



Menomonie Middle School Newsletter

May/June 2017

Mark Your Calendar

May 4 – 8th Grade Career Day
May 5 – Festival of Nations
May 5 – Dental Clinic
May 9 – BINGO Fundraiser
May 16 – 6-8 Band Concert
May 17 – 8th Grade Career Day, UWEC
May 18 – 6-8 Choral Concert @ High School
May 18 – Hoffman Hills Field Trip
May 22 – 6-8 Orchestra Concert
May 25 – European Fair
May 26 – Dental Clinic
May 29 – No School!
June 2 – Last Day of School!
June 2 – 1:30 pm – 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

Greetings from Principal Everson!

How can it be? The 2016-17 academic school year is almost complete! Planning has begun for the 2017-18 school year! Be sure to watch our MMS website to stay informed about a variety of exciting opportunities underway. These opportunities include:

- 6th Grade / New Student Orientation – August 14 & 15
- Student Schedule Release Dates – August 16
- 1:1 Student Chrome Book Device Distribution and Training – August
Details about our SDMA 1:1 Chrome Book Device Initiative is coming soon!
- First Day of School MMS Open House – September 1

LEARNING IS NOT A RACE! *The Benefit of Summer School Math & Literacy 2017*

It is normal for students to learn at different paces. Some students need more time to achieve learning targets than other students. Sometimes one academic school year (September to June) is not enough time. Achieving grade level learning targets is an important part of being properly prepared for the next grade level of learning.

When additional learning time is necessary for a student in the 6th, 7th or 8th grade, teachers of MMS recommend students for summer school math and/or literacy courses. This instructional extension of the school year is beneficial to students in many ways. It empowers continuous learning in the areas of math and literacy. Typically, summer school math and literacy teachers are supporting students in small groups. This may be unlike the larger groups and class sizes students experience during the academic school year. *Small* class sizes often make a *big* difference for students.

Students recommended for summer school math and/or literacy courses will be registered automatically by teachers and administration. Students will receive a summer school schedule in the mail from our SDMA Administrative Service Center. In most situations, students may select additional courses of choice to complete a full summer school schedule to include the math and/or literacy course recommended.

If your child is not recommended for a summer school math and/or literacy course by one of our teachers, but would like to attend, please contact your child's CARES teacher or me, Principal Everson. We will help you establish a summer school schedule to meet your needs.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact Principal Everson at Menomonie Middle School. MMS: 715-232-1673

Your learning goal is our learning goal!

*Learn On,
Principal Stacey Everson*

We're here to help you! Sometimes it can be confusing to know who to talk to. Here are a few of the main phone numbers and people to talk to.

Main School Number: (715) 232-1673

Attendance Secretary – Kelly Steinmeyer - ext. 30100

- Student will not be at school
- Student is leaving school early—appointment
- Student has a planned absence—vacation
- Have a question about your student's attendance.

Nurse's Office - Cindy Beaupre—ext. 30103

- Student is sick and would like to leave school
- Questions regarding medications and plans

Food Service - Julie Neubrand - (715) 232-2794

- Food Service is located at the High School
- Questions about lunch accounts

Guidance Office - Jason Mountin - ext. 30108

- Questions regarding students in Grade 6 and Grade 7 - Silver Side

Guidance Office - Nancy Horner - ext. 30112

- Questions regarding students in Grade 7 - Gold Side and Grade 8

Main Office - Tina Liestman—ext. 30111

- Have a question about your student's fees—tech, print fee, athletic/club fees, etc. Waiver inquires can also be made.

Parent/Family Online Access

Online Family Access is available for all families in the district. To obtain a username and password, contact our district office at (715) 232-1642. Please, for security reasons, do NOT share your parent login with your child. Go to www.sdmaonline.com and click on the **Family Access Login** link on the left side. You can access your child's attendance, grades, fees and lunch balance.

Attendance Reminder



Good school attendance is one predictor of academic success. All Menomonie Middle School students are required to be in attendance from 7:43 am to 2:54 pm. Additionally, students are reminded that they have a maximum of 10 school days that can be missed during the school year for personal illness, religious services, and family activities. If a student needs to attend an appointment during school hours, a note from a parent/guardian or that business office needs to be turned into the Attendance Office the morning of your appointment so we can get your student a pass and that it does not count against those 10 days. **If your child is absent, please call the Attendance Office.**

Parents



Sign up to receive daily announcements, newsletters, and other important updates. The link is available on the middle school website.

Go to Parents & Community, then to Parent Tools. You will see a drop down menu listing Daily Announcements. Click on that link. This will take you to the Middle School Announcements page. On the right side is a Subscribe button. Click on that and follow the prompts.

Please remember to update your information, emergency contacts, and fill out permission forms on Skyward Family Access for your student(s). This is important for field trip permission, student and bus code of conduct, video/photographing permission, computer network agreement, health services standing orders, and more. You can also pay online fees for the middle school and sports fees.

Free and Reduced Lunch



Families who may be experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to apply for the free and reduced lunch program. Guidelines change and family circumstances change as well. Applications are available in the middle school office, as well as the district office. Many times our families are struggling to make “ends meet” and if they are eligible for assistance, it could really help their family. In addition, students who meet free and reduced eligibility are often times eligible for other programs. However, if an application is not submitted, they cannot receive that service. To learn more about eligibility criteria or receive an application, contact the Food Service Office at (715) 232-2794 ext. 42194.



MMS Is Tree Nut / Peanut Allergy Aware

Severe allergies related to tree nuts and peanuts and other related food products are on the rise. To protect the health and safety of all students who experience this type of life-threatening allergic reaction to tree nuts, peanuts, and/or products containing trace elements of these nuts- **MMS is a tree nut / peanut free school zone.** Students and families are reminded to refrain from the consumption or use of nuts at MMS. Your awareness and cooperation could save a human life!

MMS IS A BULLY FREE SCHOOL ZONE

Principals, teachers, counselors, and other staff members at Menomonie Middle School are always willing to listen to and consider the ideas, concerns, and needs of our students and parents/guardians. Several options for communication exist:

- **Talk to an adult you trust face to face**
Choose an adult staff member you trust and talk! We like talking with students and parents/guardians! If the adult you trust seems busy, ask to set up an appointment to share later.
- **Call an Adult You Trust**
Using the telephone to communicate is perfectly OK!
- **Write to an Adult You Trust**
If talking face to face or on the telephone is too hard, write a message to an adult you trust. Written messages can be delivered to an office or classroom. We will respond to you in a timely manner.
- **Use Our MMS Idea Box**
Written messages can be dropped off in our Idea Boxes located in the middle school hallways. Paper forms are available next to each box.
- **Send an Email to an Adult You Trust**
Sending an email to an adult you trust is a safe and easy way to share. We will respond in a timely manner.

All students should feel safe at school! No concern is too small! “Stand up” for yourself and “stand up” for your friends and peers. Together, we can eliminate bullying in our school!

Do You Have Questions About How to Use “Skyward Family Access”?

If you have questions about how to use our Skyward grading data base “Family Access”, you are not alone. Parents/guardians often have questions or difficulty when navigating this site. Do not hesitate to contact our front office for guidance when this occurs. We are ready and willing to assist you. To login to Family Access, go to the Parents & Community tab to Parent Tools and a drop down menu will come up with Skyward Family Access on it. Click on this option to access Family Access.





Junior Optimist Core Value Student Representatives Host Free Little Library at MMS!

Our MMS Junior Optimist Club represents our MMS Core Values! They also represent our MMS Free Little Library located in the front entrance of our school. Students and family members may visit this *Free Little Library* throughout the summer months as well as months school is in session. Folks wishing to take a book of choice to read, may do so -free of charge. "Take a book, leave a book" is the idea behind this *Free Little Library!*

YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED!

On April 28th the 2016-17 Menomonie Middle School Parent/Guardian Survey was sent by Skylert message to all families. Those families without a current email address provided to the school may pick up a hardcopy in the front office.

Please take some time to complete and return this survey on or before May 11th so that your opinion will be part of the data collected and analyzed for this year. Your answers to the survey will remain confidential.

Thank you in advance to everyone who completes this year's survey. Your opinions are valuable to us here at the Menomonie Middle School.



8TH GRADE GRADUATION CELEBRATION!

We will say a fond farewell to our 8th graders this year at our 8th grade graduation celebration scheduled for Friday, June 2nd, at 1:30 pm. Parents and guardians are invited to share the joy and respect of this transitional event! Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria immediately following the ceremony!

2017-18 Scheduling Requests

Student schedules are generated randomly within our Skyward scheduling program. In other words, we do not schedule students one by one. Rather, the program mass-schedules each grade level into pods and classes. However, some compelling or unique circumstances require individual attention. **If you have a compelling or unique circumstance you wish for our MMS scheduling team to consider, please submit your information and request to principal Everson via email:**

stacey_everson@msd.k12.wi.us. It is best to submit your request and information by Friday, June 16, 2017. Our scheduling team works ambitiously in June, July and August to meet the scheduling needs of all students while balancing class sizes each year.



6th Grade / New Student Summer Orientation

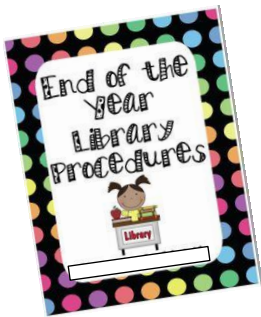
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

6TH grade orientation and new student orientation will be held in August. This is an important informational event for parents/guardians and students. It is one of the first opportunities for families to meet teachers, staff, and administration and begin a partnership to strengthen the capacity for ALL students to learn and achieve at high levels. There is no need to register in advance, just select the date and time that works best in your family calendar and come! –

- Monday, August 14 – 3:00 pm OR 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 15 – 9:00 am OR 6:00 pm

All orientation sessions will be approximately 1 ½ hours in duration with time to mingle, explore, and ask questions!

Schedules will be available for pick up on Wednesday, August 16th. The office will be open from 7am – 3:30 pm. Fees can also be paid at this time to avoid the first day of school rush!



End of the Year Library Dates:

Here are some important end of the year dates for the library:

May 12: Last check out day

May 19: All books need to be returned

**NOTE:
LOCATION
CHANGE**

Middle School Madness Math and Reading 2017 Program Location: Menomonie High School

Session I – Monday through Thursday
Math and Reading Courses – June 12 – 15, June 19 – 22
Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session II – Monday through Thursday
Math and Reading Courses – June 26 – 29, July 10 – 13
Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

There will be no summer school the week of July 3 – July 7, 2017

Daily Schedule of Approximate Times:

7:35 am	Students arrive at Menomonie High School Students may enjoy a <i>free</i> breakfast
8:00 am -12:40 pm	Students participate in math and/or literacy class
12:40 pm	Students may enjoy a <i>free</i> lunch Students dismissed from Menomonie High School to return home after lunch

Bus Service

Bus service is provided at no cost.

A complete bus route is printed in the Summer School Booklet 2017

You may call Menomonie Transportation at 715-235-4995 to inquire about your child's bus assignment.



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BINGO

Stout Ale House
7pm - 9pm

Come support the Menomonie School District's Special Education Program with a fun night of Bingo! Proceeds will go towards field trips and community outings to help our students practice a variety of different social, community, and life skills. \$10 for a book of cards to play all night or \$1 per card per game.

**BINGO DAUBERS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**



MMS BOGO Book Fair

Our **buy one get one free** Scholastic Book Fair will be coming to our library **May 8th to May 12th**. The fair will be open before school, during lunch, and after school. This reading event will provide popular books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please make plans to come to our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

Yearbooks

The 2016-17 yearbooks will be delivered during CARES and Golden Opportunity Hour on Thursday, May 25th. If you ordered a book, all you'll need to do is pick it up in the cafeteria when your grade level is called down. If you didn't order a book and would like one, you'll need to get in touch with Mrs. Creviston, in room 418, to get your name on a first come list. Extra books are often delivered with our pre-paid books, so you might have the opportunity to purchase a book for \$25 exact cash or a check made out to MMS is expected. CARES teachers will have access to a grade level list of students if anyone is unsure if they've ordered. Thanks to all of you who ordered a book and support the Yearbook Club. Your purchase is appreciated.



7th Grade

European Fair

Please join us Thursday, May 25th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm as we showcase our European Fair. Students have been working hard to complete their projects. There will be food samples, fun and games. **This is a free event and open to all.** It will be held the middle school gymnasium.



Spring Concert Dates



A wonderful year of making music is coming to a close! Please join us for our Spring Concerts.

6-8th Grade Band – May 16th, 7pm at MMS

6-8th Grade Choir – May 18th, 7pm at Menomonie High School Auditorium (Student call is 6:15 pm)

6-8th Grade Orchestra – May 22nd, 7pm at MMS

Hope to see you there!



The Middle School Art Department needs your help!

Do you happen to have an old (but in good shape) wooden chair or two that you no longer are using? If so we would love to take it off your hands! Just bring it to room 411 at the Middle School.

Why? We are working with Arts Integration Menomonic (AIM) to create an art installation with our middle school students.

Therefore, to get this project off and running we are in need of 32 wooden chairs. Students will then research an artist and paint a chair based on that style of art. The chairs will then be used in the art room for seating.

If you have further questions please contact:

Mrs. Lori Brenner-MMS Art Teacher
715.232.1673 EXT 30413
lori_brenner@msd.k12.wi.us



Welcome to **ENCORE**, a group of middle school classes that allows your child to explore new skills and some of the options that will be available to them in high school! In these classes, students have the opportunity to learn a variety of skills and topics through hands on learning experiences.

6th grade rotates every 9 weeks, experiencing Art, Family and Consumer Science (FACs), Keyboarding, and World Language.

7th and 8th grade rotates every 7 weeks, experiencing Art, Business, Family and Consumer Science (FACs), Technology Education, and Spanish.



Smart Girls Rock!

Are you a middle school girl who is interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math? Do you want to learn about future career possibilities in those fields? Then this event is for you! Join us for hands-on activities, demonstrations, and speed-mentoring with women professionals from the surrounding Dunn County Area.

Who: 6th-8th Grade Girls with no missing assignments and 2's or above in class

When/Where: Fall of 2017-2018 School Year. Official date to follow

Teacher Contact: Ms. Yonash room 714 (more information to follow in CARES)

2017 Battle of the Books



Congratulations to this year's winning Battle of the Books team, the "Word Nerds". They triumphed over 4 teams from our school to compete at the state level, where they tied for 19th place. This is from ALL Middle Schools in Wisconsin! The girls read like crazy and were a great representation of teamwork and ability. We would meet in the library once a week for "friendly" practice battles.

The "Word Nerds", shown here, from left to right are Maddey Larsen, Hayleigh Husby, Anne Dye and Meghan Prochnow. Battle of the Books is a statewide, yearly competition to help promote a love for reading by challenging students to read a variety of books remembering details like characters, settings and plot. Congratulations and good luck to all of the teams next year!!



FCCLA Update!



Congratulations to all participants of FCCLA State! MMS FCCLA had five students qualify for state and all attended state competition at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. All students did a wonderful job and were able to place in the "High Silver" category for recognition. Menomonie HS even had two students qualify for national competition in Nashville this summer!

If you're interested in community service, nutrition, child development, family, design, or anything in the Family and Consumer science bubble, join us next year as we embark on a new school year of work and projects. Students wishing to participate in FCCLA should see Mrs. Kellander at the beginning of the next school year. Let's keep this MMS tradition of success!



The Menomonie Middle School Science Olympiad team continued a long tradition of excellence by finishing second out of 40 teams in the Wisconsin State Science Olympiad competition held in Milwaukee on April 7th and 8th. This is the program's third consecutive 2nd place in the prestigious competition that pits some of the best science students in the state head-to-head in 23 knowledge and skill-based STEM events such as Bottle Rockets, Microbiology, Dynamic Planet and Towers.

The 24 students who competed for Menomonie at the state tournament have been practicing and honing their skills for respective events since early November, often completing long hours of studying and building outside of school. The club is open to all students who wish to join, and the students are able to participate in other activities and athletics concurrently with their Science Olympiad practices.

Menomonie emerged with multiple top-six individual performances that contributed to their second place trophy. Earning state championships in individual events were Patrick Schwartz and Summit Fox-Schultz in "Optics," Molly Smith and Kira Nevin in "Mission Possible," Bella Kaufmann and Summit Fox-Schultz in "Food Science," Molly Smith and Carben Weghorn in "Meteorology," and Patrick Schwartz and Carben Weghorn in "Wright Stuff."

"Especially for my first year, there were so many choices that suited me, especially "Wright Stuff," said David Ding. "I like how it gives you a challenge," says three year state medalist Zach Foslid, "and it's fun with friends." Bella Kaufmann agrees, and notes that she "enjoyed hanging out with the team, and exploring new campuses to travel and see the events." The team is coached by MMS science teachers Paul Verdon (4 years), Brian Evans (2 years) and Natalie Topper (1st year).



Menomonie Middle School Science State Olympiad Team 2017



Zach Foslid makes some last minute adjustments to his "Scrambler" vehicle.



Health Office

Please pick up any medication in the health office on or before the last day of school. Any medication that is not picked up will be discarded. For safety reasons, we do not keep medication stored in the health office during the summer. Students may pick up their medication at the end of the school day. Thank you for your assistance!

Students with health plans will receive a mailing during the summer to update their health concerns. Please help our health services coordinator by updating and completing this information **before** the start of the 2017-2018 school year. If your child has a new or reoccurring health concern, please notify the office at (715) 232-1673 with any updates or current emergency contact numbers.

If you have questions about immunization requirements, please contact the office at (715) 232-1673 ext. 30103. The new requirements affect incoming 6th graders for the 2017-2018 school year. **Summer is a great time to schedule an appointment to meet immunization requirements or if your child needs a sports physical. Please contact Dunn County Public Health at 715-232-2388 or your personal care provider.**

If you have a 5th grader who will be coming to the Middle School next year, please check your child's shot record and schedule an appointment for immunizations if they are not up-to-date.

Does your child need the chickenpox vaccine? Or the Tdap booster?

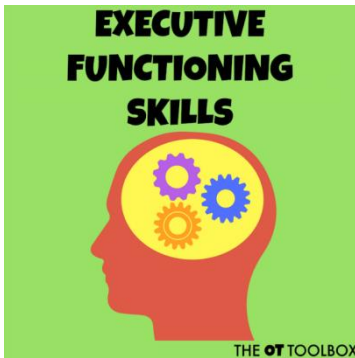
All students grades K-12 will need either proof of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or proof of immunity for the 2017-2018 school year. Students in grades 6-8 are required to have two (2) doses of varicella. A child is considered compliant with the law if either a vaccination date is provided, or date the child had the chickenpox disease. The vaccine is available at the Dunn County Health Department or you can consult with your primary health care provider. Chickenpox is highly contagious. The vaccine is recommended for young children and older children who have not had the chickenpox.

Tdap means adolescent tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis vaccine. If your child received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within 5 years of entering the grade in which Tdap is required, your child is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required. Students in grades 6-8 are required to have a Tdap booster.

Lost and Found



Please encourage your child to check the *Lost and Found* tables in both the cafeteria hallway and the locker room. We have a collection of items that will go to a needy organization if they are not claimed before the end of the school year.



WHAT ARE EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS?

I bet all of you have gone to the store and returned home only to discover you bought a lot of stuff but forgot the one thing you set out to get! Did you feel silly, call yourself dumb and get a little angry? We all depend on our executive functioning skills on a daily basis. So what are they and what can we do to improve & develop them?

The ability to plan, focus attention, multi-task and remember instructions or things, follow direction and self-regulate are skills that are dependent on a person's mental processes known as Executive Functioning. Children are not born with these abilities: they are born with the ability to develop them. These skills typically are not fully developed until well after a child graduates from high school. Many adults would say they need to improve one or more executive functioning skills as well.

10 Executive Function Skills

1. Planning - Creating a roadmap for completing a task
2. Organization - Designing and maintaining a system to keep track of materials
3. Task Initiation - Ability to begin a task without procrastination
4. Time Management - Estimating how much time is needed, how to best spend your time and noticing deadlines
5. Working Memory - Holding information in your mind while completing a task
6. Sustained Attention - Paying attention to a situation or task in spite of distractions, fatigue, or boredom
7. Meta-cognition - Self-monitoring and self-evaluating your own skills and work
8. Flexibility - Revising plans in the face of obstacles, setbacks, new information, or mistakes
9. Perseverance - Drive to follow through to the completion of a goal regardless of obstacles
10. Self-Control - Thinking before you act and resisting the urge to do or say something

These skills have been compared to the traffic control system at a busy airport. These skills overlap and the brain needs them to prioritize, plan, set goals, achieve goals, control impulse behavior and overcome obstacles.

Executive Functioning Issues are seen often with students diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). It is a normal teenage dilemma to experience issues with executive functioning. You don't have to have a diagnosis of any sort to struggle with one or more of these areas. We can help our students & ourselves become aware of these skills and how best to work on them to become successful lifelong learners and develop into responsible citizens!

Submitted by: Meghan Eisenbraun, Jodi Preston and Lynn Goss. We teamed up to have Executive Functioning Skills class on Wednesdays during WIN. We discussed and explored these skills and how to improve them.

COLLECTION CORNER!

All of these FUNDRAISERS are from items you ALREADY buy!

Thanks for your continued support by clipping and turning in your collected items for our school!
The collection bin is located in the office.

BOX TOPS For Education



Found on almost every item in your refrigerator, freezer or pantry and much much more! Cut them out & bring them in!! A complete list can be found at www.boxtops4education.com. We can earn money from collecting Box Tops cut from participating products. It is an easy way to give money to our school without spending any extra money!

Milk Caps - MILK MOOLA



Kwik Trip MILK MOOLA caps and bag top labels can earn 5¢ for each one you send in to our school. Please rinse the milk caps (leave labels on milk caps) &/or cut out the whole 5¢ strip top bag label and bring them in for our school!

Our Family UPC Codes



With the Our Family® program, you can raise money for education — for our school. It's easy to do — just save the UPC barcodes from Our Family products you have clipped and bring to our school. For product information go to <http://ourfamilyfoods.com/labels-for-learning>.

Labels for Education



Campbell Soup has decided to end this program this summer due to declining participation nationwide. Thanks for the support you have given!

If you have any questions regarding any of these fundraising projects,
feel free to contact either Lynn Goss (lynn_goss@msd.k12.wi.us)
or Mary Ann Hitz (maryann_hitz@msd.k12.wi.us)

SpeakUp™: Antibiotics

Know the facts

- Antibiotics are life-saving drugs when used wisely.
- Antibiotics treat infections caused by bacteria. They do not work on viruses that cause colds and flu.
- Each year, almost 2 million people in the U.S. become infected with bacteria that antibiotics can't treat. These bacteria no longer respond to antibiotics. At least 23,000 people die each year from these infections.
- A reaction to an antibiotic may require a visit to the ER, especially for kids.
- Antibiotics also kill good bacteria in your body. This may lead to other problems like diarrhea or yeast infections.

life-saving

treat infections

use wisely

When do you really need an antibiotic?

Antibiotics are powerful drugs for fighting infections. They don't work for every sickness. This chart shows when you may be given an antibiotic.

Illness	Virus	Bacteria	Should you expect an antibiotic?
Bronchitis (in healthy children and adults)	✓	✓	May be recommended
Cold or runny nose	✓		No
Ear infection	✓	✓	May be recommended
Flu	✓		No
Fluid in the middle ear	✓		No
Sinus infection	✓	✓	May be recommended
Sore throat (except strep)	✓		No
Strep throat		✓	Yes
Urinary tract infection		✓	Yes

Information available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website

Questions to ask when you are given an antibiotic:



- Why do you need it?
- What kind of infection do you have? Is this the best drug for it?
- How long should you take it?
- Will you get better without it?
- What are the side effects?
- Will it interact with other drugs?
- How and when should you take it?



Antibiotic do's and don'ts

Do



- Take it exactly as your health care provider says
- Take only the drugs prescribed for you
- Prevent infections by washing your hands and getting vaccinated

Don't



- Skip doses
- Share the drugs with others
- Insist on an antibiotic if your health care provider doesn't think you should have one



Taking antibiotics when you don't need them doesn't make sense!

- How you use antibiotics today will affect how well the drugs work tomorrow for everyone.
- It takes many years to develop new antibiotics. We need to improve the use of the drugs currently available.
- One of the world's biggest health threats is from bacterial infections that no longer respond to antibiotics. Everyone must work together to use antibiotics wisely.



For more information

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The goal of Speak Up™ is to help patients and their advocates become active in their care.

Enter Stacey's Language

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April 26, 2017

The 16th Annual Children's Legacy Luncheon recognizes individuals for outstanding impact in their communities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, EAU CLAIRE, WI— The first Children's Legacy Luncheon fundraising event was held in April 2002 and established by the Friends of Luther Board. Founders, Patty Horecki and Helen Nordstrom, established the event with the intention of creating awareness of special issues regarding the welfare of children in our community and raising funds to support nonprofit organizations serving them. Since 2010, the Eau Claire Community Foundation has presented the Children's Legacy Luncheon. For the past fifteen years, the Children's Legacy Luncheon has recognized individuals who have made a positive and long-lasting contribution to the lives of children in the Chippewa Valley through their innovative work, leadership, volunteerism, or philanthropy.

This year, the Children's Museum of Eau Claire has stepped in to maintain the excellent tradition established by the founders and Eau Claire Community Foundation. Proceeds from the event will support the Play Forever Endowment Fund of the Children's Museum. This fund will impact over 8,000 children annually. While there'll be some new faces this year, the Children's Legacy Luncheon remains the same event that the community has come to love. The event will be held at The Florian Gardens on Thursday, June 1st. An honoree reception will be held from 11:00-11:30am. Lunch and program will run from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Table sponsorships are available for \$500 for a table of eight guests or individual guests can purchase admission for \$40 per person. A favorite of the event, the honoree grant making program, will continue at the same level as in years past. Outstanding Achievement Award Honorees will continue selecting a non-profit to receive a \$500 grant.

Michael McHorney, Executive Director for the Children's Museum, commented on the transition:

"Upholding the significance and integrity of this event is of utmost importance to us. At the Children's Museum, we are honored to impact the lives of children and their families every day through our exhibits and programs. We know firsthand the difference that an individual can make in the life of a child, and the Children's Museum is grateful to serve in a leadership capacity to keep this annual event a Chippewa Valley tradition for years to come."

The Children's Legacy Luncheon Committee recently selected this year's honorees. The 2017 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients will be Jason Collins, Mary Jacobson, Tim Olson, Blia Schwahn, and Tammy Tillotson.

Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring the Children's Legacy Luncheon can contact Mike McHorney, Executive Director, by calling 715.832.5437 or emailing mike@childrensmuseumec.com. Table sponsorships or individual guest tickets can be purchased online at www.ChildrensMuseumEC.com.

The Children's Museum of Eau Claire is an interactive environment for children and their grown-ups that inspires imagination, discovery, creativity and the love of learning. Through hands-on exhibits and interactive programming, kids see, touch, learn and grow their way through important developmental milestones. These interactions are what the Children's Museum calls the power of play.