

Menomonie Middle School Newsletter

April/May 2023



Mark Your Calendar

April 3-6: Autism Awareness Week
April 3-6: Forward Testing Continues
April 3: Term 4 Begins
April 7: NO SCHOOL!
April 14: 8th Grade Reward Trip- Movie
April 21: Earth Day Celebration
April 28: 7th & 8th grade to Large Group Choral Festival
May 4: 6th & 7th Grade to Musical at HS
May 4: 8th Grade Career Day
May 4: MMS Musical, Seussical Jr. at High School, 7pm
May 5: 8th Grade to Musical at HS
May 5: MMS Musical, Seussical Jr. at High School, 7pm
May 6: MMS Musical, Seussical Jr. at High School, 2pm
May 11: 8th Grade to Environmental Site
May 13: Spring Swing at MHS, 7pm
May 15: Orchestra Concert, grades 6-8 at MMS, 7pm
May 18: Band Concert @ MHS~
6th – 5:30 pm
7th – 6:30 pm
8th – 7:30 pm
May 24: Retirement Mixer 4pm at MMS
May 25: Choir Concert, grades 6-8 at MHS, 7pm
May 29: NO SCHOOL!
MEMORIAL DAY!
June 2: 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony, 10am
June 2: Last Day of School

Note: Dates are subject to change.

GREETINGS FROM PRINCIPAL BOETTCHER!

Finish Strong:

As we head into the last two months of school, it is essential for all students to embrace finishing strong. There is a lot of learning that will take place in these last two months of school which will propel us into next year. I am so proud of our students' attitude, effort, and resiliency this year. We appreciate the support and ability to work together with parents and guardians in the education journey.

Thank you,

Attitude + Effort = Success!
Principal Bart Boettcher



Student Fees

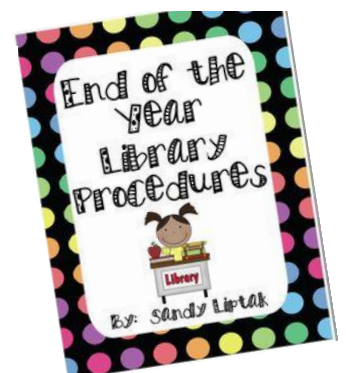
All student fees must be paid in full by the end of the school year. Statements are sent out electronically or by mail if your email is not up to date. Please check your student's fee under fee management in Family Access. Fees not paid by the end of the school year will roll over to the next year. If you qualify for free/reduced meals some of your fees may be waived, but paperwork must be filled out. Only current year fees can be waived. Some fees do not apply to the waiver. Please contact Tina at tina_potter@msd.k12.wi.us with questions.

End of Year Library Dates

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

May 12: Last check out day

May 26: All books need to be returned



WELCOME 5TH GRADE STUDENTS!

The transition has begun!

All 5th grade students have received a pink registration form, and should have been returned. Each 5th grade student is to complete this form – choosing a music course for the 2023-24 school year. If you have not filled out the form and need one, please contact tina_potter@msd.k12.wi.us. A parent/guardian signature is required on this form.

For entering 6th grade students planning to join band or orchestra, please sign your student up for summer school. More information on those classes can be found in the Summer 2023 booklet. This booklet is available online or in the schools. Please look up Beginning Band or Beginning Orchestra on pages 34 & 35 for class information.

6th Grade / New 7th & 8th Grade Student Summer Orientation **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

All incoming 6th graders and new 7th & 8th grade students and their families are asked to pick a date/time to plan on attending a one-hour preview of the middle school. During this session, families will learn about middle school expectations, schedule, and pay fees. Guidance and administrative staff will be on hand during this time to answer any questions or concerns families might have.

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

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

**Schedules will be available for pick up on Wednesday, August 16th for all grade levels.
The office will be open from 8am – 4:00 pm.**

8TH GRADE CELEBRATION!



We will say a fond farewell to our 8th graders this year at our 8th grade celebration scheduled for the last day of school. Parents and guardians are invited to share the joy and respect of this transitional event! Our ceremony will be held on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 10am in the gymnasium. Doors will open at 9:30am. More information about dismissal after the ceremony will be coming soon.



Music Notes



Thank you for a wonderful year of music-making! As things begin to wrap up, please double check calendars for end of year concerts, and contact music teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

Monday May 15 - 6-8 Orchestra Concert at MMS Gym at 7:00pm (6:15 call for students)

Thursday, May 18 - 6-8 Band Concert at MHS Auditorium

6th Grade Band - 5:30pm (5:15 call for students)

7th Grade Band - 6:30pm (6:15 call for students)

8th Grade Band - 7:30pm (7:15 call for students)

Thursday, May 25 - 6-8 Choir Concert at MHS Auditorium at 7:00pm (6:00 call for students)

MMS proudly presents:



Thursday, May 4th at 7:00pm

Friday, May 5th at 7:00pm

Saturday, May 6th 2:00pm

Held at the Menomonie High School Auditorium

Tickets: \$5, Children 4 and under are free (cash or check only)

Activity Passes will not be accepted.

Ticket sales start one hour before performance

and end 10 minutes after start time.

Doors open 30 minutes prior to start * No late admission



Statewide competition for Battle of the Books was held on Feb. 22nd Our team finalists were the **The Bookworms**: Xavier Finazzo-8th, Carly Weber-8th, Noah Winder-8th, & Ellie Beck-8th. They placed 40th out of 147 teams. Next year's Battle of the Books book lists will be released June 1st. Attention 8th graders: Battle of the Books will be offered to HS students next year w/ a Book Trailer video competition opportunity.

Boys & Girls Clubs

of the Greater Chippewa Valley
Menomonie Club



**MIDDLE
SCHOOL**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE GREATER CHIPPEWA VALLEY

**Join us,
enroll for afterschool!**

Where?

The Boys & Girls Club is opening a **NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL** program located at the Menomonie Middle School, 920 21st SE, Menomonie.

When?

The Club program will be open **Monday** through **Friday** from **3-7 pm**, during the 2022-23 school year. The Club will also be open on select days when school is not in session from 7:30 am to 6 pm.

Who?

All students in **6th** through **8th** grade are welcome to attend from **ANY** school. Students may attend as a guest up to 1 week before they sign up!

How?

Sign up for an annual Club membership. (Applications will be prioritized on a 1st registered 1st served basis.)

Paper applications will be available beginning Oct 28th at River Heights, Menomonie Middle School, St. Pauls Lutheran School & Immanuel Baptist School.

Return completed applications to:

River Height Elementary

Oct 31, Nov 1,3,4,7,8,9 (3-6pm)

Menomonie Middle School

Nov 10, (6-7pm) & Nov 11 (5:30-6:30pm)

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Lost and Found

We accumulate many, many clothing items and lunch bags/boxes throughout the school year. Please take the time to check our “Lost and Found” table when you are in the building. The “Lost and Found” is located in the hallway by the main office. Or even better, encourage your student to look for their missing items.

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, go 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.



Attendance Reminder



Good school attendance is one predicator of academic success. All Menomonie Middle School students are required to be in attendance from 7:43 am to 3:05 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.

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 – Deanna Wilson - ext. 30103

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

Food Service - (715) 232-2606 - ext. 42124

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

Dean of Students/Guidance Office – Jason Mountin - ext. 30110

Questions regarding students in 6th grade.

Guidance Office - Nancy Horner - ext. 30112

Questions regarding students in 7th grade.

Guidance Office – Adrianna Harrison – ext. 30108

Questions regarding students in 8th grade.

Main Office - Tina Potter—ext. 30111

Have a question about your student's fees—
device insurance, athletic/club fees, etc.
Email: tina_potter@msd.k12.wi.us

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) 232-2606 ext. 42124.



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.



BOX TOPICS

APRIL
2023

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FIELD TRIP**

Sweepstakes

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Our Nature Valley sweeps is an outdoorsy doozy! Scan your receipts from 4/1 through 4/30 for a chance to win **50,000 Bonus Box Tops** to help fund outdoor field trips at your school. If your receipt contains any Nature Valley product, you'll get an extra entry! 5 schools will win.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (13 oz) refrigerated Pillsbury™ Flaky Cinnamon Rolls with Butter Cream Icing (8 Count)
- 8 semisweet chocolate chips
- 4 red baking chips or candy-coated chocolate candies
- 8 almond slices



DIRECTIONS

- 1 Heat oven to 350°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray.
- 2 Place 4 rolls on cookie sheet, about 3 inches apart. Unwind remaining 4 rolls into long dough strips. For each bunny, place one dough strip, cut ends together, next to a whole roll. Press and firmly pinch cut ends into top of whole roll. Shape strip into floppy bunny ears.
- 3 Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Cool 5 minutes before removing to cooling rack.
- 4 Spread frosting on warm rolls. On each bunny, place two chocolate chips for eyes, 1 red baking chip for nose and 2 almond slices for teeth. Serve warm.

