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# N Elementary News

Morley Stanwood Community Schools

August/September 2024

## 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Aug. 21 .....First Day of School
- Aug 30/Sept 2 ...NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- Sept 19 .....Family Night - Science
- Oct 2 .....Picture Day
- Oct 15 & 17.....Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct 21 .....NO SCHOOL - Staff PD
- Nov 12 .....Picture Retakes
- Nov. 14 .....End of First Trimester
- Nov. 15 .....NO SCHOOL - Safety Day
- Nov. 27-29 .....NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving break
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 3...NO SCHOOL- Holiday break
- Jan. 6 .....School Resumes
- Jan 16 .....Family Night - Math
- Jan. 20 .....NO SCHOOL -Staff PD
- Feb 14 .....NO SCHOOL -Staff PD
- Feb 17 .....NO SCHOOL-Presidents' Day
- Feb 28 .....End of Second Trimester
- Mar 13 .....P/T Conferences by Invitation
- Mar 20 .....Family Night - Art/Reading
- Mar 31-Apr 4.....NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- Apr. 7 .....School Resumes
- Apr. 18 .....NO SCHOOL -Good Friday
- May 5 .....12:05 Early Dismissal - Staff PD
- May 26 .....NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- May 29 .....Last Day of School Tentative

## UPCOMING



### CALENDAR

- 8/21:** First Day of School
- 8/30 & 9/2:** No School-Labor Day Break
- 9/6:** PTO Popcorn Sales
- 9/10:** PTO Meeting 3:30pm
- 9/19:** Family Science Night 5-7pm
- 9/20:** Homecoming Game 7 pm
- 9/30:** Book Fair 8-3pm & 4-6pm
- 10/1:** Book Fair 8 -3pm
- 10/2:** Picture Day
- 10/15 & 10/17:** Parent Teacher Conferences

## Elementary Staff Changes

### Changes:

- Mrs. Inman: Kindergarten, Ms. Penness 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr
- Mrs. Babbitt: Loop to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- Mrs. LaPreze: Special Education Staff
- Mrs. Vennix: Loop to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

### New Staff:

- Mrs. Gilliam - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### Bus Riders Must Establish a Daily Routine Schedule

Our goal is to get your child home as safely as possible. As we strive to make our bus system more efficient and safer we would like to remind you of our transportation policy. All bus riders will establish a routine schedule. Students will be required to ride home from school on their assigned bus to their regular drop off location. There will be no riding of any buses other than your child's assigned bus. If you are not going to be home, you will have to make other arrangements or have someone meet your children at their assigned bus stop if you are unable to be there. If you decide to pick your child up instead of them riding the bus, please call the elementary office by 1:30 pm. Families absent from the bus for two or more consecutive mornings must notify the bus garage when they are ready to return to school. The bus will not stop unless the bus garage has been contacted. **Please review "School Bus Rules/Policies" on page 12 of the student handbook.** Call our Transportation Supervisor, Kristy Thompson, at 231-856-4676 if you have any bus questions or concerns.

## STAY INFORMED:

The best way to stay informed is by downloading our "Morley Stanwood Mohawks" app. Search the App Store or Google Play for the free "Morley Stanwood Mohawks" app or visit morleystanwood.appazur.com to get all your notifications in one place. Our monthly newsletters will be emailed to all parents/guardians through Skyward and will also be posted on the school website, morleystanwood.org, under "Elementary"/Parent Resources. Information is shared on the Facebook pages for Morley Stanwood Community Schools and Morley Stanwood Elementary School. The Pioneer newspaper also publishes education information for our school. School closings are posted on local radio and television stations, through our Morley Stanwood Message App, and on our website.

**Homecoming Spirit Week:** The Homecoming game is Sept 20th, 7:00 pm. The week of Sept. 16th students and staff will participate in Homecoming activities. Watch for a schedule to come home soon!

## FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Communication between parents and teachers is crucial. Our teachers welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss student progress. Conferences for K-5 will be held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm & October 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm. Conference forms will be sent home with your students in mid September. Please complete **one form per family** (include all students on the same form) and return it to school **as soon as possible indicating all the times you are available for a 15 minute conference**. We will do our best to accommodate your requests, but we may have to assign a different time if the time you request is no longer available. Appointment times will be sent home with students at least a week prior to conferences and a reminder the week of conferences.

## MS ELEMENTARY PROCEDURE REVIEW

Please take a moment to review our basic building procedures. Complete information is available in the handbook. We appreciate your cooperation! **Circle**

**Drive Traffic in Front of the Elementary** •CLOSED to traffic from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM.

•OPEN from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM for students arriving late or leaving early.

•CLOSED again between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM.

•OPEN to library patrons at all times.

### Student Drop Off/Pick Up and Parent Parking

Parents should use the parking lot in front between the two buildings to drop off and pick up students. This is where you should park if you are picking up your students at the end of the day or if you need to enter the building for an extended amount of time during the school day.

### Building Security/Pick Up Procedures

•For the safety and security of our students, exterior doors will be locked during the day except the front door which will allow you access to the office only.

•All visitors are required to check in at the office.

•Parents are asked to remain outside at the south side of the building when you pick up your children at the end of the day.

•Children being picked up will be dismissed shortly before the bus riders.

•Teachers escort students to the south doors, where they can be picked up as they exit the building. Classes will be dismissed in 3 to 5 minute intervals starting with Kindergarten.

•Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders will have older students escort them out until they learn the procedure.

### Medication Policy is in the Handbook

Parents must bring medication to the office and sign a release in order for us to administer medication.

**Do not send medication in with students.**

**Parents can also sign a medical Consent Form**

## STUDENT HEALTH:

Please call the office and keep your child home if they are sick or displaying the following symptoms; fever, sore throat, uncontrolled cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle/body aches, headache, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea. Note: We require students to be 24 hours fever, diarrhea and vomit free before returning to school after an absence.

## SCHOOL SUPPLIED CLOTHING:

Occasionally a student may have an accident where new clothing is needed. We have a supply of clothes available to all students for this purpose. Our supply is limited so it is important that the borrowed clothing be returned after they are washed. This will help insure we have clean clothes ready for use when needed. Students can also choose to keep an extra set of clothes in their locker.

## FREE Breakfast and Lunch for all students!

We offer all K-12 students Breakfast and Lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Each family must complete one Household Information Report.

### MENU INFO ONLINE

You can access school menus and daily nutrition information at [www.morleystanwood.nutrislice.com](http://www.morleystanwood.nutrislice.com) It can also be accessed from our school website; [morleystanwood.org](http://morleystanwood.org)

**CHARACTER TRAITS** -The school year will begin with **KINDNESS** - "*Acting with understanding, generosity, and care.*" Developing skills around kindness will help build a strong foundation for a great year of learning, connecting, and growing together.



Later in September we will focus on **RESPECT** - "*Seeing value in all people and things and treating them with care.*" To "see good" in people often requires us to learn more about who they are, where they come from and why they believe and act the way they do. Respect is about understanding people! Respect is also about action; We are also talking about Respect in the context of using good manners, not using inappropriate or offensive language, being courteous to one another, resolving conflicts peacefully, and treating one another as we would want to be treated.

