After-School Day Care Provider. We use both gyms and the auditorium every day. Children can use the service for even just certain days of the week. Scholarships may be available if they are needed. Please contact Red Caboose Directly if you have any questions. Red Caboose has been at Lapham for many years. Registration information is available in the Lapham Office.

For More Information:

Call:

Lisa, After School Supervisor
Red Caboose 251-5432

Brian, Lapham Site Supervisor
204-4164



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