

News & Notes for May 4, 2012
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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. If the temperature is 49* or below the students must have a coat on to go outside; 50* or above a sweatshirt or light jacket is required. Thank you.

PTO News

Last Meeting of the School Year: **Tuesday, May 8th** at 6:30 in the UE library. Childcare is available in the gym.

Girls on the Run

The GOTR season officially began on Monday, March 12th. Girls will meet on either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday for the 10 week season. Please remember to send your daughter with weather appropriate sweat pants or shorts on their practice days. Thank you!

Immunization Updates

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 2012

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:

May 9	Upper Elementary Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 21	School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. H.S.
May 22	4 th Grade Kalamazoo Nature Center Field Trip
May 22	5 th Grade Music Concert 7:00 H.S. P.A.C.
May 24	Girls on the Run 5K at Waldo Stadium
May 25	EFA Chenery Auditorium – Mein/Puhalski/Stephan's Classes
May 28	Memorial Day – No School for Staff or Students
May 29	3 rd Grade Field Trip to the Kingman Museum
May 31	Upper Elementary Orientation Day 12:45/1:45 p.m.
June 1	5 th Grade Field Trip to the Air Zoo 8:30/2:00 p.m.
June 4	Upper Elementary Fun Day A.M. Only
June 5	Schoolcraft Public Library Summer Reading Skit 8:15 a.m.
June 5	U.E. Fun Day Rain Date
June 5	3 rd Grade Class Picnic 11:00/2:50 p.m. – U.E. Playground
June 7	A.R. Movie – H.S. P.A.C. 12:00/2:45 p.m.
June 8	Last ½ day of School for Students!!!!