

# May Overby Newsletter

Mike Neubert, Principal



## October 2018 Calendar

Fri. Oct. 5- NO SCHOOL, Staff Development  
Mon. Oct. 8 – NO SCHOOL, Columbus Day  
Thurs. Oct. 18 – Evening conferences & book fair, 4-9 PM  
Fri. Oct. 19 – NO SCHOOL, day conferences & book fair, 8AM-1PM  
Fri. Oct. 19 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
Wed. Oct 24 – Picture retake day  
Thurs. Oct. 25 – Fundraiser pickup in gym, 3-5PM



**REMINDER:** School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. 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.**

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held the evening of October 18 from 4-9PM and from 8AM - 1PM on October 19. The teachers will prepare formal reports for you child and will share his/her progress with you. There will be NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 19. A book fair will be held during conferences in the reading tutor room.

## Fundraiser

The fundraiser pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, October 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the gym. Please make arrangements to have your items picked up on this day by 5:00 PM.

## Attendance Matters

As your child begins to move up in grades, they also will start to become more independent. But it's not the time to relax about attendance. Children who do not attend school regularly fall behind and score lower on tests. They can have a hard time making and keeping friends, especially in elementary school. A recent study of the nation's fourth graders showed that almost one in four had been absent from school three or more days in the last month. Let you child and teachers know that you know attendance counts!

**\*\*Please remember to call the school, 725-7300, if your child will not be in school.** We do have voicemail, please leave a message if no one answers. If you do not call in, we start calling you to ensure your child is safely accounted for.

### **Bikes, Skateboards, Rollerblades, & Scooters**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or 8 years old, whichever comes first, are allowed to ride bicycles to school as long as the privilege is not abused. Bikes are not to be ridden on the school playground and are to be parked in the racks provided. Students may bring bike chains and locks for safekeeping. If a student rides his/her bike to school, he/she is to walk the bike across any street using the crosswalk if available and to demonstrate good bike safety habits.

Skateboards, rollerblades, and scooters will NOT be allowed on school grounds. The number of students using the playgrounds makes safety a problem if these items are used. They should not be used as transportation to or from school.

### **Student Council Representatives**

The president of our student council is Brady Moon and the vice president is Louis Manhart!

Class representatives are as follows: Kamdyn Borge, Ian Jung, Ila Pastian, Quinn Huettl, Keyana Stillman, Xavior Ellenbecker, Macy Mohn, Cooper Hoven, Paige Ewalt, Noah Circle Eagle, Emelie Dolphus, Brenner Waldrop, Ellen Orr, Evan Sichmeller, Samantha Altmaier, Gavin Hirsch, Kaylee Kiesow & Hunter Herceg. ***CONGRATULATIONS!***



### **Golden Apple Awards**

Do you know someone who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference in the Aberdeen School District? **Nominate them for an Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation Golden Apple Award!**

Nominees may be patrons and/or current employees (volunteers, administrative assistants, food service workers, custodians, aides, nurses, counselors, coaches, administrators, and teachers) of the Aberdeen School District that stand out above the rest for their outstanding contributions to the Aberdeen School District and dedication to excellence in education.

Nominations forms are available on the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation website at <https://www-aberdeen.k12.sd.us/foundation/> **Nomination forms are due by October 1, 2017.**

Nominees will be contacted to fill out a brief form to confirm their nomination. Up to three Golden Apple Award winners will be announced in January, and each will receive \$500 and a golden apple. For more information contact the foundation office at 725-7118 or [Gretchen.Sharp@k12.sd.us](mailto:Gretchen.Sharp@k12.sd.us)

### **Medication**

If your child needs to take medication during school hours, a medication permission form must be completed by the parent. Please stop by the office to obtain a form.

### **Peanut/Nut Allergies**

There are students in our school who have severe peanut/nut allergies. If exposed to peanuts or peanut products, the student may develop a life threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. Therefore, it is very important that you do not send any peanut products to school in sack lunches, snacks, birthday treats, ect. This includes items containing peanuts, peanut butter, peanut protein, peanut oil, or any cross contaminated food. Food items from a bakery such as cupcakes, doughnuts, and cookies are likely to be cross contaminated with nuts and peanuts.

Some possible safe options for snacks, lunches and treats are: Sun Nut Butter as a peanut butter substitute, original Keebler Graham Crackers, original Rice Krispie Treats, original Keebler Club Crackers, original or cheddar Pepridge Farms Goldfish Crackers, Kelloggs Fruit Snacks, Sun Main Raisins, Keebler Scooby Doo Graham Cracker Sticks, Skittles, Kelloggs Pop Tarts (no chocolate), Starbursts, Smarties, Kelloggs Nutri-Grain Bars (blueberry), Nabisco Graham Crackers, Nabisco Cheese Nips, original Cheese It Crackers, Pringles Potato Chips.

Though our school district has not declared a "peanut free" environment, we are strongly encouraging these alternatives for the safety of our students.

### **Crossing Guard**

Our crossing guard will be at the corner of 14<sup>th</sup> and State Street before and after school. Make sure your children use the crosswalks. Do not park across the street and let your children walk across a busy street alone. Children need to be taught to always cross at the crosswalk. If your children are

younger, please walk across the street and accompany them to the car. This is important both in the morning and in the afternoon. If you drop our child off on the school side of the street, we appreciate if you let them out on the sidewalk and have them walk to the building by themselves. This way you can move your car to make room for others. Do not park or let you child off in the bus zone or parking lot.

### **Dress Guidelines**

What the children wear to school is at the discretion of the parents. The Aberdeen School District insists that attire is clean, in good taste, and does not interfere with the educational climate of the classrooms. Any clothing with alcohol or tobacco symbols will not be allowed. We realize clothing worn will vary with the weather. We ask that you become familiar with the days your child/children participate in physical education as they will need to bring gym shoes on those days. If you have specific questions, please contact the principal.

### **Lost and Found**

Many clothing items get misplaced during the school year. Parents, please mark your children's clothing. If your child's marked items are found, we can quickly return the items to you.

### **CAASP Dental Program**

The Dental Van is scheduled for October 29 – November 2, 2018.

#### **HOW TO QUALIFY:**

- You do not have a dental home
- You have not seen a dentist in 2 years or more in the Aberdeen area
- No child is turned away for inability to pay

#### **LOCATION:**

- Avera St. Luke's Dakota Medical Square
- 815 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401

**SET UP AN APPOINTMENT NOW**; CALL: 622-5722; PROGRAM COORDINATOR: VICKI HOLLEY

### **SEESAW APP**

If you haven't signed up on the Seesaw app yet, make sure to contact your child's teacher for more information. Seesaw is a digital portfolio that gives you real-time glimpses into your child's school day. Seesaw helps you stay in the loop and gives you an opportunity to support your child's learning at home.

### **\*\*\*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.

# STAND UP FOR SCHOOL SAFETY.

**ANONYMOUSLY TEXT 'SAFE' TO 82257**

**TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR  
THREATS OR VIOLENCE.**

PROJECT  
**STANDUP**

The Aberdeen School District and the Aberdeen Police Department are participating in Stand Up for School Safety which is an anonymous text messaging program aimed at improving school safety by bringing in tips on potential school threats. By texting the word "safe" to 82257 the texting interaction begins with eight simple questions that will result in an immediate email to designated school officials, School Resource Officers, local law enforcement, and the State Fusion Center. We appreciate your help in keeping our students and schools safe.

