

THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE ELEMENTARY PARENT BULLETIN

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Dear Parents & Grandparents:

Our Word of the Week is **FRIENDLINESS**

In the Bible, Proverbs chapter 15, verse 30 we read,

A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.

In a world that is often hostile, a spirit of friendliness can bring delight to the people around you. So remember to SMILE!

*“Smile at each other, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other
—it doesn’t matter who it is—and that will help you grow up in greater love for each other.”*

Mother Teresa



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

9/5, Monday	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday
9/6, Tuesday	NO SCHOOL – Staff Inservice Day for Teachers
9/7, Wednesday	Due date for flu vaccination consent form – Pods 5, 6 and 7 only
9/7, Wednesday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 6 - Grades 1 & 2
9/8, Thursday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 5 - Grades 3 through 6
9/13, Tuesday	OPEN HOUSE – 7:00 p.m. for Pod 7 – Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten
9/14 – 9/16	POD 5 (Grades 3-6) – Friendship Camp at Camp Homelani
10/3, Monday	Picture taking for Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4)
10/4, Tuesday	Picture taking for Pre-Kindergarten – Elementary (Pods 5, 6 and 7)
10/6 and 10/7	Parent-Teacher Conference Days – No school for students
10/10, Monday	NOT A HOLIDAY – SCHOOL IN SESSION



OPEN HOUSE FOR PODS 5, 6 AND 7

Open House for Pod 6 (Grades 1 and 2) will be held on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Open House for Pod 5 (Grades 3 through 6) will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Open House for Pod 7 (Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten) will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 p.m.

As a reminder, this Open House is for **parents only and we ask that you please do not bring your children with you**. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child’s teachers, view the classroom materials, learn about the curriculum and walk through the classroom. We look forward to seeing you there!

Homework/Study Skills

Promote effective study habits for a successful school year



Homework can be a major source of conflict for parents and kids. But even if study time goes well in your family, it's important to make sure you're covering the basics. Take small, simple steps that promote cooperation and good study habits. Remember to:

- Choose a regular time and place for studying. It should be somewhere quiet with no TV or similar distractions. Pick a comfortable spot and stock it with necessities. Kids study better, and with fewer complaints, when they follow a routine.
- Allow free time first. Some kids need to blow off steam after school by exercising or chatting. Many also head straight for a snack or drink. Keep healthy options available that will energize your child for work and play.
- Encourage organization. Productive studying starts with a to-do list. Older elementary school students should make one each day.
- Postpone screen time. Watching TV and playing video games are privileges that often take away from priorities, including homework, reading and socializing. Save all screen time for after homework and studying.
- Pay attention. Homework time is a chance for you to learn about your child. Does she excel at reading? Struggle with multiplication? Have trouble with spelling? Work with her teacher to build on her strengths and overcome challenges.
- Be supportive. Don't do your child's homework for her. But do stay nearby to supervise. It's okay to answer questions and guide your child through problems. But if you feel she needs too much help in an area, talk with her teacher.

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PICTURE TAKING

Picture taking is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd, for all Preschoolers (Pods 1, 2, 3 and 4) and Tuesday, October 4th, for Pre-Kindergarteners through Grade 6 (Pods 5, 6 and 7). Picture taking packets/ information will be sent home with your child later this month. All students should wear their appropriate school uniform on picture taking day.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 6th and Friday, October 7th. No classes will be held and students should not report to school. Sign up for conferences will begin on Monday, September 19th and will continue through Friday, September 23rd on a first-come-first-serve basis. Sign-up sheets for Preschool will be located in your child's classroom, Grades K-6 will be located in the school main lobby. Conference is **mandatory** for all parents.



God Bless and have a pleasant
and safe Labor Day weekend,

The Children's House Administration

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