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From The Principal

Dear Irving School Parents,

Can you believe another school year is almost over? Our last full day of school will be May 26th. The last 10 minute day will be May 27th. Report cards will be mailed home.

Walk-in registration will be Thursday, August 4th from 9:00-11:00am and from 1:00pm-3:00pm. The next school year will begin with a half-day on Thursday, August 18th.

Have a fun and safe summer! See you in August!

Christina Brock-Lammers, Principal

REMINDERS

- The last full day of school will be Thursday, **May 26th**. The last 10 minutes of school will be Friday, **May 27th** from 9:00-9:10am. There will be NO student breakfast served on the 27th.
- Walk-in registration will be on Thursday, August 4th from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm.
- The first 1/2 day of the next school year will be Thursday, August 18.

Important Student Health Information

Student entering Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade must show proof of physical before 8/18/11 to enter school.

Kindergarten Health Requirements required by 8/18/11:

1. Proof of physical dated after 8/18/10
2. Health history section completed on physical form by parent/ guardian
3. Official copy of shot records showing proof of Kindergarten booster shots: Dtap/tetanus, polio/IPV, Varicella (Chickenpox), MMR/ mumps, measles and rubella.
4. Proof of lead screening. This is a one-time screening usually done when the child is 1 year old. Results may be obtained from your doctor or the McLean County Health Department.

Eye exam for kindergarteners:

- Proof of an eye exam done by an eye doctor by 10/15/11

Dental exam:

- Proof of dental exam by 5/15/12 for kindergarten, 2nd & 6th grades.

Join us at McDonald's on Brock Drive for McTeacher Night!

Wednesday, May 11
from 5:00-7:00pm

15% of your total order will benefit Irving

Good luck, Mrs. McAninch!

Linda McAninch, a Kindergarten teacher at Irving, will be retiring at the end of this school year. We asked her a few questions about her career and plans:

How long have you been teaching? **I have taught 32 years and the whole time I have been at District 87.**

What was the first school you taught at? **Irving---all at Irving except 1 year at Bent**

What grades have you taught over the years? **1st prep (which was essentially Kindergarten) and then I went to all day Kindergarten**

What have you enjoyed the most about teaching? **Teaching the kids and my friendships I have developed with families, staff and kids. I'll miss all the funny stories kids tell me. Memories!**

What are your plans for retirement? **Rest for one year. I will definitely come back to help or volunteer at Irving. I may look for a job in retail or perhaps cooking.**

Do you have any pets? **My dog, whom I loved very much, died several years ago but I will get another**

Good luck, Mrs. Neal!

Judy Neal, a second grade teacher at Irving, will be retiring at the end of this school year. We asked her a few questions about her career and plans:

How long have you been teaching? **34 years**
What was the first school you taught at? **Centennial Elementary School now BJHS**
What grades have you taught over the years? **4th, K, 1st, and 2nd**
What have you enjoyed the most about teaching? **When my children were in the primary grades I so wanted them to stay that age for at least a couple years before growing any older. Teaching gave me the opportunity to experience a group of children at that wonderous age year after year. I have loved many things about teaching: watching children succeed at something they strived to do, their innocent humor, having students come back years later and tell me what they remembered most about being in my class, meeting former students' children, reading notes and enjoying pictures I have been given by students to name a few.**

What are your plans for retirement? **A priority is being able to spend more time with my daughter Felicia, her husband Doug and my two grandchildren (Sean 5 and Lauren 3) in California, my youngest son Tyler and his wife Sarah in Florida, and attending more of my oldest son's (Mike) baseball games. (He coaches for Blackburn College in Carlinville, Il.)**

I am also planning to travel and experience parts of the world I have never seen. Hopefully I am going to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, and India next year. That's the plan! There are many other places I want to see in the next few years: France, Sweden, Ireland, England, Spain, Africa....and the list goes on.

Finding the time to learn new things, time for projects and organizing around the house, playing the piano, exercising, reading, learning to knit, taking an art class in sculpture, and having more time for my friends are all things I am looking forward to in retirement.

Do you have any pets? **All my life I have had pets and loved them very much. My parents were really good about letting me bring home animals: dogs, cats, turtles, birds, a mouse, baby chicks, baby duck, fish, tadpoles and a horse (but the horse did not get to live at home!). There very well may have been others, but that is all I can remember.**

My last pet was a German shepherd named Savannah who lived for 14 years. Unfortunately, she died about 3 years ago. I didn't think it would be fair to get another since my children were gone and I wasn't home enough to keep it company. (Dogs really are social animals and need to be part of a pack.) Now that I plan to travel it doesn't make sense to get a pet, but I can't imagine life without one once I have the time to devote to it.

Free Summer Meals for Children

District 87 sponsors the Summer Food Service Program and offers free meals to ANYONE 18 or under at the following sites:

Location	Dates of Operation	Breakfast	Lunch	Exceptions
Boys & Girls Club 1615 W. Illinois Bloomington	June 6 thru August 12, weekdays	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Irving School 602 W. Jackson Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, weekdays		12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Second Presbyterian Church 313 N. East St. Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, weekdays		11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Sheridan School 1403 W. Walnut Bloomington	June 6 thru August 5, Weekdays	8:30 to 9:00a.m	12:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Closed July 4th
Schools open for breakfast during summer educational programs:				
Bloomington Junior High 901 N. Colton Bloomington **Summer School**	June 6 thru July 7, Monday thru Thursday	8:30 to 9:00 a.m.		Closed July 4th
Irving School 602 W. Jackson Bloomington **Early Start**	July 25 thru August 11 Monday thru Thursday	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.		
Sheridan School 1403 W. Walnut Bloomington **Early Start**	July 25 thru August 11 Monday thru Thursday	9:00 to 9:30 a.m.		

The Summer Food Service Program is available to all eligible children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. Any person who feels that he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

Wow! A great big thank you to those who donated General Mills Box Tops this year.

We made $1,368!

We will celebrate with a school-wide Field Day at Miller Park on May 25th.

Can you help with the grill, hotdogs, buns and parent volunteering? Please call us at 827-8091 if you are interested.

From the Media Center:

- The last book check out day is May 6th
- ALL library books are due back to the library May 13.
- Lost and Damaged books must also be paid by May 13th.

Also, we collect old cell phones and printer ink cartridges for our recycling fundraiser. You can save them up over the summer and bring them in when school starts. Thank you!

May Field Trip Calendar

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather on field trip days.

Kindergarten: Thursday, May 5th—Children's Discovery Museum and to Anderson Park for a picnic from 9:00am-1:00pm. The trip is paid for by Irving PTO.

1st grade: Scovill Zoo in Decatur

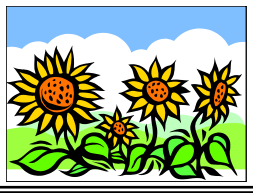
2nd grade: Thursday, May 19th– Peoria Chiefs game. 9:30am -2:00pm.

3rd grade: Monday, May 16th- will visit David Davis Mansion for the second time. We leave at 9:15am and will return at 1:00pm We will eat sack lunches on the lawn. The school will provide a sack lunch. Teachers will be sending home parent chaperone sign-ups in May.

4th grade: Monday, May 23 Miller Park; rain date: May 24th.

5th grade: Monday May 23rd– Dave Davis Mansion
Tuesday, May 24th– Rockets at Maxwell Park

All School Field Day: May 25th at Miller Park.



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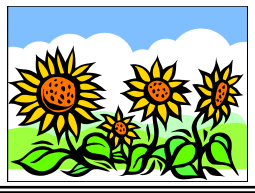

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School Teacher Work Day	3	4	5 Kindergarten to Children's Museum and to Anderson Park	6	7
8	9	10		12	13	14
15	16 3rd grade to David Davis Mansion	17	18	19 2nd grade to Peoria Chiefs game	20 1st grade to Scovill Zoo	21
22	23 4th grade–Miller Park 5th grade-David Davis Mansion	24 5th grade to Maxwell Park	25 All School Field Day Miller Park	26 Last full day of school	27 Last 10 minutes of school! Dismissed 9:10am. Report cards sent U.S. mail	28
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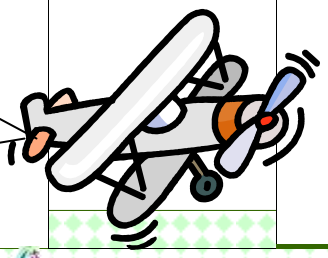
See you on August 18th for the first 1/2 day of school (9:00am-12:05pm)!