



Elizabeth Shelton School

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Dear Parents,

Kudos to our wonderful PTO and very talented master chefs Fathers' Club for a terrific Back to School BBQ! Thank you for all the hours you put into planning this event.

So much has happened since school began. All students in grades K-4 were administered Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) in both literacy and math. The results of this assessment will be used for teachers to plan small group instruction and also to determine those students in need of intervention services. This is just one piece of information that helps guide us to provide for each child's needs. At conferences, teachers will be discussing your child's strengths, areas where more instruction might be needed and how you can help at home. It is essential that there be a strong home/school connection. We look forward to building this partnership.

As I discussed at my Back to School Night presentation, we continue to follow the Positive Behavior Intervention Support Program. It is a *proactive, comprehensive, systemic and individualized continuum of support designed to provide opportunities for all students, including students with disabilities, for achieving social and learning success while preventing problem behaviors*. Several changes have been made this year which include the use of ClassDojo and infusing 6 of the 12 Habits of Mind along with our previous three pillars of "Respect, Responsibility and Safety". The classrooms are no longer using the clip chart and are now using ClassDojo to monitor expectations within the classroom. ClassDojo also promotes family engagement by allowing parents and guardians to see posts and videos from classroom teachers as well as allowing parents to message teachers directly. We are still in the piloting phase of ClassDojo, but hope to share with parents more of the components of this program. At our 1st PBIS assembly of the year, students viewed a video of staff "not" following the different PBIS Expectations followed by students following the expectations. I believe the students truly enjoyed seeing staff in action, but a very meaningful message was conveyed.

Finally, now that we are in the month of October, the weather is certainly unpredictable. Kindly be sure your child is dressed appropriately as students will be going out for recess weather and temperature permitting. Shorts and just a sweatshirt should be reserved for days that warrant them.

Respectfully,

Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember:

For the most up-to-date information and postings, please check our website or follow me on Twitter @BevBeldenESS.

- Monday, October 7th - Friday, October 11th ~ Book Fair
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- Wednesday, October 9th ~ Fall Fundraiser Ends
- Thursday, October 10th ~ Collaboration for Success Family Night 6:00 - 7:30 ***Book Fair will be open! Be sure to stop by!
- Monday, October 14th ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Columbus Day
- Tuesday, October 15th ~ PTO Meeting in the Staff Room
- Wednesday, October 16th ~ ESS Goes Pink ~ Donations Accepted
- Thursday, October 17th ~ Picture Retake Day and Fourth Grade Class Picture
- Thursday, October 24th ~ Conference Night
- Friday, October 25th ~ PLANNED EARLY DISMISSAL (1:50 P.M.)
- Friday, October 25th ~ Fall Family Festival
- Tuesday, November 5th ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Election Day
- Thursday, November 7th ~ Conference Night
- Friday, November 8th ~ Veterans Day Assembly ~ Info to Follow
- Friday, November 8th ~ PLANNED EARLY DISMISSAL (1:50 P.M.)

Planned Early Dismissal & Late Start Times

Regular Day ~ 9:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Early Dismissal ~ 9:00 A.M. - 1:50 P.M.

Late Start ~ 11:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Students should be **in their seats** at 9:00 A.M., not walking in the door, as this is a disruption to learning. Please allow enough time in your morning schedules to have your child arrive in a timely manner. As a reminder, doors open at 8:45. Your cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.