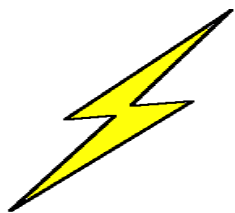


Mio AuSable Elementary News



December 2023 & January 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wednesday, December 13
HOLIDAY CONCERT 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 21 -
Tuesday, January 2
HOLIDAY BREAK**

**January 18 & 19
NOON DISMISSAL &
end of 1st semester**

January 26 REPORT CARDS HOME

**February 16
NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**

February 19 NO SCHOOL

March 7 & 8 NOON DISMISSAL

March 7 Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 22 - April 1 SPRING BREAK

April 19 NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS

IT'S TIME FOR SNOW GEAR

Winter has arrived, earlier than some of us were ready for! We go outside for recess if the weather is 10* and above. This means all students will need warm gear - boots, snow pants, hat, gloves and jacket. Many families plan to get these items but have not had the chance yet. If that is the case, don't worry, we do have some gear to loan out!

If the purchase of these items is not something you are able to afford at this time please reach out to your child's teacher or the office and we will certainly try to help!

If donating is something you are interested in doing, we can always use boots and gloves/mittens. We are happy to accept new and gently used items for our students in need.

Please be sure to put your child's name in ALL of his/her gear. You wouldn't believe the number of black snow pants or red hats we have at school. Putting labels in all the gear is important!

ABSENT & TARDY

Please be sure to call your child into the office and communicate with his/her teacher if he/she is not at school. It is always a good idea to get a doctor's note if the student was seen by a doctor.

Any student coming in after 8:05 am needs to be accompanied by an adult. This adult can park, come into the office with the child and sign him/her in. It only takes a moment and is part of our safety procedures. The correct "pass" will be given to the child and he/she will be on the way to learning for the day!

CHARACTER TRAIT FOCUS

December SELF-CONTROL

January GRIT

February COURAGE

HOLIDAY CONCERT

We have an amazing concert planned for you to enjoy on December 13th at 6:00 pm. Mr. Jackson along with our students and staff have been working hard to prepare a special show!

This year, K-5 students will meet in the auditorium between 5:45-5:55 pm. Teachers will be there to help get all students in the correct section. We ask that guests get seated in the gym at this time and take the student's jacket to hold as they won't return to the auditorium after the performance. Teachers will enter the gym with students just prior to 6:00 pm. Our K-2 students will be seated in the bleachers closest to the cafeteria and our 3-5 students will be seated in the bleachers on the shop hallway side.

ARTWORK GALORE

We are fortunate to have a K-5 art program where all students are working on creating beautiful pieces. Students are exploring different mediums, using different techniques and learning about art while creating some of their very own original masterpieces!

WHERE DO I FIND THAT?

Almost everything you could be searching for is going to be found on our website. We have the school calendar posted there as well as athletic information, school handbook information, breakfast and lunch menus as well as contact information for each school building. Check us out at **miok12.net**.

Of course, if you have any questions, first reach out to your child's teacher. If she is not able to help you with the answer, please call Mrs. Shiffer, the elementary principal, at 826-2485.

Another great way to see student artwork, get updates on student recognition awards, be reminded of fun events planned and recognize community partners is through our Facebook page, **Mio AuSable Schools**.

REMEMBER THAT...

Students may bring water bottles to school to have throughout the day. We ask that ONLY clear, unflavored water be in these. The students also can fill them up at our clean and fresh filling stations.

It is so important that you keep the office and the clinic updated with working telephone numbers. Keeping the school updated with current address and telephone numbers is a safety issue and we want to be able to reach you should your child become ill or injured. Practicing the address and phone number with your child will also increase his/her safety no matter where he/she might be. We ask that any changes of this sort come to the office in writing.

Shoe tying is a skill that can be fun and easy to practice at home. Please work with your child if he/she is not yet able to tie shoes. If that is the case, please send him/her to school in shoes that he/she can get on and off easily and will be safe moving throughout the hallways on a daily basis.

Any changes to end of the day routines need to come to the office in writing by noon. This too is to ensure all students get safely dismissed. The easiest way is to send a note with your child in the morning. He/she will show the teacher and it then gets turned in to the office so all adults in charge of dismissal are aware of the departure method: pick up or bus.

Please be sure to check your student's Friday Folder each week. Important information comes home in the folders weekly. This is another great way to support home to school communication.

TESTING

In December, students in upper elementary will take the NWEA language test. This is a short assessment, done once a year. Please encourage your child to do his/her best - it is not a race but rather a tool adults at school use to provide the best services to all students!

