



News From School

February

Believe it or not, the end of January marked the half-way point of the school year. Report cards will be issued to elementary students on Monday, February 1.

Please note that due to the storm day we had in December, there will now be school on Monday, February 15.

Word of the Week

Each week the elementary students will be discussing the word of the week in accordance with our character education program. The words for February are:

February 1-5	Consideration
February 8-12	Uniqueness
February 15-19	Patriotism
February 22-26	Citizenship

Lunch Accounts

Many of our families pay their lunch accounts at the beginning of each month. To help you with what each month would cost, we will include that amount along with the cost of breakfast for that month.

Lunch for February- \$33.00

Breakfast for February- \$25.00

This is the cost for elementary students only.

Just a reminder that breakfast is not served on days when school is late due to the weather.

Collections

As in the past, we will continue to collect items that benefit our school. Please collect Box Tops for Education box tops, milk caps from Land O' Lakes and Kemps products, pop tabs, and the UPC symbol from Campbell Soup products. These items can be sent to school at any time. Thanks for your help!

School Closing

When school is called off, released early, or starts late, you can find this information by listening to any of the Marshall radio stations or by watching most of the Twin Cities or Mankato television stations.

I Love to Read Month

Every February, we celebrate "I Love to Read Month." A packet of information will be sent home with the students soon concerning the events that we have throughout the month. There are special dress-up days each Friday of the month that will also be included in the information packet. The most important thing about this month is the hope that the students will enjoy reading even more!

Pre-School Screening

Pre-school screening will be held on Friday, February 26. **There is no kindergarten or school readiness that day.**

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Spelling Bee

In January, students in grades 5-8 took the preliminary test for the Spelling Bee. The finals are scheduled for Tuesday, February 2 at 9:00 in the gym. The finalists are:

Grade 5- Alec Bueltel, Sienna Mahan-Deitte, Keeghan Nilson, Schaely Prekker, Jorge Meza-Palmer

Grade 6- Matt Myhre, Austin Starodub, Rachel Knutson, Maria Guitierrez, Tania Macias

Grade 7- Emily Stienessen, Evan Fuller, Payton Boerboom, Agne Miskinis, Andrea Elliott

Grade 8- Hank Neyens, Grant Kurka, Landyn VanOverbeke, Kelsey Esping, Chelsea Eischens

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The second round of Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, February 22 and Tuesday, February 23 from 4:00-8:00 both evenings.

Information concerning the conferences will be sent home in the near future.

Early Release

Students will be released at 1:00 on Thursday, February 25 for a teacher's in-service.

Protect the Environment

GMT Women of Today are conducting a recycling fundraiser. There's nothing to buy. They are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used consumer electronics and unwanted, broken, or mismatched jewelry. Your used item(s) may be tax deductible and will be recycled in

accordance with EPA regulations. 100% of the proceeds will help fund service projects.

The following items are being collected: Cell Phones, Digital Cameras, Radar Detectors, Laptop Computers, Digital Video Cameras, Electronic Book Readers, Inkjet Cartridges, Handheld Game Systems, Gold, Silver, and Platinum Jewelry, MP3 Players, GPS Devices.

Please drop off any items you would like to recycle at the Minneota Elementary School or St. Edward's School.

Thanks for your support!

Extra Socks

At this time of the year, we ask our parents to send an extra pair of socks to school. Sometimes a change of socks is necessary when the kids come in from noon recess. Thanks!

Events at a Glance

- *February 1- Report Cards Issued
- *February 2- Spelling Bee- 9:00
- *February 22-23- Parent-Teacher Conferences- 4:00-8:00
- *February 25- Students Released at 1:00
- *February 26- Pre-School Screening- No Kindergarten or School Readiness



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