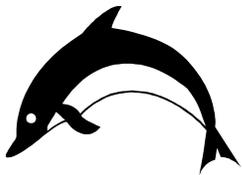


Lapham Lookout



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Elementary

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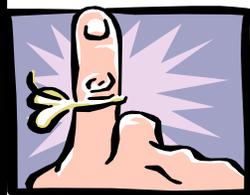
Dear Parents:

We are looking forward to our Annual Open House, next Tuesday at 6:00. Our students are so excited to show their classrooms. Also, please remember that we want to take a family picture of each of our families. Finally, we will end the event with a special treat in our cafeteria.

We are off to a great start. It was so nice not to have to move children and reorganize this fall. Our staff has been working hard to assess our children so their literacy and math instruction is at their instructional level. Most of these assessments are done individually with the teacher.

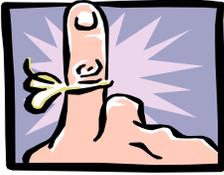
We also appreciate the efforts parents are making to have their children on time each and every day. Student tardies have in the past been an unnecessary drain on staff time. Now that the first month is past, routines should be established. Please understand our concern in this area as we inquire why students are tardy. Please also remember that your student's tardy affects not only your child's learning, but all of the other children in our school. Thank you for working with us in this area.

I continue to love serving as your principal. Our staff works hard to make all children feel included at Lapham. Please be sure to let us know if there are any problems or concerns with your child. We are here for parents and children. See you soon at a Lapham event!
Mike Hertting



Tuesday Oct. 5
Thursday Oct. 7
Tuesday Oct. 20
Tuesday Oct. 25/26
Thursday Oct. 28
Friday Oct. 29

2nd gr. Hinkleys Farm
Picture Day
Awards Assembly 9:15 AM
2nd gr. Planetarium
No School—WEAC
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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

When is the best time to contact my child's teacher? It depends on the teacher. We have enclosed a list of the staff and their direct phone numbers. Often in the early morning before school our teachers are busy making last minute preparations for the day. We will do our best to get back to parents as soon as possible. Please contact us again if you haven't heard back from us within a reasonable time.

Where is the Lost and Found at Lapham? It is located in the main hallway behind the Auditorium. Please label your children's belongings so we can return them.

Is the pool open for our family to swim? Yes, please contact Madison School and Community Recreation (MSCR) at 204-3000 for more information.

Are there any updates on the Affiliated Alternative programs? Yes, we have seven students from the Work to Learn program helping out in our classrooms and lunchroom. This works great for both of our schools. In addition, Principal Hertting is serving as the principal for both schools. This is an adjustment for the Lapham staff and students as we adjust to sharing our principal.

Lapham Open House

Tuesday, October 5th
Room Visitation from 6 PM until 6:45 PM
Special Treat in Cafeteria at 6:45 PM



The ABC's for Lapham Parents

Each year we enroll almost 75 new children at Lapham. It is hard to know the procedures and all of the acronyms that are used. We have created a guide for parents which should answer all of your questions. It can be found on-line at: <http://laphamarquetteweb.madison.k12.wi.us/node/353> We have a few hard copies available at the office if you do not have web access. Please also let us know what we have forgotten to include.

The Lapham Early Learning Session is looking for Peer Friends!

The Lapham Early Childhood Learning Session is a new program for preschool children with and without special needs. We are currently looking for 5-8 peer friends, which are typically developing children who are integrated into our Early Childhood Learning sessions. Peer friends provide positive peer interactions and demonstrate appropriate play, language and behavior for preschool children who have special needs.

Who: 3-5 Year old children
Good language skills
Cooperative role models
Independent with self-help skills
Toilet trained
Parents/guardians must provide transportation

It's Free!!

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:45 to 10:24,
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11:54-2:32

Why: Real school experience
Curriculum focus on the cognitive, social, communication and play skills of 3-5 year olds
Low teacher to student ratio
Opportunity to develop leadership skills, empathy and confidence
Activities include song time, pretend play and arts and crafts

For more information on how your family can partner with the Lapham Early Childhood Learning Sessions, please call Danna Dold at 204-4190 or ddold@madison.k12.wi.us

From the Library...

The Lapham Library is a busy space. Each classroom has a scheduled time in the Library for instruction in library skills with connections to the curriculum in the classroom. Children also come to the Library independently to choose library books and to use other library resources.

Library books are due in one week. Many children return books sooner and check-out new books. Books can be renewed if no one else is waiting to read them. Overdue notices are sent home about every two weeks. This is a reminder to families that the books are still out and need to be returned so that others can read them too. There are not fines for overdue books. Children are encouraged to have a special place to keep library books.

Parents can help in a variety of ways. The single most important thing is to read to your child every day. Let them see you reading, talk about the books you are reading, and ask them questions about the books you read together. Also make regular visits to the public library with your child to create and nurture the "library habit." Come and visit the Lapham Library.

To take care of Library books we talk about the following

- Find a special place to keep library books.
- Carry the books home and back to school in a backpack.
- Read the story and talk about it.
- Return the books on time.
- Please send any damaged books to school for repair.
- Treat library books with care.

Jean Dunn, Lapham Librarian

Welcome new interim TAG Division Director

The goal of the TAG Division is to support district efforts to provide challenging and continuous curricula and programming for students in order that they may achieve their full academic, intellectual, and creative potential. TAG staff works with students, educators, and families to identify the educational needs of and provide a continuum of services for students who show or have the potential to show an exceptional level of performance.

In 2009, the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Division entered into a process of program evaluation that resulted in a plan to guide continual improvements in services for students. Improvements called for in the Talented and Gifted Education Plan, began last year and will continue for the next several years.

We would like to welcome the new Interim Talented and Gifted Division Director Paul Bishop. He is a retired District teacher and administrator who has served in many different capacities throughout his years of service.

For more information about the TAG Division and any upcoming events, please see the Talented and Gifted Department webpage at <http://tagweb.madison.k12.wi.us/>.

Lapham teams with Foundation for Madison's Public Schools

Lapham will be working with the Foundation for Madison's Public Schools in a variety of ways during the upcoming school year. The Foundation is an independent, community non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining and extending the excellence of Madison's public schools.

The Foundation raises funds to enhance educational opportunities for students – present and future – in Madison's public schools; awards grants for creative and innovative projects which are not funded within the core school budget; and develops supportive relationships between the schools and community that enrich the education of children.

Our school will be working to identify our Individual School Endowment Initiative grants over the next few weeks. The ISEI annual distribution provides funding for creative and innovative projects that benefit our students.

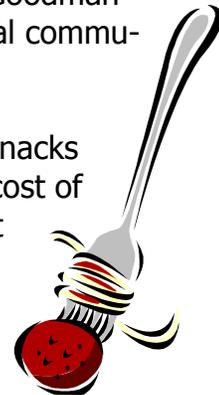
On October 19th, the annual Principal for a Day event will bring business and community leaders into all the schools. This is an opportunity for us to highlight what is happening at (Name of School). The Foundation is working to partner local businesses and organizations with every school to provide human, material and financial resources for our students through the Adopt-A-School program. Early next year, District employees will be able to apply for approximately \$50,000 in grant funding for staff initiated projects.

We appreciate the support that parents and staff have given to the Foundation, helping to make a difference in the lives of our students. For more information, call 608-232-7820 or visit www.fmps.org.

PTG Spaghetti Dinner to fund the snack program

The PTG will host a spaghetti dinner Sunday, October 10, at the Goodman Community Center from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. This is among the special community dinners to fund the PTG-sponsored snack program.

The PTG sponsors this program that provides healthy classroom snacks each Wednesday with vegetables and fruits from local farms at a cost of 40 cents per child per snack. Please save the date! It's a fun event and a chance to meet other parents and students. If you can help out with the event (cooking, serving, clean-up, organizing) please contact Heather Allen at or Sharon Lezberg at slezberg@tds.net





IMPORTANT NUMBERS



Safe Arrival 204-4148
 Main Office 204-4140
 Principal's Office 204-4140
 Health Office 204-4146 or 204-4147

Specials Teacher
 Sally Behr (art) 204-4171
 Jean Dunn (Librarian) 204-4152
 (Reach) 204-4177
 Jean Lange (PE) 204-4158

Paula Avelleyra (Soc. Wkr) 204-4161
 Sophi Guilfoose (Psychologist) 204-4160
 Lisa Nickols (Food Service) 204-4154
 Lynn Najem (Music) 204-1581

Jill Jones (Inst. Res) 204-4192
 Julie Melton (Inst. Res) 204-4192
 Else Karlsen (S&L) 204-4190
 Lori Guderyon (ELL) 204-4145

Kindergarten

Brianna Huemmer 204-4156
 Charn Lorge 204-4173
 Beth Riddle 204-4199
 Mary Jo Yttri 204-4198

SAFE ARRIVAL

Parents, please call the safe arrival number 204-4148 when:

Grade 1

Margee Beery 204-4176
 Bridget Freng 204-4179
 Sarah Hodkiewicz 204-4191
 Susan Stern 204-4195

- *Your student is going to stay home with a reason or absence, OR
- *Your student is going to be late, with a reason and what they are planning for lunch (hot or cold)

Grade 1/2

Sandy Anton 204-4196

Grade 2

Mark Richner 204-4197
 Lisa Schuster 204-4194
 Ken Swift 204-4178

Cross Categorical

Laura Blustein 204-4163
 Kate Brown 204-4145

Kate Brown

