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Ada-Borup Elementary School News

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Dates to Remember:

OCTOBER

- 2nd – Stomp Out Bullying Day
- 4th – National Walk to School Day
- 5th – School Pictures
- 9th-13th – Homecoming
- 13th – PTC Color Run
- 18th – 12:30pm Dismissal
- 19th – No School
- 20th – No School
- 24th – ECFE to Pumpkin Patch
- 25th – Release Time Starts
- 30th – FCCLA Halloween Carnival 4-6pm

NOVEMBER

- 3rd – 12:30 Dismissal
- 3rd – End of 1st Quarter
- 6th-14th – Book Fair
- 9th – Elementary Conferences
- 14th – Elementary Conferences
- 15th – 2pm Dismissal

Off to a Great Start!

It has been exciting to start off another great school year. Our hallways are filled with students eager to see their friends, teachers, and be part of the great learning community that is Ada-Borup Elementary. Both the elementary and district enrollments are up this year. As a district we have gained 30 students and at the elementary level we are up 6 students. Last year we implemented a state funded Voluntary Pre-K program that expanded our preschool program to two sections of 3-days per week and one section of 2-days per week along with making it free of charge for all families. This has allowed 55 students and their families to take advantage of this great opportunity to become school ready and our program currently being at capacity.

As we start this school year one of our main focuses as a staff is to shift our thinking from teaching to learning. Throughout the year we will go beyond reflecting just on what we are teaching but also consider what knowledge our students are taking with them out into their daily lives. Our staff has already done a great job this year of establishing our school as a safe and fun place to learn. We appreciate you entrusting us to partner with you in shaping our students to be lifelong learners and contributors to our community. Here is to another great year!

GO COUGARS!
Craig Bahr, Elementary Principal
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Happenings

1st Annual PTC Homecoming Color Run/Walk



October 13th
3:30pm Sign In
4:00pm Fun Run
\$10/person if registered by October 8th
\$40 family cap

****All proceeds go directly back to elementary students****



COLLECT BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR ADA-BORUP ELEMENTARY!

It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them into the school office today! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they add up fast! We earn cash for our school with each Box Top you save.

Our plans for the funds include:

- STEM/Makerspace Equipment
- Reading Enrichment Supplies
- Recess Equipment
- And So Much More!



October 4th, 2017

Join children and adults around
the world to celebrate the
benefits of walking and bicycling.

✚ NURSE'S CORNER ✚

School is starting, and that means children are offered numerous opportunities to share...stories, ideas, germs, and lice. Now is a great time to start weekly combing of heads at home to ensure no head lice are able to start a community on your child's head. By checking every week, you can prevent the problem. Now is also a great time to remind your child/student that not sharing is very appropriate when it comes to germs: wash their hands frequently, use the inside of their elbow to cough- or down their shirt, and use hand sanitizer when available. No one wants sick kids or sick parents. SO mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, aunts and uncles- remember to follow the same simple steps to prevent sharing of viruses that can make going to work/school hard if not impossible. STAY HEALTHY!

How to Talk About Bullying

Here are some tips from stopbullying.gov:

Parents, school staff, and other caring adults have a role to play in preventing bullying. They can:

Help kids understand bullying

Talk about what bullying is and how to stand up to it safely. Tell kids bullying is unacceptable. Make sure kids know how to get help.

Keep the lines of communication open

Check in with kids often. Listen to them. Know their friends, ask about school, and understand their concerns.

Encourage kids to do what they love

Special activities, interests, and hobbies can boost confidence, help kids make friends, and protect them from bullying behavior.

Model how to treat others with kindness

Kids learn from adults' actions. By treating others with kindness and respect, adults show the kids in their lives that there is no place for bullying. Even if it seems like they are not paying attention, kids are watching how adults manage stress and conflict, as well as how they treat their friends, colleagues, and families.

COUGAR PRIDE

P Practice Responsibility
and Respect

Remain Safe

Include Others

Display a Positive
Attitude

Engage in Learning

Elementary School Reminders

Attendance

School attendance laws for the State of Minnesota require that children must attend school regularly.

Regular school attendance is important to the educational growth of students in grades kindergarten through fourth grade. Parents are strongly encouraged to remind their children that consistent attendance will result in a continuity of the instructional process, higher grades and a more enjoyable school experience.

Regular classroom attendance will help students develop successful life skills including punctuality, self-discipline and responsibility. The shared learning experiences that take place daily in the schools are a purposeful and important part of the educational process.

The attendance regulations exist to assist the parents and school team to work together to help students develop good punctuality and attendance patterns.

Absences

Please notify our school by 9:00am each day your child is absent. To excuse your child's absence a written note is needed. You may email, write in their agenda, or send a note with your child. Please give the following information: name of student, grade, name of teacher, and length of and reason for absence.

School Snacks/Birthday Treats

To prevent the spread of food-borne illness, snacks or treats brought to school to share with other students need to meet the following requirements:

- Must be store bought or made in a commercial grade kitchen.
- Must arrive in original packaging

End of Day Transportation Changes

To ensure that all students are transported to the correct destinations after school, it is important that any change in after-school transportation is communicated to the Elementary School Office via telephone by 12:00PM of that day.