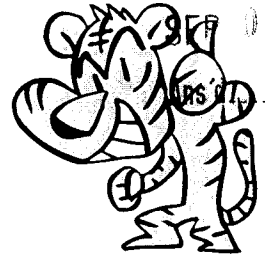


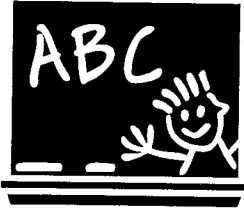
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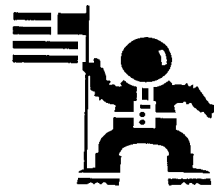
Back To School!

We have had a great start to the school year! This year's theme is "Shoot for the Stars!" The purpose of the theme is to encourage our students to set their goals high and then work hard to reach their dreams. Please help by talking with your child about their future and the importance of school.

This month we began our 21st Century-Project Comet Program. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to gain educational enrichment after school each day from 3:15 p.m. to 5:10 p.m. We also have tutoring before school from 6:50 a.m. till 7:50 a.m. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Program Director Shanna Miller at 675-4263. Applications can be picked-up in the office at the elementary.

This summer our playground received fencing along the North side. This addition will help make our playground safer. Thanks to our Parent-Faculty Club we just received approximately \$10,000 worth of new playground equipment. We purchased a really nice three-way slide, 16' glider, fun phone, and four seesaws. We also have plans to purchase several smaller pieces of equipment for our younger grades. Over the next few weeks, our maintenance staff will be busy putting this new equipment in place.

Thank you to all the parents for working hard to insure your children had the necessary supplies and were well prepared for school this year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please let us know by calling 675-4336.



WHAT'S UP!

RED WHEEL SALE ENDS- Wednesday, September 11. Please turn in all order forms. Thank you for your support!

PROGRESS REPORTS GO OUT- Monday, September 16.

LEAD PREVENTION WEEK- SEPTEMBER 16- Throughout this week we will have activities to help make our students and parents more aware of the dangers of lead poisoning.

SCHOOL PICTURES- Wednesday, September 18.

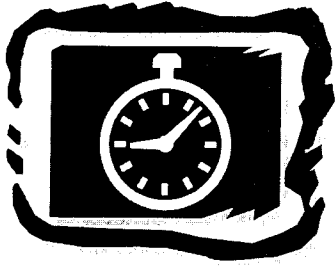
PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES-
Thursday, September 19 --3:30pm - 6:30pm
Friday, September 20 --8:00am -12:00pm

PARENT-FACULTY CLUB MEETING-
Thursday, September 26 at 6:30pm. This meeting will be held in the elementary cafeteria.

RED WHEEL DELIVERY DAY- Tuesday, October 1. Please pick-up and pay for items from 3:30pm till 6:30pm in the gym.

FALL BREAK- October 17 & 18.

PFC FALL FESTIVAL- Saturday, October 26 from 11:30am-2:00pm.



ROUTINES & SCHEDULES START THE YEAR RIGHT

The start of a new school year is exciting. But it means students and parents will need to make some adjustments.

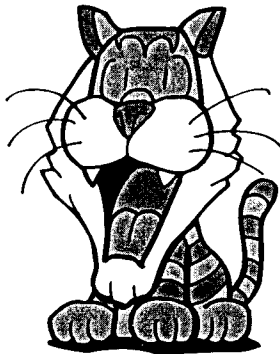
Here are some ways to get your family back into a good routine for the school year:

SET THE RULES. Make sure your children know what you expect now that they are back in school. Set a specific time to do homework. Enforce rules for TV watching. Set aside some time each day for reading. Create a chart for the first few weeks of school—until your routines become habits. Give your child a gold star on days when he does everything without being asked.

MANAGE CORRESPONDENCE. The start of the school year means a lot of paper going between home and school. Set up a place where your child puts all the paperwork from school. Sign it and put it back in his book bag by the next day.

KEEP TRACK OF SCHEDULES. Post a calendar where everyone will see it. Then have everyone write down their activities as they are scheduled. This will help you plan ahead. If your child knows a book report is due the day after a soccer game, he'll see that he needs to finish it early.

Go Tigers!



KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ON THE WAY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

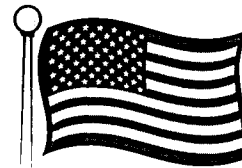
Regardless of whether your child walks or bikes all the way to school or just to a bus stop, you want her to stay safe. You can help your child stay safe on the way to school and back home by doing the following:

PLAN AHEAD. Whether your child walks to the bus stop or to school, figure out the safest route. Choose a way that has the fewest street crossings. If you can, avoid vacant lots or places where there aren't many people. Walk the route with your child.

THERE'S SAFETY IN NUMBERS. If possible, arrange for your child to walk with a friend, neighbor or family member.

PLAY "WHAT IF." Think ahead with your child. What if she gets a bloody nose? What if a large dog is in the path? Talking about these unexpected things will make handling them easier for your child.

TEACH YOUR CHILD never to ride with strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone your child doesn't know well. Many families have a "secret code." If you had to send a friend to pick up your child, you would tell the person this secret word. It is a signal to your child that this person is safe to ride with.



REMEMBERING 9/11

On Wednesday, September 11 we will have a brief ceremony to remember the tragic events of 9/11.

On that morning as a school we will say the Pledge of Allegiance and sing a patriotic song. Together we will share a moment of silence.