

Welcome Back To School

Welcome back to another year at Mullan Trail. I hope everyone had a restful and fun summer and is ready to get back into the routine of school. We look forward to serving our students and their families with the same enthusiasm and dedication we know they deserve. Please take the time to read this newsletter carefully and fill out and return the registration paperwork. Our first family event is Monday when we welcome our Grandparents and Significant Seniors to lunch in celebration of Grandparent's Day. We have scheduled our Open House BBQ sponsored by the PTO on September 16 from 5-7. I look forward to seeing our old friends from years past and welcoming our new families during the coming weeks.

We will be welcoming Mrs. Anyan, Mrs. Haas, Mrs. Goeckner and Mrs. Ray. They will each be here one day a week as our librarian. Music will also be taught by Mrs. Windisch, Mrs. Strom and Mrs. Clark. Mr. Wyatt will be our P. E. teacher again this year.

Last year we were able to raise our ISAT scores once again and meet the state requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). This makes two years in a row! We hope to accomplish this goal again this year even though the percentage of students needing to achieve proficiency has risen this year. I know that our hard work to improve instructional techniques and assessment practices and your dedication to getting your child to school each day will help us achieve this goal.

Open House BBQ

The PTO is sponsoring another BBQ during Open House. Mrs. Kelly will speak to everyone in the gym at 5:00. Then parents will be dismissed to the classrooms to visit with teachers. Parents will get tickets for their meal in the classrooms. The food will be ready after parents have a chance to meet with the teachers. We will also have a school scavenger hunt. Parents can pick up the scavenger hunt list in the classrooms. The winner of the scavenger hunt will be picked at random after all the entries are received.

Principal 200 Club

The Principal's 200 Club is an incentive program designed to recognize and encourage positive student behavior on a school-wide basis. Each day selected teachers give a coupon to a student who they see exhibiting positive behavior and following school rules. Students who have received coupons draw a number that is placed on the Principal's 200 Club board, which contains 200 numbered spaces. The students also sign the Principal's Book of Fame, and a note home or congratulatory phone call is made to their parents by staff. As soon as there are five consecutive names on the board, that particular group of students will receive a mystery prize.

New School Rules:

- 1. I will treat myself, others and property with respect.***
- 2. I will be a productive learner before, during and after school.***
- 3. I will make safe choices.***

Upcoming Events

September 13.....Grandparents Luncheon

September 16Open House

September 16 Cross Country Begins

September 17.....Fundraiser Begins

September 25.....Movie Day @ Post Falls Theater

October 1.....Fundraiser Ends
October 8.....No School – In-service Day

Popcorn day has been changed to MONDAY, so don't forget your 50¢.

Grandparent's Luncheon

In honor of Grandparent's Day, which is September 12, we'd like to invite all grandparents to eat lunch at school with their grandchild. We will allow our students and their special guests to dine in the library. You may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch from the cafeteria. Please let the office know if you need to purchase a lunch so that we have enough food for everyone. A form has been sent home for this purpose.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Mullan Trail received almost \$19,000 from a grant sponsored by the National Food Lunch Act. Selected schools for this grant receive reimbursement for the cost of making free fresh fruits and vegetables available to students throughout the school day. They are provided separately from the lunch or breakfast meal. Adults working in the building (teachers, custodians, aides, principals) are allowed to participate, visitors are not allowed to participate.

This is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The goal of the grant is to: create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increase consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

We do our best to offer new and interesting fruits and vegetables along with the standards – apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, carrots, celery, cauliflower, broccoli, etc. Serving time of these foods is a perfect opportunity to do nutrition education – not only the benefits of the foods but where they come from, how they are grown and how they get to us.

New Lunchroom Procedures

The cafeteria is implementing a new way of tracking each student's account. The student will no longer have a lunch card to swipe; instead the student will swipe his or her thumb. Also, first and third graders will go to recess before they eat lunch. After eating their lunch, students will return to their classes to complete their day of learning.

Ready to impact the life of some girls in your neighborhood? Would you like to spend some more quality time with your daughter? How about teaching girls courage, confidence and character while having fun? You can start a NEW Girl Scout troop in your neighborhood and decide the time, day and location of troop meetings with the help of your area membership coordinator. Girl Scouts provides the training, resources and program, and you work with the girls! For more information, visit www.gsewni.org, or call 800-827-9478 ext 243 or 208-215-5489.

Students are allowed on school grounds after 8:30 am.

For the safety of our students, do not drop off your child at school before 8:30.

There is no adult supervision available before that time.

Students found on campus before 8:30 will be sent home.

Office Hours 8:00-4:00 M-F

If you need to visit with a teacher please schedule a time that is convenient for everyone.