

MS News Elementary



Morley Stanwood Elementary School

August/September 2023

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 23.....	First Day of School
Sept. 1 & 4.....	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Oct. 4	Picture Day
Oct. 17 & 19.....	Parent Teacher Conferences
Oct. 23	NO SCHOOL - Staff PD
Nov. 1	Picture Retakes
Nov. 15	NO SCHOOL - Safety Day
Nov. 17	End of First Trimester
Nov. 22	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:05
Nov. 23-24	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20-Jan. 2...	NO SCHOOL Holiday Break
Jan. 3	School Resumes
Jan. 15	NO SCHOOL - Staff PD
Feb. 19	NO SCHOOL - Staff PD
Mar. 1	End of Second Trimester
Mar. 14	P/T Conferences by invitation
Mar. 25-29	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Apr. 1	School Resumes
May 6	NO SCHOOL - Staff PD
May 24	Tentative Last Day of School

Important Dates and INFORMATION

CALENDAR

8/23: First Day of School
9/1 & 9/4: No School-Labor Day Break
9/8: PTO Popcorn Sales
9/12: PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
9/18 - 9/20: Mobile Dentist
10/2: Book Fair 8-3pm & 4:00-6:00pm
10/3: Book Fair 8-3pm
10/4: Picture Day
10/6: PTO Popcorn Sales



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.

Elementary Staff Changes

Note the following changes and additions:

Changes:

Mrs. Biller & Miss Penness: Loop to 1st Grade
Mrs. Babbitt: Kindergarten
Mrs. Potrykus: 2nd Grade
Mrs. Vennix: 4th Grade

New Staff:

Miss Griffin - Paraprofessional
Mrs. Buckley - Paraprofessional
Mrs. Sorum - Paraprofessional

Homecoming Spirit Week

The Week of Oct. 2nd students and staff will participate in daily Homecoming activities. The Homecoming football game is scheduled for Oct. 6th at 7:00 pm. Watch for a schedule to come home soon!

STAY INFORMED:

Download our free "Morley Stanwood Mohawks" app to receive all notifications in one place. Our monthly newsletters will be posted on the school website, morleystanwood.org, and can be found by selecting the "Elementary" tab and then choose the "Parent Resources" tab to view the Newsletter. Information is shared on the Facebook pages for Morley Stanwood Community Schools and Morley Stanwood Elementary School. School closings are posted on local radio and television stations, MS Mohawk App group, and on our website.

CHARACTER TRAITS - Each month we will be learning about and discussing character traits. September is **RESPECT**. *Respect; Seeing good in 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. How we speak to and treat one another and ourselves respectfully is a constant practice. Discuss with your child what it feels like to be respected.



Donations Needed:

- children's pants w/elastic waistbands sizes 6-14
- snack size ziploc bags for ice packs
- 3 oz cups for medicine
- facial Tissues
- hand sanitizer and wipes

FREE Breakfast and Lunch

We offer all K-12 students Breakfast and Lunch at no cost, regardless of family income. Each family must complete one Education Benefits Form.

MENU INFO ONLINE

You can access school menus and daily nutrition information from the menus link on our morleystanwood.org website.

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, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea. When recovering from illness we ask that students be 24 hours free of fever, diarrhea and vomit.

"Morley Stanwood Mohawks" APP

- ~Get all your notifications in one place.
 - ~Stay organized with a unified, personalized calendar and reminders.
 - ~Quick and easy access to school information on your phone
 - ~ Notifications are always up-to-date.
- Download the App or visit morleystanwood.appazur.com/go

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 new 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 picking 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 1st 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.



2023 CAMP READY FOR "K"

Students had a great time learning to navigate the "big" school, learning classroom routines and building relationships with other students and staff.

