

May Overby Newsletter

Mike Neubert, Principal

August & September 2018 Calendar

Tuesday, August 21—First day of school. 11:30 dismissal. No lunch served.

Monday, September 3—No school, Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4—PTA meeting in May Overby Library, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 7—Great American Fundraiser begins.

Tuesday, September 11—Health Fair

Monday, September 24—Pictures by Lifetouch.

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

START/DISMISSAL TIME: May Overby students are expected to be in the gymnasium prior to 8:00 a.m. each day. Students are considered tardy if they arrive after 8:05 a.m. Students arriving after 8:05 a.m. must report to the office. The gymnasium opens at 7:30 a.m. for students eating school breakfast, which is served from 7:30 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.

School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Any students who have not been picked up by 3:10 p.m., will be brought to the office and should be picked up there. Please be prompt to pick up your children. There is NO supervision after 3:10 p.m. We ask that all children be picked up by 3:10 p.m.

STUDENT ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL: All students should enter the building in the morning using the north entrance. We do not provide supervision on the playground or in the gym before 7:45 a.m. Therefore, we ask that students do not arrive before this time unless they are eating breakfast here.

STUDENT DEPARTURE FROM SCHOOL:

Bus students - east door (Lloyd Street)

Kindergarten & Mrs. Whitmyre (1ST grade) - west door (State Street)

Grades 1-3 - south door (by art & music rooms)

Grades 4-5 - south door (by computer lab)

Parents are encouraged to make arrangements to pick up their children on 15th Avenue; the east side of State Street; or Lloyd Street, south of the school parking lot. Cars are not to be parked in the bus zone on Lloyd Street during dismissal. **Students should not be dropped off or picked up in the school parking lot or in the bus zone. Picking up students on 14th Avenue at dismissal is not recommended.**



SCHOOL HOURS		
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.		
	Lunch	Lunch Recess
Gr. K,1, 2	11:05-11:45	11:45-12:05
Gr. 3,4,5	11:45-12:10	11:20-11:45

PLEASE NOTE: Any students who are taken out of school during the day or early, will need to be signed out. **Parents must come into the office to pick up their child and sign him/her out. This is for your child’s safety.**

*****Save The Date*****

**Building Strong Family Communication
Through Standards-Based Grading**

Please join is to learn about the implementation of Standards-based grading at the Aberdeen School District Elementary School.

- 6:00 pm on Tuesday, October 2, 2018—Lincoln Elementary School*
- 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 4, 2018—Mike Miller Elementary School*
- 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 4, 2018—Simmons Elementary School*

Parents and family members are welcome to attend any event, regardless of the school their child attends.

LUNCH: Please make sure to keep lunch money in your child’s account. Lunch money (in the form of check or cash) can be turned in to the office along with a green deposit slip. **Please make sure your child has money in his/her lunch account by August 21, 2018.**

BREAKFAST: Breakfast is available in our gym from 7:30 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. daily. The same account/money is used for breakfast as is used for lunch.

PTA BORROW FUND: Our PTA graciously provides a borrow fund for lunch money that students may use if they have forgotten their lunch money. An envelope is sent home on the day of the borrow requesting that parents pay back, **in cash**, the amount borrowed. Please put the cash into the borrow envelope and have your child turn it into the office. We allow 2 borrows and then the student must call home. Your prompt attention to paying back to our borrow fund is greatly appreciated.

**Aberdeen School District 6-1
Meal Prices 2018-2019**

	Breakfast	Lunch
Elementary	2.20 - full 30¢ - reduced	3.00- full 40¢ - reduced
Middle School	2.35 - full 30¢ - reduced	3.15 - full 40¢ - reduced
CHS	2.55 – full 30¢ - reduced	3.45 - full 40¢ - reduced
Adult	2.85	4.20

School District Meal Charge Standard Practice

I. FEDERAL REQUIREMENT

Information provided here is to clearly communicate the meal charge practices in the Food Service Department.

II. PURPOSE OF PRACTICE:

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent meal account procedures throughout the district. Unpaid charges place a financial strain on the Food Service Department. The goals of this standard of practice are:

- ☑ To treat all students with dignity in the serving line regarding meal accounts
- ☑ To support positive situations with district staff, district business policies, student and parent/guardian to the maximum extent possible
- ☑ To establish practices that are age appropriate at all grade levels
- ☑ To encourage parent/guardian to assume the responsibility of meal payments and to promote self-responsibility of the student

5. **Elementary students:** Low balance/deposit slips/PTA borrow envelopes will be sent to the student's classroom to be handed out to the student by the teacher. A reminder/notification for a low account balance is available at no charge from MySchoolBucks.com. To set up an account please see the school district's website under Departments/Food Service.

- a. Calls to the parent/guardian on delinquent accounts are made to collect payment.
- b. If a child has money to purchase a reduced price or paid meal at the time of the meal service, the child must be sold a meal. This money will not be used to repay previously unpaid charges if the child intended to use the money to purchase that day's meal.

6. **Middle School students:** Students are allowed 2 charges on their account at any time. If no charges are available, the student's meal may be charged to a special account for processing.

7. **High School students:** Students are allowed 2 charges on their account at any time. If no charges are available, the student's meal may be charged to a special account for processing.

8. Unpaid meal charges will be carried over at the end of the school year as a delinquent debt and collection efforts may continue into the new school year. This allows the district to work with individual families to establish longer repayment plans and to continue pursuing collection efforts when children change schools within the district or move to a new school outside the district.

SCHOOL PICTURES: School pictures will be taken on Monday, September 24, 2018. Pictures must be pre-paid. More information to come.



COMMUNICATION: Please read the monthly newsletter carefully to become aware of events and activities throughout the year. To access general information, calendars, newsletters, lunch menus, student/parent handbook, parent portal and more log on to Aberdeen.k12.sd.us. Click on schools and select May Overby. Events will also be posted on our school sign to remind you of important dates.

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ATTENDANCE: A Key to your Student's SUCCESS! Schools are responsible for teaching your child, but schools can't do their job if your child is absent. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school, misses a day of learning. Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests. Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher, and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background—one that can only be gained through **regular school attendance**. Here's how you can improve your child's school attendance:

****Talk with your child about the importance of attending school regularly.**

****Avoid scheduling family trips or doctor appointments during school hours.**

****Make sure your child stays healthy by eating nutritious food and getting enough sleep and exercise.**

****Don't accept excuses for why your child "must" miss or be late for school.**

****Discuss with your child what happened at school each day.**

****Support school rules and consequences for skipping class and being tardy.**

****Show your child why education is important. Give specific examples of how education helps people succeed.**

****Lead by example. If children see parents taking off work for no real reason, they may expect to be able to do the same.**

Research shows that attendance is the single most important factor in school success.

aimswebPLUS

The Aberdeen School District uses an intervention approach to ensure all students are successful in the area of reading. Along with this, we use aimswebPlus as a screening tool to help monitor students' growth.

Within the first weeks of school, your child will be assessed using aimswebPlus as a screening tool. Your child's teacher will use this information to help determine your child's reading or pre-reading skills. Based on the aimswebPlus results and teacher observations, classroom teachers can make a recommendation that students receive additional instruction, or interventions, in reading. The aimswebPlus screening will take place a total of 3 times during the school year.

It is our hope that TOGETHER, families and the school can work to help students at May Overby reach their maximum potential for learning!



GROCERY RECEIPTS & BOX TOPS : Please save your grocery receipts from Ken's and Kessler's, and Box Tops for Education and send them to school with your children. We purchase extra equipment and supplies with the refunds from Ken's, Kessler's and Box Tops.

Meet the Eagles!

Join the fun at an upcoming Meet the Eagles meet and greet event for the Golden Eagles fall sports teams. All students and families are welcome to attend! At each event guests will receive a team photo poster and meet the team members while getting their autographs. Meet the Eagles is a special project of the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation. We hope to see you there! Go Eagles!

date	time	sport	opponent	location
8/18/2018	1:00 PM	Boys Soccer	Pierre	Swisher Field
8/18/2018	3:00 PM	Girls Soccer	Pierre	Swisher Field
8/25/2018	10:00 AM	Cheer/Dance	Spirit Invitational	Golden Eagles Arena
8/31/2018	5:00 PM	Volleyball	Spearfish	Golden Eagles Arena
9/14/2018	6:00 PM	Football	RC Stevens	Swisher Field

The Parent Handbook has been put on our web page and we ask that you access the information through this medium. If you do not have a computer or access to one, or if you would like a hard copy of the handbook, please check and sign below and we will send a copy home with your child.



____ We request you send a copy of the Parent Handbook.

Child's Name _____.
Child's Teacher _____.

Monthly newsletters have been put on our web page and we ask that you access the information through this medium. If you do not have a computer or access to one, or if you would like a hard copy of the monthly newsletter, please check and sign below and we will send a copy home with your child.

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Highly Qualified Staff

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires that all teachers are highly qualified for their teaching assignments. It is our district's policy to hire only highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals. If you would like information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's teacher, please contact the school principal.

Complaint Policy

In accordance with federal Title regulations, the Aberdeen School District must inform students and parents of Policy KLB (Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Classroom Instructional Materials), Policy KLD (Public Complaints about School Personnel) , and Policy KED (Public Complaints about Federal Programs). The Aberdeen School District welcomes constructive criticism of the schools when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program and to help the school personnel in performing their tasks more effectively. The policies provide the specific procedures for contacting district personnel with this feedback. The policies are available on the district's website and can also be obtained in all district buildings.

District and School Report Card

The state of South Dakota has recently changed the way student achievement is calculated and considered. More emphasis has been placed on how kids are growing academically through the entire school year, instead of how they perform on a test one time a year. This new system is being put in place a piece at a time with input from the United States Department of Education and other educational groups. Student test scores, along with other information, are being used to help determine a School Performance Index or SPI that allows our schools to be compared to others in the state to see how we are doing. Detailed reports of how all students in South Dakota scored may be found by going to the Department of Education's Webpage at: <http://doe.sd.gov/reportcard/index.aspx> and looking at the state level reports. District and school level reports may also be found on the same web site by selecting the school year and the type of report you would like to look at. For help in getting to these reports or understanding what is in these reports, please call your child's school and talk to the teacher or the principal.

