



Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 17, 08-09

CALENDAR

June 1-June 5

Monday, June 1

3:30-4:30 p.m. Fifth Grade Only
Track Practice

Tuesday, June 2

10:45-12:45 Grade 4 (Leiser)
Meals on Wheels
8:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Kindergarten
Field Trip (Sabby AM,
Andrusko AM)
Daninger Farm
1:00 p.m.-??? Fifth Grade District
Track Meet-Irondale-
Students leave at noon



Wednesday, June 3

Rain date for district track meet

Thursday, June 4

Special Ed-Picnic McCullough Park
Kindergarten Pretend Beach Day
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Grade 3 Field Trip,
(Carlisle) Feed My
Starving Children
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Grade 2 Field Trip
(Halvorsen/Sentz)-Water
Treatment Plant
1:15-5:00 p.m.-Fourth and Fifth Grade
Choirs and AME to
Macalester College
2:00-3:00 p.m.-Class Plays (Brooks)
Turtle Hall
2:15-3:10 p.m.-Lake Johanna Fire
Department (Arrell)



Friday, June 5

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.-Grade 2 Field Trip
(Sheppard/Stimpson)-
Water Treatment Plant
10:05 a.m.-1:20 p.m.-Grade 1 Field Trip
to Children's Museum

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One of the best ways to be successful is to follow the advice you give to others."

"Reflections" of a Retiring Teacher...

by Dennis Nelson, Fourth Grade Teacher

It may seem grandiose and self indulgent to write "reflections" about a career that is coming to a close, but when it comes to being a teacher, there are so many stories one can tell!

In the course of a teacher's career, they've worked with thousands of students, attempting to inspire every child, every day. A retiring teacher has met countless times students' parents to monitor and celebrate progress. We've hugged children crying because of a skinned elbow, the loss of a pet, the death of a parent. We've laughed with children (the best thing, ever!), listened to a gazillion really bad jokes, and heard stories parents hoped wouldn't be shared (especially with the teacher). We've sung songs, written group poems (good grief!), and read untold books aloud. We've seen eager faces, ready to learn; discouraged faces, wondering how to make a friend; smiling faces full of pride, having accomplished a task successfully. A retired teacher has used countless pens (originally only red) correcting, modeling, and praising. A retiring teacher has arrived early, stayed late, erased boards, written tests, made the call to a parent, signed a few million papers, laid awake at night concerned about a child, and whistled all the way to work, excited about another day.

And the reason why was always the same.....your child.

It has been our pleasure, our blessing, and an honor. Thank you.



**Congratulations to all of our retiring teachers,
Dennis Nelson, Bev Ogren, Carmen Sheppard, and Mavis Schwanz.
Thank you for all of your years of dedicated service!**

CALENDAR

June 8-June 9



Monday, June 8

Second Grade Picnic

10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fifth Grade Celebration

10:50 -11:40 a.m. Second Grade Picnic

1:00-3:00 p.m. Grade 3 End of Year Activity in Turtle Hall

1:00-3:00 p.m. Fourth Grade Bowling

12:45-2:00 p.m. First Grade Track and Field

Tuesday, June 9

Last Day of School

10:15 a.m. Fifth Grade Awards, Turtle Hall

12:00-2:30 p.m. Fifth Grade Bowling

1:00-3:15 p.m. Fourth Grade Talent Show, Turtle Hall

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR CHIPPEWA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chippewa Middle School's principal, Sheila Eller, has announced that she will be moving back to live with her husband in Virginia, and will be leaving the Chippewa community at the end of this school year.

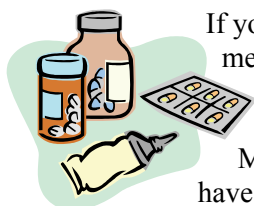
"Leaving us was a very difficult decision for her," said Superintendent Dan Hoverman.

"She's a talented educator and administrator who will be missed, and we wish her all the best."

To replace Eller, Highview Middle School's principal Dr. Mona Fadness has accepted a transfer to Chippewa, effective July 1. Fadness has been a middle school educator for more than 25 years, and has been serving as principal of Highview in New Brighton for the last 12 years. Throughout her career as a teacher and administrator, she has mentored new staff members in middle level education philosophy and has facilitated the adoption of many innovative programs. "Mona's work in our district has clearly demonstrated a commitment to excellence in education for all of our students," said Hoverman.

For more information, please visit www.moundviewschools.org.

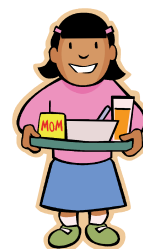
From the Health Office



If your child has a prescription or over the counter medication in the health office, it should be picked up by Friday June 5th. If not picked up by Friday, it will be sent home with students either Monday, June 8th or Tuesday, June 9th. If you have any questions, or would like to make other arrangements, please call Darlene at 651-621-7734.

Lunch Account Reminder

Beginning May 16th students must have enough money in their accounts to cover their lunch each day. After May 16th, students will not be allowed to have a negative balance. If there is not enough money in your child's account, they will receive a cheese sandwich and milk. We will be taking deposits through the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please call 651-621-7709.



Student Council News

Turtle Lake Food Drives

Thank you to everyone who participated in our monthly food drives this year. Your generosity helped us collect 7,552 pounds of food for Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. The summer is the most heavily used time of the year for the food shelf. Please consider donating over the next few months. Your support is truly appreciated!



Pop Tops for Puppy Love

Thanks to everyone who collected pop tops this year. We collected 99 pounds of pop tops with your help. The pop tops will go to Puppy Love, an organization that trains dogs, free of charge, to assist persons with disabilities. Keep collecting over the summer!



THEME OF THE WEEK

Be At Your Best During the Summer Months

- Respect yourself and believe in your good qualities and abilities.
- Continue to be honest, respectful, and cheerful.
- Read good books and use your time well.
- Choose friends who will help you be a better person. This will certainly make you a happier person.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Respect, Responsibility, and the Right to Learn!

Turtle Lake Elementary School

1141 Lepak Court
Shoreview, MN 55126
Craig Sundberg, Principal
Darin Johnson, Student Services
Assistant

School Hours

School day begins at 8:50 a.m.
Students enter building at 8:35 a.m.
Kdgn a.m. session: 8:50-11:30 a.m.
Kdgn p.m. session: 12:40-3:20 p.m.
School dismisses at 3:20 p.m.
Early release days dismiss at 11:50 a.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Office.....651-621-7700
FAX.....651-621-7705
Voicemail.....651-621-6100
Attendance.....651-621-7701

E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsvIEWSschools.org

District Website

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org

Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org/turtlelake

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Turtle Tales is published semimonthly.
Past volumes are available on our school's website:

www.moundsvIEWSschools.org/turtlelake.

Copy deadline for issue No. 1 '09-'10

.....Monday, September 14

Publication date for issue No. 1 '09-'10

.....Friday, September 18

Items for submission may be e-mailed to
Sandra.Solheim@moundsvIEWSschools.org or
brought to the office.



Collecting School Supplies

Student Council is once again collecting new and gently used school supplies to be donated to those in need. Any supplies you wish to donate will be collected from now through the last day of school on June 9th. Items can be dropped off in the boxes located outside of the art room (208) in the specialist hallway. Items collected will be distributed to students who are unable to purchase their own.



Linder's Fundraiser

Thank you to all who participated in our Linder's Fundraiser. The funds raised will go to support student council projects of the 2009-2010 school year. A special thanks to Lisa Mattson who ordered and picked up all the gift certificates!



Product Collection News

All of those box tops, milk caps, Campbell's labels, Tyson labels, cell phone and ink cartridges have paid off. These items brought in over \$5,500 in cash and tens of thousands of Campbell's points for our school. Thank you to everyone who participated in this program this year.

There were several volunteers who made this program a success this school year including the dedicated Friday morning counting crew of Anne and Terry Rasmussen, Brenda Cerkenik, Kelly Breemeersch, Missy Sheldon and Susan Brooks. We also had a devoted group of at-home volunteers who helped trim and count thousands of box tops and Campbell's labels so we could turn them into cash! A BIG thank you to Kim Waldon and Betsi Olson for helping with this tedious task all year long!

Safety Patrol News:

Safety Patrol Vest Collection

Please turn in your patrol vests starting Monday, June 1st. All vests must be turned in to Mrs. McIntyre by Friday, June 5th. You will still be a patrol until the last day of school, even without your vest. Thank you for all your hard work. We appreciate your dedication!

2009-2010 Safety Patrols

Letters were sent home notifying applicants of their selection for the 2009-2010 school year. Training will take place next fall. We look forward to working with the new patrols next year.



Turtle Lake Bus Safety Patrol of the Year

Congratulations to Maria LaMere! Maria was named Turtle Lake Bus Safety Patrol of the Year at the Ramsey County Patrol Picnic on May 12th. Congratulations Maria and thanks for doing a great job! Also, thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped with our patrol picnic!

WORD OF THE WEEK

*Word of the
Week*

Week of June 1st:

Clever

Definition –having bright and quick intelligence

Book: *The End*

Author/

Illustrator:

David

LaRoche/

Richard Egelski



THANK YOU

Thank you to the many parents who brought treats to Turtle Lake for Thoughtful Thursdays and those who contributed to the conference dinners and staff appreciation luncheon. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated!



TRACK THANK YOU

The track coaches and participants want to extend a HUGE thank you to all of the parents who helped out at the track meets. Without your help and support we couldn't have run our meets as efficiently as we did.

**THANKS-WE
APPRECIATE
YOU!!!!**



Summer Reading Lists Coming Soon!

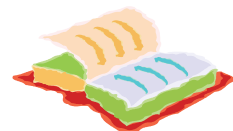


Back by popular demand for the summer of 2009 are the grade-level reading lists prepared by Turtle Lake's library media specialists. Each list contains a variety of titles for reading alone or sharing as read-alouds. The books are an assortment of fiction and nonfiction titles, old and new books, all of which were selected to generate interest in a range of topics. Each student will receive a copy of the grade-level list before the end of the school year. The lists will also be available on the Turtle Lake web site soon.

Donated Library Books-Thank You!

Max & Carianna Doyle in memory of Mrs. Trapp—The Name Quilt

Delaune family in memory of Mrs. Trapp—The Next Place



Info Lit Bits – May 2009

Third graders finished listening to *The Water Horse*, and saw the "water horse" safely delivered to Loch Ness. They're now discussing a selection of amazing-but-true tales from Sandra Markle's *Animal Heroes: True Rescue Stories*.

Second graders are listening to the heroic deeds of eight canines in *My Dog, My Hero* by Betsy Byars, Betsy Duffey, and Laurie Myers. Which dog will win the coveted "My Hero" medal?

Computer labs have been "booked" for end-of-the-year testing, so fifth and fourth graders have been working on their low-tech but oh-so-handy map skills by exploring the features of a Minnesota road map. They've become expert map folders!

Second, third, and fourth grade students have been creating their own simple comic strips on the *Make Beliefs Comix* web site:
www.makebeliefscomix.com

Ms. Kehrwald's and Ms. Darden's fourth-grade students have been studying the characteristics of superheroes in class. In Info Lit, they're using Micro-soft Publisher to create 5-panel comic strips introducing their own superheroes and their special powers.

From now until the end of the school year, students will be working with Scratch, a new programming environment developed by a research group at the MIT Media Lab. Besides being just plain fun, the program is designed to develop 21st Century Learning Skills. To read more about Scratch, and to download the FREE program, visit their web site: <http://scratch.mit.edu>

BOTTLE CAP RECYCLING PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone at Turtle Lake who contributed to our Bottle Cap Recycling Program. Earth Day - April 22nd was our official kick-off day for the program at Turtle Lake and 4 large cartons have already been filled with caps! The collection box is located inside the main entrance just outside of Turtle Hall. Caps can continue to be dropped off between now and the end of the school year. Mrs. Stimpson and her students will empty the collection box periodically and prepare the caps for shipment back to Aveda.

A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Stimpson's second grade class for championing this wonderful program. Let's each of us help make a difference for our Earth and all of its inhabitants.



SUMMER HELP WANTED

Can You Help This Summer?

The Turtle Lake office is looking for volunteers who can help with Back to School mailings. If you are available to help, please return this form before the last day of school.

Bonnie Mitchell will contact volunteers on an as needed basis throughout the summer. Thanks!

Name:

Phone #:

Email Address:



Art News

The art in the hallways will stay up until June 3rd or 4th. The following classes are on display until then:

Mrs. Klugow's and Mrs. Vesaas' classes created the still life collages that are by the gym.

Ms. Roberts' class created the landscape pictures that are near the gym.

Ms. Weber's, Ms. Arrell's, and Mrs. Lyttle's classes created the tree drawings. Weber's are near the gym, Arrell's are in the hallway between the gym and lunchroom, and Lyttle's are in specialist hallway.

Miss Halvorsen's class created the Matisse-style collages in specialist hallway.

Mrs. Leiser's and Mr. Nelson's classes created the pop art prints and Mrs. Mergens' class created the Victorian house collages that are in the hallway between the gym and the lunchroom.

Mrs. Milow's class created the perspective drawings that are near the gym.

Ms. Vanderport's class created the pop art prints that are near the gym.

The art in frames near the office are photographs of the original artwork and will remain in the frames over the summer. Artists that are newly represented in frames include Alex Courier, Mika Voges, Rose Thompson, Madison Medwid, Montwuse Williams, Natalie Hedger, Brynn Fahlstrom, Charlie Floeder, Willie Reim, Kate Peterson, Michelle Wang (4th grade), Grace Ebert, and Alex Rosenflanz.

Fifth grade finished their portraits and many of them were displayed at the wax museum. They looked fantastic! Fifth grade also learned about pop artist Andy Warhol and created prints.

Fourth grade finished linear perspective drawing and are now working on atmospheric perspective drawings of birds.

Third grade is almost done with weaving. They looked at weavings by Swedish, Mexican, African, and Native American artists.

Second grade completed their weavings and also learned about a language used by the Zulu people of South Africa in which messages are sent using colored beads. You may have seen one of the second grade beaded messages.

First grade has learned about Victorian architecture, Russian-born artist Marc Chagall, and Prehistoric Cave paintings.

I hope you will choose to keep up your art skills in the summer! Even if you don't take a class, you can make a cardboard loom and weave in the car on long trips. You can draw just about anytime. You can visit a museum or art gallery or sculpture garden. You can submit artwork to the State Fair. To find out how, go to the State Fair website. The deadline is usually in early August. I would love to hear about your art adventures at back to school night at the end of the summer!

Bring a picture you made over the summer to meet the teacher night and I will put it up in the hallway!

Have a great summer!

Mrs. Nara

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Turtle Lake is looking for a few volunteers to help spread new mulch on the playground during the week of August 24th. If you are looking for a fun family volunteer opportunity or know of students who are in need of community service hours, this would be a perfect project! For more information and to sign up, please contact Mr. Darin Johnson at darin.johnson@moundsvIEWSchools.org or 651.621.7720.



TURTLE TALES ONLINE

Current issues of Turtle Tales, as well as past volumes are available online at www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake.

Starting in the fall of 2009, Turtle Tales will only be available online. Please check out Turtle Tales online for calendar information, interesting articles, and school news. To automatically have Turtle Tales sent to your e-mail address, please visit moundsvIEWSchools.org/enews to subscribe.



Thanks for the great year!
We look forward to Fall 2009!

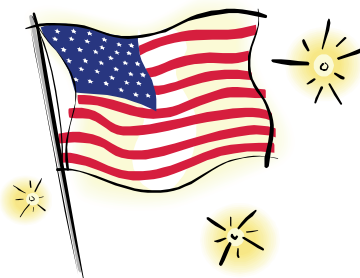
Fifth Grade Wax Museum



On Tuesday, May 19th, the entire 5th grade class celebrated a historical figure by opening their own Wax Museum. Each member of the fifth grade class chose a historical figure to research and emulate in the wax museum. The fifth grade students prepared a speech to present to parents and families of students.

Elizabeth McElyea as Elizabeth Blackwell, Maria LaMere as Harriet Beecher Stowe, Lucy Hansen as Sacagawea

Austin Trapnell as John Glenn



Mark Your Calendar

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, September 2nd at our "Meet Your Teacher, Find Your Room" event. Your child's classroom placement will be posted in Turtle Hall and outside of the grade level classrooms. Placement information will not be available prior to this event. Due to the number of students, the evening will be divided into two sessions. We strongly encourage families to adhere to the following alphabetic rotation for the event; this will allow the students a better opportunity to meet their teacher.



Last Names A—M
Last Names N—Z

Please attend 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Please attend 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Students should bring their school supplies on September 2nd.



TURTLE LAKE SCHOOL SUPPLIES 2009-10

PLEASE BRING SUPPLIES TO "MEET YOUR TEACHER" DAY
Wednesday, September 2nd

KINDERGARTEN

Please put your child's name on the following:
School bag - Large enough to easily hold a folder.
(Students will receive a Turtle Lake folder.)

Tennis shoes - Required for gym class. Tennis shoes may be worn to school on gym day.

In Kindergarten, we share the supplies listed below. Please DO NOT label these items.

Pencils - 10 - #2 pencils. (No Pentech brand)

Glue - 10 glue sticks. Elmer's or 3M glue sticks recommended.

Crayons - 6 boxes of eight crayons. Please do not send jumbo or fluorescent crayons. Crayola brand recommended. If the store is out, please bring in later.

Crackers - 1 box of large crackers (not bite size).

Tissues - 1 large box.

\$15 special activity/party fee used for projects like cooking and graphing, holiday parties, and a weekly magazine, Time For Kids. **Please send cash only.**

GRADE 1

Pencils, crayons, and glue will be collected and used by the class - please do not label.

Pencils - 3 doz. **SHARPENED** - No Pentech or Eagle Sanford brand.

Crayons - 3 boxes of 24 crayons

White glue - 1 (4 oz.) bottle - Elmer's is preferred

Label with child's name:

Washable Wide Markers

Scissors - metal (should be able to cut yarn, etc). Fiskars lasts longer.

School box - Plastic holds up longer than cardboard.

Paint shirt - An adult T-Shirt is fine.

Tennis/gym shoes (On gym days) -wear every day or carry in school bag daily.

Tissues - Large box - unscented.

Soap - a dispenser of liquid soap

Glue sticks - 5

Colored Pencils

Back Pack - large enough for art projects, pocket folders, shoes, etc.

\$12 activity fee - This will cover the cost of parties, classroom enrichment activities, portfolio binders, and writing books. If paying by check, make payable to the homeroom teacher.

Please do not send: Ink pens, pencil sharpeners, organizers, or Trapper Keepers.

Calculators: Information will be provided after the start of school.

GRADE 2

Pencils - Do Not Label. 4 doz. Dixon Ticonderoga #2, sharpened.

2 pkgs. pencil top erasers

Colored Pencils - small pack

Non-alcoholic hand wipes

Wide markers

6 Glue sticks - prefer Elmer's

1 Large eraser

White glue - 1 (4-oz. bottle)

Scissors (Fiskars are best). **Label with child's name**

6 Pocket folders with clasps - (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow, 1 orange, 1 purple)

School box (plastic - not the super size) **Label**

Paint shirt - (short sleeves) **Label**

Tennis shoes (on gym days)

Crayons - 2 boxes of 24 crayons

5 Composition books - wide rule

Tissues (large box for class to share)

1 box of gallon size box Ziploc bags

1 box of sandwich size Ziploc bags

School bag - **Label**

Calculator - Bring your first grade calculator. - **Label**

Coins for math (in small labeled plastic container)

4 quarters, 15 dimes, 10 nickels, 20 pennies

Soap - a dispenser of liquid soap

NO Trapper Keepers or pencil sharpeners please.

\$15.00 activity fee - This will cover the cost of dictionaries, parties and classroom enrichment activities. Additional items may be requested by teachers after school starts. **Please send cash only.**





PLEASE BRING SUPPLIES TO "MEET YOUR TEACHER" DAY
Wednesday, September 2nd

Grade 3 Label Everything With Name

Small pencil sharpeners with attached cover
Pencils - 2 dozen #2 lead pencils (natural wood preferred; replenish mid-year)
Crayons
5 wide-lined spiral notebooks
2 boxes of tissues
Ruler - metric & standard
Pencil tip erasers
Scissors
Pocket folders with 3 prongs - 5 (1 each of red, green, blue, yellow, purple)
2 Scotch tape
Red correcting pens - 1 package
Colored pencils
Yellow highlighters - 2
2 Glue sticks
Tennis shoes (if not worn)
Paint shirt
Washable markers
\$15 Activity Fee - classroom parties, enrichment activities. **Cash is preferred.** If paying by check, make payable to the homeroom teacher.
Calculator TI 10 or TI15 may be used.
NoTrapper Keepers - Desks are not large enough to hold them.

GRADE 4 - DO NOT Label Everything With Name

Colored pencils or crayons
40 pencils - #2 lead, sharpened. No Rose Art brand please, Ticonderoga preferred.
Covered pencil sharpener
Post-it notes
Tissues - 1 large box
1 bottle of hand soap (not sanitizer)
Scotch Tape, 1 Glue Stick
Red correcting pens - 5-6
Highlighters
Paint shirt - Label with name
Ruler - metric & standard, on one
TI15 calculator is strongly encouraged
Markers
Scissors
Erasers
Spiral wide-lined notebooks - 6
Solid Color pocket folders - 6
\$20.00 activity fee for planner, parties and special events. **Cash is preferred. Grade 4 planners have been purchased by teachers.**
Do not buy Trapper Keepers—not enough room for them. **Additional items will be announced in class.**

Grade 5—Label Everything with name

#2 pencils - 2 dozen (if mechanical pencils, supply own lead)
Small covered pencil sharpener
Colored pencils - large pack
Fine-line markers (black & colored)
Spiral single subject wide-lined notebooks - 6
Light colored pocket folders - 5
Erasers
Adult scissors - labeled with name
Paint Shirt - optional
One 2" three-ring binder - zipper closure
Loose leaf wide-lined paper - 2 packs
Tissues - 2 large boxes
Glue sticks - 2
Red correcting pens
Highlighter pens (3 different colors)
Post-it tape flags and Post-It notes
Clear Scotch tape
1 bottle of hand sanitizer
*** Additional items may be announced in class.**
*** Supplies need to be replenished during the year.**
TI15 calculator (or comparable) is required. It will be available for purchase at the Meet Your Teacher Night.
\$25.00 fee for: In-class enrichment activity fund, Turtle Lake Planner (do not purchase a different planner), **Time for Kids, poetry books, and geometry template.** **Please make this check payable to Ms. Kjellberg to cover these items.**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Texas Instrument Calculators TI15

Calculators will be available for purchase at "Meet Your Teacher, Find Your Room" and Parent Information Nights (PIN) events. Price for the TI 15 is \$14.50. Checks should be made payable to "Calculators, Inc."