

SECOND DISTRICT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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October 2020

Second District Elementary School
Dr. Kurt R. Meader, Principal

Upcoming Events



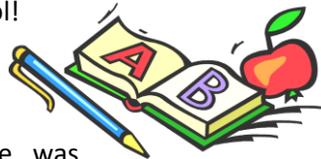
- 5-9 NWEA assessments gr K-2
- 5-16 NWEA assessments gr 3-6
- 6 5th gr Ag Encounter (virtual)
Progress reports sent home
- 7 Picture Day
- 12 Act 80 Day (no school for students)
- 14 PTO mt 6:00 p.m.
- 26-29 Red Ribbon Week
- 26 School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. (ISC)
- 29 Fall festival (no visitors)
- 30 Teacher Inservice Day (no school)

Message from the Principal

Welcome back to school!

Second District has a long history, dating back to the 1920s.

Before that time, there was another school located on the same site, South Ward School. As the historical marker on Main Street indicates, in 1880, Elias Allen, an African-American, tried to enroll his two children. This violated an 1854 state law that mandated separate schools by race. This law was found unconstitutional in court, which led to the desegregation of schools in Pennsylvania.



We are now living through another historical event, a pandemic. I wish I could say that all is normal, but that isn't true. We have a new normality this school

year with face coverings, physical distancing, alternative scheduling, no visitors, etc.

Regardless of these challenges, we remain proud to work with the community, and we recognize that there is more to a child than the mandated reading, writing, and math tests. We also value safety, diversity, and community support. Our students have many talents and work hard.

I am proud of our outstanding, hard-working staff, and our award-winning school. Our teachers have proven themselves to be successful educators, and I am confident that they will continue to provide an excellent educational opportunity to every student.

-Dr. Meader

Meals at School

We are pleased to announce that students may eat breakfast and lunch for free again this school year.



Additionally, the Fresh Fruits and Vegetable grant was recently approved. This program has been in place for several years, and provides healthy snacks for students at school three days per week. We expect that snacks will begin shortly. More information will be announced in the next monthly newsletter.

Student Arrival and Dismissal

Students are to arrive at school between 7:45 am and 8:00 am. Staff are not available until 7:45, so students should not arrive before then.

Dismissal is done in a staggered fashion, due to COVID restrictions. Walkers are dismissed at 2:35 pm, students picked up by car are dismissed at 2:38 pm, and bus students at 2:41 pm.

No School

There will be no school for students on Monday, October 12, and Friday, October 30, due to Teacher Inservice.

School Pictures

School Picture Day will take place on Wednesday, October 7. Standard COVID safety precautions will be followed. The photographers will be sanitizing things between photo sessions.



Red Ribbon Week

During the last week of October, Second District Elementary School will participate with millions of people around the world to live a healthier life-style by participating in Red Ribbon Week. This is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a stand against drugs. Every day we will schedule a different theme to pledge to be healthier and make smart decisions.



This year's themes are:

- *Monday, October 26: "Second District Bulldogs are Drug Free" (Wear red & black)*
- *Tuesday, October 27: "Team Up Against Drugs" (Wear favorite team T-shirt or jersey)*
- *Wednesday, October 28: "From Head to Toe, I am Drug Free" (Wear silly socks and/or hat)*
- *Thursday, October 29: "Drugs Destroy Your Character" (Dress as your favorite character from a book, TV show, or movie)*

We will have daily announcements and prizes reminding us to make good choices!

-Mrs. Herberg

Student Assessments

In October, we will assess K-6 students with NWEA Map Growth. These assessments will be given three times throughout the school year, and are designed to be used by



teachers to find areas of strength, and to find deficits so they can adjust instruction to meet student needs. The goal is to show growth and prepare students for the following grade level.

PTO

Due to COVID, we will have our first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in our school cafeteria. This will allow better space when seated apart. We generally meet the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year.



One goal of PTO is to support the school by holding fundraisers that help to pay for things that the school's limited budget does not. We fund field trips and other school events this way. The PTO also helps support the school by mobilizing volunteers at various school events.

Your child and others benefit from this support. There is no membership fee. We hope you will join us.

Fall Festival

Celebrations this school year will not include visitors, due to COVID restrictions. However, classrooms will still hold events and store-bought snacks can still be sent. Your child's teacher will communicate their guidelines to you.

Open House

Due to the pandemic, and restrictions against large gatherings, there will be no Open House this fall.

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