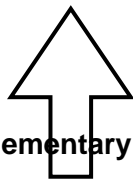


WHAT'S UP!



SCHOOLCRAFT UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

In The Upper Elementary

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Please join us in congratulating Mrs. Emmert, Mr. McCurley and Mr. Shearer on their upcoming retirements. They have devoted many years of service to the students of Schoolcraft Upper Elementary. We wish them much happiness & health in their new endeavors.

Student Absences:

If your child is going to be away from school for any reason, please call the main office (488-7250) by 9:00 a.m. If this absence is due to an illness please provide us with your child's symptoms or diagnosis ("feels sick" is not acceptable to the Health Department). When your child returns to school, we will need a written excuse that includes the dates absent and the reason for the absence. It must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Thank you for your cooperation!!

Recess Reminder:

Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for outdoor recess with jacket, hat & gloves as needed. This time of year the weather is unpredictable. Jackets will be worn unless the temperature is 60 degrees or warmer. Until then a light jacket or hoodie is required. **Please help us encourage proper outdoor attire.**

PTO News:

Next Meeting: May 11th at 6:30 in the UE library. Childcare is available in the gym.

The date for the **Teacher Appreciation Luncheon** has been set for Tuesday, May 4th. Coordinating this year's luncheon is Jolie Warnaar. She is looking for volunteers to help out with this event. If you are available to come in and help for the lunch or would like to send in food or paper products please contact Jolie at #679-5998. Thank you for your support.

PTO would like to apologize to Angela Yado. Her name was accidentally left out of our newsletter last week as one of the Carnival Committee members. Angela's countless hours of preparation and organization for the games made this carnival possible. We would like to thank her and the entire committee for a fabulous school carnival!

Mark your calendars for May 29th for the **Mother/Son event!!** Come out and join us for a Kalamazoo Kings game. 1st pitch is thrown at 7:05pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00. \$2.50 of this will come back to your school. If you can't make this game, these tickets are good for any home game during this regular season. Love to attend the games...get all your tickets in advance and support your school at the same time. For more information see the flyer that came home last week or contact Sarah Powers #679-3677.

Immunization Updates:

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year the state of Michigan will have new immunization requirements. All children entering kindergarten, all 6th grade students and all children changing school districts will need to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine or history of chickenpox disease. All children 11-18 years of age who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6th grade will need one dose of meningococcal vaccine and one dose of tetanus/diphtheria/acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (if 5 years have passed since last dose) If your child receives required immunizations at any time throughout the school year, please notify the school office with that information. The school is required to report these twice during the school year. Thanks for your cooperation.

Student Placement for Fall 2010:

In the spring of each year, the Upper Elementary staff spends a significant amount of time developing class lists for the following year. It is a team effort and is done with great care. We carefully balance classes according to several factors, including: boy/girl ratio, academic performance, emotional development, individual student work habits and reading ability. We make every attempt to place each child in an environment that encourages the best growth academically, socially and emotionally. We, as professionals, feel that we always keep the best interest of the children foremost as we work for appropriate placements. You, as parents, know your children well. If you wish to share some information that will help us, please communicate your opinions and describe the learning atmosphere you feel would be best for your child to your child's teacher in writing by May 1st. We are 100% committed to working together for the successful placement of your child, but please understand that we do not guarantee desired placement of any student.

Upcoming Events:

April 23 rd	Schoolcraft Little League Picture Night – U.E. Ball Diamonds (U.E. gym inclement weather)
April 24 th	Schoolcraft Little League Opening Day & Parade – 9:00 a.m. E.E. Line up
May 11 th	PTO Meeting 6:30 p.m. – U.E. Library
May 17 th	Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. H.S.