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Annandale Elementary School
A Rich & Challenging Tradition of Excellence...
Empowering Students to Achieve Success.



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Dear Annandale Elementary Families,



We are almost to the end of the school year, I cannot believe it! In a year we all hoped would be more “normal,” we continued to work through challenges and made it a successful year. We still have a month of learning and we intend to finish strong. There is more our staff wants to teach our students in the last month of school. Please keep routines as long as possible and encourage your child to work hard until the end.

MCA

We are nearing the end of our MCA testing sessions for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Students have been working hard to do their best on each test. We do get preliminary results back on their tests, but scores are not finalized until late summer. All families will be receiving notification on the results for their child at the beginning of next school year.

Class Placements

One question I receive from parents is, “How are homeroom classes put together?” We do have a process for placing each student in the best homeroom possible for the next year. We weigh a lot of factors when it comes to placing students. Each teacher will look at each of their students and fill out information around their reading, math academics, learning style, and more. I meet with each grade level and we take the information completed by teachers and we start to place students in homerooms for next year.

Besides looking at the information completed by homeroom teachers, we also look at support that can be offered by special education in the classroom, peer relationships, overall classroom dynamics, personality of the teachers in the grades above, and any past history from previous grades. Once we have the classes set, we add up numbers in academic and other areas and make sure that each class has a good mix for the following year.

I have had parents ask if I make all the classes. No, I do not. I know our teaching staff very well, but they know their students better than me. I have also been asked the question if parents can request a teacher. Again, the answer is no. If I let every parent put in a request for their child’s teacher... well, you can imagine about how that would go. :)

Hopefully that information gives a little background as to what goes into our classroom placement process. It is a lengthy process, but worth every minute as we work to set up success for students for the following year.

Looking forward to a great month of May! Again, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Jon Klippenes
Annandale Elementary Principal



Last Day of School

Friday, June 3



FUN & FITNESS DAY



Tuesday, May 31

In case of rain, the make-up day will be
Wednesday, June 1

This is a day where each grade will have 45 minutes of physical education together as a whole group with some friendly competitions between classes.

The schedule is as follows:

5 th Grade	8:15 – 9:00
4 th Grade	9:15 – 10:00
3 rd Grade	10:15-11:00
Kindergarten	12:00 – 12:45
1 st Grade	1:00 – 1:45
2 nd Grade	2:00 – 2:45

May Message from Erin Dickie
AES Social Worker



MAY GREETINGS everyone! It is hard to believe we are embarking on our last month of school... the time has flown by so quickly. It is already time to start thinking about those important summer plans! As a parent myself, I know a lot of time is spent making decisions on what activities to participate in throughout the summer. As I fill our family calendar, I am reminded that part of the JOY and FUN of summer is the simplicity of it. Kids don't always need a big trip or exotic plans. Here are some thoughts for some SIMPLE ideas to make your summer with your children a memorable one!!!

- Start some sort of collection - bugs, marbles, coins, butterflies, baseball cards, or whatever interests your child.
- Lay on the grass and discover all the shapes and images clouds make!
- Go fishing - dust off that old pole and go to one of the many lakes in our area. Learn about different types of fish and bait to use, but most importantly enjoy that time together.
- Go to the public library! Check out some great books, spend time browsing, and enjoy the air conditioning on a hot day!
- Plant flowers or vegetables. Use the summer to teach your kids how to plant! Plant flowers or vegetables in your flower bed or in a pot by your home. They can water it every day and watch them bloom!
- Teach your children how to bake! Measuring and following recipes are great learning experiences... and children are rewarded with a yummy treat!



SCHOOL TOOL BOX

Order Online by June 5
schooltoolbox.com



Notes from Nathan

AES Dean of Students



Will Winter Ever End?

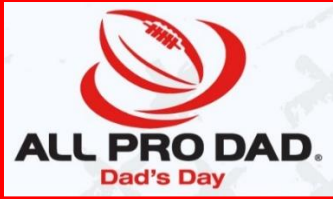


I would like to take some responsibility for confusion over what students should wear at recess. In the last newsletter I wrote students could wear boots and snow pants after spring break. How wrong was I? We have had snow, rain and cold weather after spring break that I believe everyone is ready to say goodbye to. That being said, we have attempted to have students ready for whatever weather is encountered by having their Essential Five ready on all days. During mud season we ask for boots and snow pants as a way to keep shoes and pants clean and keep the classrooms mud free. Thank you for your patience as we work to get students outside every day we can.

We are moving into a busy time of year. Please watch for concerts, track meets and other activities we all look forward to the last couple months of school. Please check your lunch account balance before the end of the year. Although lunches were provided free of charge, students may have been charged for seconds. Please remind your child to keep hands to self, use positive words, walk in the hall and have an appropriate voice level for the setting they are in. As the weather gets warmer and students start thinking about summer, it is important to remind them of these behavior expectations. Please work to keep attendance at a positive level. As teachers, we are limited in the time we have with students, and that time is important for your child to receive as much instruction as possible. Let's finish the year strong!

Thank you for all your support and being your child's best role model!

Nathan Woodford



May 19 is the last All Pro Dad's Day scheduled for the school year. Hope to see you there!

All Pro Dad's breakfast is a time to strengthen relationships between dads and kids through food, games, and conversation. We invite **all elementary** age kids and parents/guardians to join us for breakfast. Moms and grandparents are welcome too!

Where/When- AES Café

Thursday mornings from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Cost- \$5 per family

Food- Tom Westman

Serving rolls, cold cereal, coffee, juice

RSVP- www.allprodadsday.com/4405

or sweber@isd876.org by

Monday, May 16

for the May All Pro Dad's Day.



Library Accounts

All books will need to be returned to the library during your child's library lesson during May 19-26. We will be printing overdue notices at the beginning of May. If you have lost a book please pay the cost of the book(s) located on the overdue notice with cash or check. Checks can be made out to ISD 876. All student accounts in good standing will be earning raffle tickets to earn a poster.

Poster Raffle

Students will earn raffle tickets based on the amount of books their grade level can check out. For example, 3rd grade can check out 3 books. If they have all their books returned and/or fines paid they will earn 3 raffle tickets. Students will get to put their raffle tickets in the envelope(s) of the poster(s) they hope to win. On May 27th we will begin drawing for posters.

Upcoming Dates

May 18 - LAST Checkout Day!

May 26th - Return ALL Books

Refunds

If you pay for a lost book and find your book over the summer, it is yours to keep. We will NOT be refunding book fines in the fall.

Questions

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