

**Friday, January 27, 2012**

Words From Wilshire is now being sent via email to all of our families. If you are not receiving the email version, please email Cindy Ridge to be added to the contact list: [cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us)

**Important!**

**No School Monday, January 30, 2012.**

Dear Families,

The end of the quarter/semester is here! I appreciate seeing the hard work of our students for the first half of the year. Their dedication and commitment to learning is exceptional!

**There is no school for students on Monday, January 30.** Our staff will use the day for staff development training. We will be learning about educational equity, sometimes called the achievement gap, and what we can do as educators to ensure all students are able to achieve. In the afternoon we will be continuing a book study project that helps us teach students how to have a "growth mindset" while they are learning. A growth mindset can motivate all students to improve in school. We will also be studying our curriculum, and mapping the new language arts standards that have been given to us by the Minnesota Department of Education.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the last, "Coffee with the Principal." Anna Nelson and Carrie Nord presented information about Positive Behavior Intervention Supports in which we use Panda Pride to encourage positive behavior. If you couldn't attend, feel free to watch the downloaded version accessible on our web page: <http://www.stanthony.k12.mn.us/WP/>

**We have a big event coming up on Friday, February 3rd: the popular Fun Fest** organized by the WPPA! Thanks to Angela Martin for chairing this event and also the many volunteers that make the night successful. Students may NOT stay after school to attend the Fun Fest; students should leave the school premises and return with a parent or responsible adult. I would ask parents for your help in supervising your child or children at this event. There are still many opportunities to volunteer at Fun Fest. I hope we have many volunteers to run the games as well as to help with supervision.

With our MCA tests approaching in April we ask you to continue to encourage your child to read every day, discuss new vocabulary, and ask questions of your child about the stories that you may read together. We also encourage you to find math applications in your everyday life. Ask your child to make change for you or quiz basic facts while you are riding in the car. Make learning fun!

Thanks again for all you do to prepare your child for school every day and for your support! It is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Kari Page, Principal

[kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:kpage@stanthony.k12.mn.us)

**Important Phone Numbers:**  
Wilshire Park School Office: 612.706.1200  
Wilshire Park Attendance Line: 612.706.1204  
MN Central Bus Company: 651.633.0300 or 651.430.3311

## What Our Students are Learning:

### **From Physical Education Specialists, Mr. Allison and Mrs. Egan:**

In Physical Education we encourage children to wear their tennis shoes to class. Please remind your child on the days they have Physical Education to wear or bring their tennis shoes. Your child will be receiving points for having their tennis shoes in class. It is very important that children have the proper footwear on when they are taking part in activities to avoid injury. Thank you for helping our program to be successful!

### **From Science Specialist, Mrs. Lusvardi:**

As the first semester of science draws to a close, I am saddened to send my scientists on their way for the year but excited to be getting a new group of scientists to work with. Here's a recap of the first semester:

- Kindergarten scientists have investigated color, seasons, and are just finishing a unit on scientific tools. They have used their most important scientific tools, their senses, eye droppers, safety goggles, rubber gloves, graduated cylinders, magnifying glasses, and microscopes. Morning kindergarten students will now switch from science to STEM classes while the afternoon kindergarten class will begin science as we start the second semester. Science rules!
- First graders have become geologists—rock experts. They have investigated rocks of varying sizes and can identify the rock sizes of boulders, pebbles, gravel, sand, silt, and clay. We are finishing the semester by exploring soil to see if we can find and identify its contents. Science rocks!
- Second graders are air and weather experts—meteorologists. After exploring what air can do, the effects of air pressure, air resistance, compressed air, and wind, they have used that knowledge to study weather equipment. They spent time making paper thermometers and have looked at what is included in a weather report. Cool!
- Third graders have become “spacey.” The astronomers studied the planets, what it means to rotate on an axis, revolve in an orbit, the moon, asteroids, meteors, and stars. We end the semester by learning about constellations and the stories behind them from both Greek mythology and several Native American cultures. Far out!
- Fourth grade scientists did in-depth studies of several mineral samples. They conducted actual field tests that geologists use “in the field” to learn how to identify samples by their different properties. At the end of their studies, they put together a mineral profile booklet to show what they know. Rock on!
- Fifth grade geographers started by making models and maps of the Wilshire Park school grounds. They observed the effects water has on shaping the land through erosion and deposition. They further studied what happens when a slope or flood is involved in shaping landforms. After designing and implementing their own investigation on how humans influence the shape of the land, they studied elevation, topographic maps, and mountain profiles. Wahoo!

**From Art Specialist, Mrs. Frudden:**

Can it be that we have already reached the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester?! We've been keeping busy drawing, painting, and working in clay these last few weeks. As I look back over the semester I am so pleased by the progress that first semester Wilshire Park artists have made. I'm looking ahead to the All School Art Show coming this May when the halls of Wilshire Park will be covered in Art! You will be hearing more about the Fine Art and WPPA Ice Cream Social Night as we get closer to May. We will be displaying the creative work of all 1<sup>st</sup> semester and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade artists. Art work will be sent home after the show.

This week in the studio:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade artists painted their clay wall pockets.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade artists used watercolor, crayon, and markers to put the finishing touches on their imaginary landscapes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade artists assembled handmade paper animals after studying the illustrations of Eric Carle.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade artists painted their coiled clay vessels.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade artists completed collaged self-portraits.

I'm looking forward to welcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Art students next week!

**From Music Specialist, Mrs. Smyth:**

Fourth and fifth graders performed beautifully for their concert "Beethoven's Apprentice." If you wish to order a DVD- please complete the order form (attached) and return the money and form to Mrs. Smyth. Parents may also order the DVD from "European Expedition" with the attached form.

- First graders are singing and skipping to a song about the months of the year. They are also singing about Martin Luther King.
- The second graders are singing a skating song and a song about Martin Luther King as well.
- Third graders are singing music from "The Wizard of Oz" and "Mary Poppins" and learning about acting.
- The fourth graders continue playing their recorders and are singing songs from the Caribbean.
- Fifth graders are recording their life stories and creating the Soundtrack for them.

**From Reading Specialist, Mrs. Shaw:**

All of Mrs. Shaw's Book Club kids and Ready Readers Club kids have been meeting individually these past two weeks to have their reading progress assessed as we near the end of Semester I. New groups and a new schedule will be formed for the second semester. Third graders will not be meeting with Mrs. Shaw during Semester II to make room in the schedule for the new kindergarten Letter Club groups. Parents will be receiving a Progress Report at the end of this month to let them know about their student's progress. I'm so proud of everyone's improvements in their reading skills and hope they continue to read and practice during these cold, snowy, winter days!

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## Thank You:

- Thank you to one of our school families for their recent donation towards 5<sup>th</sup> grade recognition activities and to our milk break scholarship fund.
- Thank you to Kelsey Oswald for her recent donation through her employer, Ameriprise. The gift was directed to Mrs. McCone's fifth grade classroom.



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## Events:

### **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: Hat Day**

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the quarter. Students are encouraged to wear their favorite or most unusual hat to school on that day.

### **No School on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Staff Development Day**

St. Anthony Community Center is open. Call 612.706.1166 to arrange child care.

### **Destination Imagination (DI) Practice Sessions And T-Shirt Spirit Days**

**8:00–9:00 a.m. (before school) on Tuesday mornings in the MPR:**

**January 31, February 7, February 14 and February 21**

Mrs. Boatman will be offering four Destination Imagination practice session for DI team members. She will work on instant challenges so that the after-school team time can be used for the Central Challenge skits.

These meetings are optional. However, please attend if you are able to fit it into your schedule. A big part of the competition in March is the Instant Challenge. Children are to immediately come to the multi-purpose room with coats, bags, and all, not the classrooms, when they come to school in the morning. Enter by the side parking lot door.

If you can't attend these sessions still mark your calendars for DI t-shirt spirit days for Wilshire Park.

## **Report Cards**

Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be receiving their report cards at school on Friday, February 3. If you have a kindergartner or first grader, you will be receiving their first report card of the year that day. Be sure to check your child's backpack on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **K-Kids “Pennies For Patients” from January 31-February 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Fifth Grade K-Kids recently visited classrooms to talk about the “Pennies For Patients” program. Students will be collecting loose change and donations in their classrooms next week. Donations will go to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Checks can be made out to the “Leukemia & Lymphoma Society”. The classroom which collects the most money for “Pennies for Patients”, will get a class pizza party! There will also be prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place classrooms. Last year, the Wilshire Park drive raised almost \$2,000!

## **Fun Fest is Friday, February 3rd from 4:00-8:00 p.m.**

### **Here is How YOU Can Help!**

Fun Fest is a Carnival like Event sponsored by WPPA (Wilshire Park Parents Association). We have games, bounce houses, food and lots and lots of prizes. We need well over 200 volunteers to make this event happen, which means, we need you! If you are a new parent or a veteran, please think about helping out for 1 hour. It's so fun to see the kids connecting with friends, winning prizes & having a great time!

- **VOLUNTEER:** If you would like to run a game with your child, that works too! Your child's school would really appreciate it! Please contact Angela Martin at [funfest@wilshireparents.org](mailto:funfest@wilshireparents.org) or call me at 612-789-0383. We have lots of slots yet to fill from 5-6, 6-7 and 7-8. Teachers & Staff will be running the games from 4-5 and it's really fun for the kids to see their teachers outside the regular school day! Since we have just one week left until this event, if we don't get enough volunteers, we will have to cancel many of the games and make this event much smaller than we'd hoped!
- **DONATE CAKES: WE NEED CAKES!**
  - WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING A STORE BOUGHT CAKE, CUPCAKES, OR OTHER BAKERY LIKE ITEMS?
  - DROP OFF ITEMS IN THE OFFICE TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3. YOU WILL RECEIVE TICKETS FOR EACH ITEM DONATED. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING TRACK THE NUMBER OF CAKES ON FRIDAY, CONTACT ANGELA!!
- **ATTEND WITH YOUR CHILD:** This is a very affordable event for families. We sell tickets for .40 each or 5 for \$2.00. We have not raised the prices on tickets for several years to keep this a low cost-high fun event!! Most games are just one ticket. The same tickets purchased for games can also be used on the food sold in the cafeteria!

As always, all children who attend Fun Fest, must be accompanied by an adult. Children are not permitted to stay after school on Friday. They should go home as usual and come back with their parents/guardians!

If you have any further questions, contact Angela: [funfest@wilshireparents.org](mailto:funfest@wilshireparents.org) to sign-up.

Thank you!

### **Coffee with the Principal:**

**Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

Parents are invited to coffee and cookies with Principal Kari Page. Our topic in February will be "The Costs of College". Retired High School Principal, Tom Keith will present the information you will need to make plans NOW for your child's college education. No reservations are needed; please come if your schedule allows!



## **Important Testing Dates: Please Update Your Calendar**

There is a misprint in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School Calendar for this year regarding the MCA testing dates for this school year. All students in grades 3-5 will take MCAs.

The calendar states that we will hold MCA Math on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, MCA reading on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and MCA science (5<sup>th</sup> grade only) the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We made this testing schedule last Spring based off of previous years, however, the state has mandated that MCA math and reading cannot begin until the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. The new testing dates are as follows:

- April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> : MCA math grades 3-5
- April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>: MCA reading grades 3-5
- Week of April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>: MCA science grade 5
- MAP testing then will be from May 7<sup>th</sup>-June 1<sup>st</sup>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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## **Announcements:**

### **Superintendent Search Update:**

#### **School Board to Interview Superintendent Candidates**

In a meeting on January 23, 2012, consultants from School Exec Connect met with the School Board of St. Anthony-New Brighton School District to report on the search for a new superintendent. Consultants Dr. Toni Johns and Dr. Ken Dragseth reported that thirty-seven candidates completed the application process for the superintendent position. Applicants were screened according to the superintendent profile, which was developed based on survey and focus group results from stakeholders in the school district. Johns and Dragseth recommended a slate of candidates to the Board for consideration. The Board voted unanimously to accept the slate of seven candidates. **Christopher Bates** is the Superintendent of Pine Island School District. **Jacqueline Johnston** is the Director of Community Education for District 112, Eastern Carver County Schools. **William (Bob) Laney** is the Assistant Superintendent of St. Louis Park Public Schools. **Barry Olson** is the Principal/Superintendent of Blooming Prairie Public Schools. **Laurie Resch** is the Director of Elementary Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment for Anoka-Hennepin School District. **Kevin Wellen** is the Superintendent of District #2168, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools. **Lee Westrum** is the Superintendent of Benson Public Schools.

### **School Board Meetings:**

#### **January 23, 2012**

- **7:00 pm** Purpose: Selection of superintendent candidates to be interviewed.

#### **January 25, 2012**

- **4:00 pm** Purpose: Interview superintendent candidates.

#### **January 26, 2012**

- **4:00 pm** Purpose: Interview superintendent candidates.

## **January 31, 2012**

- **5:00 pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: Community members and parents interview superintendent candidate. School Board Members present.
- **6:00 pm Village Pub**
- Purpose: School Board dinner with superintendent candidate.
- **7:30 pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: School Board interviews superintendent candidate.

## **February 1, 2012**

- **5:00 pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: Community members and parents interview superintendent candidate. School Board Members present.
- **6:00 pm Village Pub**
- Purpose: School Board dinner with superintendent candidate.
- **7:30 pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: School Board interviews superintendent candidate.

## **February 2, 2012 (if needed)**

- **5:00 pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: Community members and parents interview superintendent candidate. School Board Members present.
- **6:00pm Village Pub**
- Purpose: School Board dinner with superintendent candidate.
- **7:30pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: School Board interviews superintendent candidate.
- **8:30pm MS/HS Media Center**
- Purpose: School Board makes decision on superintendent finalist.

## **PBIS: Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports Update**

The topic of the last Coffee with the Principal was PBIS (Positive Behaviors Interventions & Supports). We discussed what that means and what PBIS looks like in our school. One topic we discussed was our school expectations for all areas of the building. A neat suggestion from parents was to send out our school-wide matrix we used to teach students what it means to be respectful, responsible and ready in all areas of the buildings so parents would be able to use the same language at home as far as expectations. Thank you parents for the great idea! The matrix is attached if you would like to use it!

Keep up the Panda Pride!

Anna Nagle

## **Information About School Lockdown Drills**

As in all schools, we strive to take every precaution possible in order to insure the safety of our students. Earlier this week, Wilshire Park conducted the third intruder drill of the school year. During this drill, after hearing an announcement, teachers lock their doors, turn off their classroom lights and keep students out of sight of anyone passing in the halls. During our earlier drill, staff and students did an excellent job. We will have a total of five intruder drills this year. Each drill takes less than 5 minutes. This would be an excellent opportunity to discuss safety precautions with your child, whether it be lockdown drills, fire-drills or safety in your own home and neighborhood.

## Kindergarten Registration for 2012-13 School Year

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2012 and live in the St. Anthony-New Brighton School District? Please e-mail [cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:cridge@stanthony.k12.mn.us) or call the school office at 612.706.1200 to be added to our kindergarten mailing list for the 2012-13 school year. Please contact us even if you think we already know about your child!

Kindergarten information for the 2012-13 school year will be mailed out in February. An information session about the All-Day Kindergarten option will be held on Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Warmup will take place on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Wilshire Park.

### Bus Company Information

MN Central School Bus is the company contracted for our student transportation. Occasionally delays in student pickup or drop-off may occur for a variety of reasons. Our office staff is always available to assist during office hours but please note our office does close at 4:00 p.m. Please make your first call to the bus company at: 651.633.0300 or 651.430.3311. Transportation phone numbers are also listed on the home page of the Wilshire Park website.

### Wear School Colors on Fridays

Students and staff are encouraged to wear school colors on Fridays (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.). Our school colors are royal blue and white. Our school mascot is the panda.



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From the Nurse:

### Give Kids a Smile!

February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be **Give Kids a Smile** days in Minnesota. On these days children who otherwise don't have access to dental care can get FREE dental care at local dental offices. Parents must call the United Way to make an appointment by dialing 211. Please see attached fliers in English and Spanish for more details!

It is not too late to get your flu shots if you haven't gotten them yet. The season flu has not peaked yet in Minnesota. All children over 6 months of age are encouraged to get the flu shot. The shot will cover both seasonal flu and H1N1. If you have questions about influenza please call the Health Office at 612-706-1205.

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## **Take Note:**

### **After School Change in Plans**

We understand that after-school plans for your child may change occasionally. Please send a note with your child or email the teacher, when possible. On those occasions when plans change during the school day, please call the school office as early as you can. Many times, the office staff is inundated with calls and visitors at the end of the day. Some grades have late-afternoon recess which makes it challenging to deliver a message to your child.

### **Yoplait and Dannon Yogurt: Cups of Hope**

- Mrs. Burba will collect your Yoplait yogurt lids to support breast cancer. Please bring rinsed lids to the school office.
- Also, give hope with every cup of Dannon Yogurt. Look for the lids with the pink Breast Cancer Ribbon, on the back of the lid there is a code on the back of the lid with instructions to go online to [www.cupsofhope.com](http://www.cupsofhope.com), Dannon will donate up to \$1.5 M to Breast Cancer Research. Please go online to be informed and put your health first. Thank you for caring by helping all mothers, daughters, sisters and friends find a cure to a disease that affects us all.

### **Money Sent to School with Your Child**

When sending money to school with your child, please mark the check or envelope clearly with your child's first and LAST name, teacher's name and why the money is being sent (lunch money, field trip, book order, All Day Kdgn. tuition, etc.). If paying on your child's lunch account, please include your child's Lunch PIN number.

### **Lost and Found:**

The Lost and Found area inside Door #3 has many, many lost sweatshirts and other items waiting to be found. Next time you are at school, please stop by and look for items your child may have left behind at school. A friendly reminder: If you mark your child's clothing, jackets, snowpants, boots, etc. with their name, we will do our best to return your child's items to them. Many Lost and Found items were donated to charity during Winter Break.

### **If Your Child is Absent or will be arriving late. . .**

Please call the attendance line at 612.706.1204. Please call before 9:05 a.m. (Afternoon kindergarten, please call before 12:50 p.m.) You may leave a message 24 hours a day.

### **After School Child Care**

Please remember to notify your child care provider if your child is ill or you pick up your child from school. Sometimes we receive calls from Kids' Connection, Nativity, etc. after school looking for children. Save all of us some anxious moments! We want to know that our children are safe.

### **Bus Stops**

Please be aware that if a bus stop goes unused for a period of 10 days, that stop may be inactivated by our bus company, Minnesota Central Transportation. Please contact our Transportation Director, Todd Niklaus at [tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us](mailto:tniklaus@stanthony.k12.mn.us) or 612.706.1117 if you need assistance with your child's bus route.

### **Flyers**

Non-school-related flyers are not sent home with students but will be made available to parents in the school office. Parents may also call the school office to request that a flyer be sent home.

**Flyers currently available in the school office:**

- **Piano Lessons** by Michelle Carpenter, a Wilshire Park mom: Individualized instruction – ½ hour lessons in my St. Anthony home. 20 years experience working with children of all abilities. Please e-mail: [michellelynn Carpenter@gmail.com](mailto:michellelynn Carpenter@gmail.com) or phone: 612.788.4679.
  - **St. Anthony Cub Scout Pack 153** would like you to consider scouting! It's not too late to join. A flyer is available in the school office or contact Cubmaster Michael Garrett at [garrett2600@comcast.net](mailto:garrett2600@comcast.net) or call 612.298.2962.
  - **Insightful Parenting Workshop, Saturday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. –Noon.** Facilitated by Dr. Steve Kahn and hosted by Oak Grove Lutheran Church in Richfield. For more information, contact: [Brice@oakgrovelutheran.org](mailto:Brice@oakgrovelutheran.org)
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## Community News:

### **MCGT (Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented) St. Anthony Parent Group**

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2012

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: St. Anthony Community Center Multi-Purpose Room  
3301 Silver Lake Road, St. Anthony Village

Topic: Activities and Games

**Kids are invited to this meeting!**

There will be activities for the kids and they are invited to bring a game.

The purpose of the MCGT St. Anthony Parent Group is to support parents of gifted learners. Over the years, we've discovered that our own gifted learners had special needs. Please join us to talk about these needs, share information and experiences, and connect with a group of parents of gifted learners. Bring your questions and discussion ideas for our open discussion time. Check out **MCGT** at their website ([www.MCGT.net](http://www.MCGT.net)) or contact us at [stanthony@mcgt.net](mailto:stanthony@mcgt.net) with questions. Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month.

#### **Looking ahead to the March meeting:**

Date: Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: St. Anthony Community Center

Activity Room – CS19

3301 Silver Lake Road

St. Anthony Village

Topic: IQ Testing

#### **\*Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented**

[Disclaimer: This is a parent-created, parent-lead, "booster" type of organization that is separate from the gifted and talented education opportunities currently available in the schools. We do not identify or classify gifted and talented students. We are solely available to assist parents who feel their child/children has/have gifted and talented abilities in the arts and music, social studies, humanities, and science and math areas. Our open door policy is in keeping with the mission statement of MCGT. There is no admission test for these meetings. All are welcomed to check us out.]

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**St. Anthony Boosters Baseball** registration is now open! Registration will close on Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-8. Traveling Tryouts will be held on March 25<sup>rd</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, and In-House Evaluations will take place April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for additional information or visit [www.boostersbaseball.com](http://www.boostersbaseball.com)

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### **Mark your Calendar: ST ANTHONY VILLAGE FEST**

Save the Dates: Friday-Sunday, August 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Parade on Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Details to follow!

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### **Question of the Week:**



**Question:** My child is not feeling well. How do I let the school know that he or she won't be in school?

**Answer:** Please let us know if your child will not be in school due to illness, appointment or other reason. You may leave a message on the Attendance Line: 612.706.1204 (24 hours a day), email or phone the school office, or email your child's teacher. If we do not hear from a parent, the office will call your phone numbers to make sure your child is safe.

### **Calendar: Looking Ahead!**

- **Friday, January 27:**
  - Last Day of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester/Hat Day (Students may wear their favorite or most unusual hat to school today).
- **Monday, January 30:**
  - **No School: Staff Development Day**
- **Tuesday, January 31:**
  - **Second Semester Begins**
  - 6:45-7:30 a.m. – ACHIEVE Independent Study Unit Parent Meeting – Wilshire Park Media Center
- **Wednesday, February 1:**
  - **No First Grade Concert today – Actual concert date is Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be sent home with first graders.**
- **Friday, February 3:**
  - Report Cards sent home with students in grades K-5 today.
  - 4:00-8:00 p.m. – Wilshire Park Fun Fest
- **Monday, February 6:**
  - 7:00 p.m. - WPPA Meeting – Staff Lounge
- **Wednesday, February 8:**
  - 7:50-8:45 a.m. – K-Kids Meeting - Cafeteria
- **Friday, February 10:**
  - 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Coffee & Conversation With the Principal – Multipurpose Room, all are welcome to attend, no reservation needed.
- **Wednesday, February 15:**
  - 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School!
  - 11:35-2:35 p.m. – Third Grade Field Trip to MN Center for Book Arts
- **Monday, February 20:**
  - **No School: Presidents' Day**

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