

Mrs. Gray, Superintendent

MILNE GROVE SCHOOL

Mrs. Carlson, Principal

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From the Principal's Office

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) will be given to our 3rd grade students on February 28th - March 4th. Attendance is very important as well as a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. Please talk to your child about this significant test and encourage him/her to do the best they can. The students will take three math tests and three reading tests.

Citizenship is the sixth pillar of character in the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program, and March is citizenship month. What a wonderful time to model the importance of following the rules and laws established by the City of Lockport and our school. Everyone gets frustrated at times, but it is so important to model all the pillars (Trust,

Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Citizenship), as well as proper language, to children at all times.

Please use the crosswalks and sidewalks on school grounds and encourage your children to use them too. We instruct the children to use the sidewalks, and then, too often, we see a parent walking up or down our driveway.

Please remind your child that if there is ever a time when their ride is not here, he/she should come back into the building, so we can contact you and/or anyone else that is on your emergency contact sheet. Discuss the importance of **never** accepting a ride from anyone other than you unless you have prearranged it with him/her. If your child is tardy to

school, an adult must accompany the child to the office to sign in. Please remind your child that if he/she arrives at school late and the doors are already locked, they need go to the main entrance and push the buzzer, so a secretary can let him/her in.

We still have children arriving at school too early. Students should not come to school before 8:20 a.m. Our supervising teachers are on duty from 8:20 – 8:30. Please continue to dress your child for the cold weather. March temperatures can be unpredictable, and the students will be lining up outside once again before school.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Carlson

IMPORTANT DATES

February 28 - March 4
Third Grade ISAT Testing

March 4
Donuts for Dads Form Due

March 7
Spring Pictures

March 8
SpEd Parent Meeting 6:00
Board of Education Meeting 7:30
KG LRC

March 9
Market Day Pick Up 4:30 - 5:30
MG Gym

March 13
Change Your Clocks - Add an Hour

March 17
School Improvement Day 11:30 Dismissal

No a.m. Kindergarten
p.m. Kindergarten attends 8:30 - 11:20

March 18
Donuts for Dads 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.
MG Gym

March 24
1st Grade Field Trip - Oak Lawn Children's Museum

March 25
Report Cards Distributed
Purple Day - Citizenship

March 28 - April 1
Spring Break

April 4
School Resumes

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Our Kindergarten Registration is just around the corner. If you plan to send your child to Kindergarten next school year, we ask that all students, who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2011, pre-register to help us determine our upcoming Kindergarten enrollment.

To register your child you must bring their original birth certificate (copies will not be accepted) and your driver's license showing your current

address. You will also need **one** of the following items: mortgage statement, recent tax bill, settlement statement, title/warranty deed, rental agreement/lease or mortgage payment book **and two** of the following items: gas or electric bill, cable or telephone bill, vehicle registration, voter registration or proof of homeowner's insurance. If you are living with a district resident, additional paperwork

will be required. Registration will be held at Milne Grove on Thursday, April 7 from 9:30-11:30 and 12:30-2:30. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Ferry at 815-838-0542, ext. 1017.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN...

EARLY LEARNERS

Upcoming Events:

Week of February 28 - The Early Learners will work on the letter "Tt" and the theme will be transportation. They will also work on the number 19 and the triangle shape. The Early Learners will be experimenting with the senses of tasting and touching also during the week.

Week of March 7 – The Early Learners will work on the letter "Uu" along with the number 20. The theme will be USA. The Early Learners will learn what it means to be good citizens of the United States of America as well as some important facts.

Week of March 14 – The Early Learners will work on the letter "Oo" and the theme

will be Outer Space. They will also work with the color orange, the oval shape, and the concept of outside and inside.

Week of March 21 – The Early Learners will work on the letter "Bb" and the theme will be birds. They will also work with the color blue and the concept of big and little. The Early Learners will review their body parts with fun activities also during the week.

Week of March 28 – SPRING BREAK

Dates to Remember:

Friday, March 4th, Kindergarten Transition activity with Mrs. Lyttek's class. Only the Early Learners who will be attending kindergarten in the fall will attend this event.

Monday, March 7th, NO SCHOOL for Early Learners. Some Early Learners will have scheduled HOME VISITS.
Thursday, March 17th, NO SCHOOL for Milne Grove Early Learners, School Improvement Day.
Thursday, March 24th, Field Trip to Children's Museum in Oak Lawn. The bus will leave Milne Grove at 8:45 a.m. and return around 1:40 p.m.
Friday, March 25th, WEAR PURPLE, celebrate Character Counts Citizenship
Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1st, SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL

Please watch your child's folder for the date of the March Family Fun Event.



KINDERGARTEN

The kindergarten students had fun last month celebrating the 100th day of school! Students brought in a collection of 100 items. We used the collections for many math activities. We were able to sort, measure, and weigh them. We determined which collection was the lightest, heaviest, biggest, and smallest. Please continue to practice oral counting to 100!!!

In Math, we have also been working with money! The students were very excited to find out the presidents we've been studying are on some of the coins. The Estimation Station has been a fun addition to our rooms, too. Students have gotten very good at estimating how many objects are

in a container.

In March, students will continue practicing writing sentences independently. They can use the sight words they know along with their "kindergarten writing." Each time a sentence is written they check to make sure it begins with a capital letter, ends with punctuation, and there are spaces between their words. The students are so proud of their sentence writing!

The books we are now reading in reading groups require blending of three sounds to decode. As these books come home please read them several times and place

them in their "book baggie."

In Science, students will be studying Weather and Seasons in March. Weather is something we discuss and graph every day during calendar. In our Science unit students will learn how nature changes in each season.

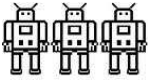


In Social Studies, we learned about Abraham Lincoln and George Washington and made a book called Abraham and I. In the book students were able to compare their life with Abraham Lincoln's life. Students were amazed by the many similarities and differences!

MISSION STATEMENT

We believe that ALL students can be successful in school. It is the mission of Milne-Kelvin Grove School District 91 to provide a supportive environment for learning in which students acquire knowledge and skills, develop a healthy self-image, demonstrate positive social behaviors, as well as acknowledge and respect ethnic and cultural diversity. We expect students to become life-long learners and productive citizens.

FIRST GRADE



During the month of March, first graders will be learning about robots and machines.

Over spring break the children will have a robot project to work on. We hope this will be an activity the whole family can enjoy. Look for information on this project the week before spring break in your child's home folder.

In reading and phonics the first graders will be continuing to discover the world of long vowels. They will focus on the "Mighty Silent e" and discover its special powers. The Mighty Silent e can change a short vowel to a long vowel without even making a sound! Practice changing words like these:

pin to pine rob to robe
tub to tube not to note cap to cape

We will also begin to put words in alphabetical order based on the beginning letter

of the word. Students will learn that dictionaries and encyclopedias are examples of books that are arranged in alphabetical order. This is a great skill to practice at home.

In math we will be working on the following concepts: adding ten to a number, counting by hundreds, identifying a missing addend, measuring and drawing line segments to the nearest inch, measuring using feet, identifying and counting nickels, counting nickels and pennies together, subtracting ten from a number, and identifying a dozen and a half dozen. Please continue to practice these skills and the fact flashcards at home.

During the month of March, first grade will be integrating their science with their social studies lessons. We will study rocks, land forms, and using maps. We will also be learning about the oceans and the continents.

We would like to encourage our first grade parents to continue to model reading for your child at home. Children need to see their parents reading. They also need the opportunity to read out loud and to be heard. It is important to monitor your child's reading and listen for fluency (smoothness). Fluency develops by reading the same selection multiple times. Be sure to read and reread stories with your child.

Through the use of stories and novels the Tier 1 students are being introduced to new vocabulary and comprehension skills. They are learning how to visualize what happens in a story, and formulate questions about the characters and events.

First Grade Team

SECOND GRADE

Reading – As we continue with the third quarter, it is important to remember that the weekly stories are more complex and contain many details. When your child brings home the reading book ask them questions pertaining to the story. In spelling, the students will learn: inflections (changing the f to a v and adding es), and the following suffixes: -less, -ing, and -ly.

Social Studies – As we move into March, we will learn about the great state of Illinois. Students



will learn many interesting facts: state bird, flower, animal, insect, crop and fish.

Science – The next area of study is How People Grow and Change. Students will learn about the parts of the body and their functions and how to keep healthy.

Math – Students are expected to continue practicing addition facts at home. It is equally important to study the subtraction facts. Some upcoming skills are: subtracting two-digit numbers, writing number sentences to show equal groups, count-

ing quarters, rounding to the nearest 10, finding one half of a set with an even or odd number of objects, and measuring and drawing line segments using centimeters.

Handwriting – We are continuing to learn the lower case letters in cursive. Please remember students are not allowed to write in cursive until all letters are learned. When practicing cursive at home, remember to have good posture, sharpened pencil, and correct pencil grip.

THIRD GRADE

Happy spring! Once ISAT is finished we will continue on with our studies. Thank you for cooperating with us in making your child's first experience of ISAT a pleasant one.

The third graders are starting Junior Achievement for one weekly class for five weeks. As stated on its website, "Junior Achievement is a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers — all working together to inspire

young people to dream big and reach their potential. JA's hands-on, experiential programs teach the key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to young people all over the world. Lessons dovetailed perfectly with our social studies unit on "People Who Make a Difference" in explaining how communities work with its necessary workers, taxes, voting and banking."

Now that we are back to our reading stories, non – fiction and fiction stories will be covered. In science we will be covering the topic of the solar system. We also have a special visitor this month. Ginger Zee, noted channel 5 meteorologist, will be here to speak with the third graders on April 8th.

Enjoy Spring Break at the end of the month!

NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM - Mrs. Cravens

In March and April, all Milne Grove artists are continuing to explore the art of painting, while moving into the art within watercolor and sculpture in the weeks ahead. Currently, we are also concentrating on communication skills when discussing completed artwork during critique. Students also continue to focus on communication in written form through "Artist Statements" for all projects completed.

Currently, the kindergarten students are in the final stages of their Pop Art Wayne Thiebaud inspired sundae paintings and will progress into the art of printmaking. Students will use the

"monoprint" technique to create a tree with interesting line and shape. First grade students will continue their outer space mixed media paintings and turn their attention under the sea to create a watercolor resist seascape. Students will view underwater images, learn basic fish facts, and even listen to fish inspired music!

The second grade students will begin a watercolor cityscape in spirit of Chicago. Students will view many skyline images for inspiration and learn about the countless sites and classic architecture within the great

Windy City. The third grade artists are currently transformed into cake designers and will create an original, personal cake design for their next birthday. Students will then explore three dimensional sculpture using both foil and plaster.



For more information on art classes at Milne Grove, please be sure to check us out on the web at www.d91.net. Thank you for your interest in your child's art education.

Mrs. Cravens

P.E. NEWS - Ms. Sharp

The P.E. classes are playing volleyball, badminton, pickleball, paddleball, and scoopball. They will be able to use different types of



racquets for these games. They will continue to do their fitness activity once a week. At the end of each month the classes do a 5 min-

ute run. Thank you again for all the donations for Jump Rope for Heart.

FROM THE LUNCHROOM - Mrs. Thomason

If your child is absent on a day they have ordered a hot lunch, you must use the credit on the next month's lunch order or the credit will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to

keep track of the credits and use them in a timely manner.

April lunch orders will go home the week of March 10 and are due March 16 before 9:00 a.m.



NOTES FROM THE NURSE

The following information is from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Prevention and Control Stressed With Rise in Cases of Bed Bugs

In response to the increasing number of bed bug incidents occurring across the country in recent months, here is valuable information from the Illinois Department of Public Health: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/p>

[bedbugs.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/p/bedbugs.htm). The website provides a number of documents, including those on identification and inspection of bed bugs; guidelines for schools and daycare centers; and others for prevention and control.

While bed bugs do not transmit human disease, they are of public health importance because of risk of allergic reactions, secondary infections,

stress, loss of sleep, life disruption, financial burden and lost productivity for those affected. The cost of treating an infestation can be substantial, IDPH officials say.

For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health at 217-782-5830, TTY (hearing-impaired use only) 800-547-0466.

THE LATEST FROM THE LRC - Mrs. Tumino

Library News

Milne Grove students have been busy as usual in the library as we wait, wait, wait for Spring to arrive. We have finally finished reading our selection of this year's Illinois Monarch Award nominated books – they were all so good, I don't know how we'll choose between them! We cast our ballots for our favorites near the end of February – I'll let you know the outcome in the next newsletter. We should also have the statewide results by then. Ask your child which one he/she liked best – this is a great opportunity for our kids to talk about literature and what they like and don't like in a book.

Please encourage your child to become responsible for his or her own library books! This far into the school year we should not have so many children with overdue books. Too often on library day we hear children saying, "My mom didn't put it in my backpack!" As part of our school's emphasis on learning and following the Six Pillars of Character, the children need to learn to be Trustworthy and Responsible!

PTO's Scholastic Book Fair

The D91 PTO will be holding their annual book fair at Kelvin Grove this month. Be sure to stop by for all the fun activities, and to pick up some value-priced books for home. Your support of this fair helps to provide the Milne Grove and Kelvin Grove Libraries with many of the new books we need each year for our collections. The PTO generously donates the proceeds, in books, to the libraries so that all our children may benefit! Plus, the fair has become "the place to be" for our families thanks to all the creative activities the PTO plans for us!

Reading Incentives

Six Flags Read to Succeed – This pro-

gram came to an end on February 22nd. Students who turned in completed reading logs can expect to receive their free tickets sometime in May. **IF YOUR CHILD RETURNED A FORM, YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A CONFIRMATION SLIP FROM ME BY MARCH 1ST. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THIS, PLEASE CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY!!!!** I need to have my final count now – if you wait until the end of the year and then tell me you didn't get your ticket, it will be too late for me to do anything about it.

Book Buddies – Students may earn free tickets to the NEW Joliet SLAMMERS games by reading books. Look for details on the flyer that will come home later in the month. We will also be planning a family game night for the beginning of summer break.

Computer Lab News

As usual, all classes have been very busy in the lab. Our favorite websites have been getting lots of use, with new lessons covered all the time. For example, the kindergarten classes get a lot of benefit from the Starfall website by covering a different letter sound, reading skill or holiday each week, depending on what they are doing in the classroom. The other grades do much the same thing, working with math, spelling, reading, logic, vocabulary skills and more on sites like Starfall, Spacey Math, Math-U-See, Spelling City, Harcourt Reading, and so many more. Plus, third graders have also been practicing for the ISAT and utilizing the many great links on our MG Websites page.

Remember, all these links can be used at home as well by going to the MG LRC's page of the District website, www.d91.net. Just click on the globe at the top of the LRC page.

All D91 students have their own username

and password, which follows them through 8th grade. We don't use them a lot here at MG, but once the kids get to Kelvin Grove they will need this information every time they use a computer. We have been going over this with the students, as they will need to log on to use the music program this month (see below). Please remind your student that their password is PRIVATE, personal information, to be shared only with family, and NEVER with other students. Occasionally a child may see or hear another student's password – please remind your child that he or she should attempt to forget this information immediately, and should certainly never share it with another student.

March is Music in Our Schools Month, and Mrs. Randolph will be holding her Music classes here in the Computer Lab. All students will have the opportunity to learn to read and write music as they work their way through the Music Ace program. Did you know that Music Technology at District 91 is funded by donations and fundraisers? When Mrs. Randolph needs Tag Day volunteers, or asks people to sell America's Valucards, this is where the money goes. Be sure to ask your kids about the program!

Volunteer Corner

As always, I am grateful to Carmen Mancera, who comes in faithfully every Friday to put away the hundreds of books that build up on my return cart. I also would like to express thanks to Diane Cotter, Krista Woodworth and Claudia Zekas, who also come to lend a hand and seem to have a knack of showing up just when I need them!

FROM AMY BRODEUR - Differentiation Consultant

Greetings! The teachers at Milne Grove continue to implement differentiated instruction in various ways even though much of the focus is on the state testing that will be underway soon. Content is always emphasized all year long, but currently good test taking strategies are also being practiced. 3rd grade students, es-

pecially, are looking at different question types and practicing how to explain the solution of a math problem. I have no doubt that the instruction that goes on all year in this school prepares these students for this assessment. All grades are still looking at their daily instruction with a critical eye and deciding what is best for

the students they have THIS year. Through multiple classroom assessments the teachers KNOW your students well and are striving to meet their needs in every way. Milne Grove is a great place to learn!

MUSIC NEWS - Mrs. Randolph



To Contact Mrs. Randolph K-8 Music & KG Chorus Director

Email: srandolph@d91.net PHONE: 815-838-0737 ext. 140

Web Page: www.d91.net select Music Dept. and then the heading you want

March is National Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) with the theme: "Music Lasts A Lifetime". Schools across the United States will be celebrating in a variety of ways. During the month of March, to celebrate MIOSM, all K-3 students will be in the LRC computer lab working on the music software "Music Maestro". Students will learn basic note reading, introduction to the piano and keeping a beat. The computer scores each student. They learn music while having fun doing it. There are music games designed to allow students to compete against themselves and to try and top their past score. We will still continue Thursday mornings open music lab for 2nd and 3rd grade students that would like to come in and work on music.

In April, we will return to the music room for classes for the rest of the year. Third Grade Recorder classes will continue to have the option of coming in Thursday mornings to earn stickers for passing songs on the recorder. Regular recorder classes will resume during regular music class time in April. Thursday, May 26 (2:30-3pm MG gym) will be the 3rd grade recorder concert open to parents, family and friends.

Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 we need parents and students to work the Tag Days to earn money for our music technology labs. Please return the form below if you can help.

Return to Mrs. Randolph by March 17, 2011

I can work the Music Technology Tag Days on the following days/times (Someone will contact you the week before):

Check as many as you can do:

_____ Friday, April 23, - Time _____

_____ Saturday, April 24, - Time _____

Student's Name _____ Grade ____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

(We will not give or sell your email to anyone.) Email _____

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with me as we make MUSIC to LAST A LIFETIME!

FREE PRESCHOOL SCREENINGS

LOCKPORT AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE

1343 East Seventh Street
Lockport, IL 60441



Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative (LASEC) will be conducting preschool screenings for three, four, and five year olds.

The screening instrument, DIAL 3, has been developed by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and is designed for surveying gross motor, fine motor, concept formation, and communication skills. The purpose of the

screening is to identify problems early so that intervention and remediation of any problems will help the child adjust to the educational system. Delays in speech and language, academics, behavioral or social adjustments are typical problems that need remediation.

If you are aware of any preschool age child who would benefit from the screening program now or any time during the year, please inform his/her parent and have them contact Lockport Area Special Education Cooperative at 815-838-8080. Any child screened must have an appointment.

SCREENING DATES AND TIMES

Mach 16, 2011

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

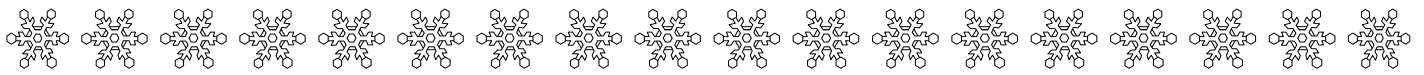
April 7, 2011

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

May 5, 2011

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

PLEASE CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT: 815-838-8080

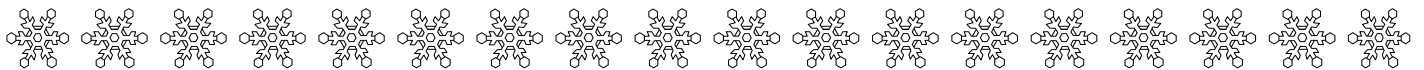


EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

PARENTS: YOU CAN CHECK THE STATUS OF EMERGENCY

CLOSINGS FOR MILNE GROVE SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

1. If you are signed up for our automated phone and/or e-mail system, *Connect-Ed*, you will receive a phone call and/or e-mail notifying you of any school closings. PLEASE keep your phone number and/or e-mail address up-to-date. Call us with any changes.
2. Log on to our website www.d91.net.
3. Log on to public website www.emergencyclosings.com and search for Milne Grove School by name and city or by our main phone number.
4. Call 847-238-1234 using a touch tone phone and enter our main phone number.
5. Receive an e-mail notification of a change by signing up at www.emergencyclosings.com.
6. Watch CBS Ch. 2, NBC Ch. 5, ABC Ch. 7, FOX 32, WGN TV or CLTV cable for closing information.
7. Listen to radio station WJOL - 1340 AM, WGN Radio 720 AM, or WBBM Radio 780 AM.



Our Newsletters are Electronic

Please note that in our effort to "Go Green," our monthly newsletters are no longer be printed and sent home with each student. The newsletters are posted on our website, but they can also be e-mailed to you if you prefer. If you did not receive this newsletter via e-mail and would like to receive future ones electroni-

cally, please e-mail Mrs. Knize at cknize@d91.net.

If you would still like a paper copy, you or your child can pick one up in the office.

Don't throw away your empty ink cartridges!!

Send them to the school library instead!

Collect used printer cartridges (any kind) from home, relatives, neighbors, parents' workplace, etc. and bring them to the MG LRC. We recycle them AND earn \$\$\$ for books and more!

DONUTS FOR DADS

We will be hosting our annual "Donuts for Dads" breakfast on Friday, March 18 in the Milne Grove Gym. We will be serving one donut and milk per person from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Due to the limited amount of space, we ask that **ONLY** Milne Grove students and their fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or any other male



role model attend. Parking will be very tight, so we would really appreciate your patience. Please try to carpool or walk with your child that morning, if possible. You cannot use the bank or Milne's lower drive for parking. The parking spaces in the school parking lot are **RESERVED** for teachers and aides. You can park in the upper drive/drop off zone at Milne as long as you leave by 8:20 to make room

for those that are dropping off students. You can also park along the street where it is legal to do so, but please do not park in or block the residents' driveways. We ask that all visitors enter through the back gym doors that morning. Contact the school if you have any questions. RSVP forms have already been sent home.

SPRING PICTURES

Milne Grove will have Spring Pictures on Monday, March 7. This year you will have the opportunity to choose the background of your child's photo. You should have already received



this information and order form. If not, extras are available in the school office. Unlike the fall pictures, you do not need to preorder a portrait package. The finished portrait package will be sent home for your re-

view. Simply return what you don't want or return payment for what you want to keep.

There is not a make up date for Spring pictures.

PATRIOTISM AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Milne Grove School is hosting a free after school program for Milne Grove K - 3 students, so students can learn more

about patriotism. The program runs from 3:10 – 4:00 in the library on the following dates: March 2, 10, 16, 23 and April 6

and 20. Permission slips were sent home two weeks ago.



March's Character Pillar: Citizenship

BACK INTO THE GREAT OUTDOORS!

Since December, we have been bringing the children inside to line up at 8:20. Starting March 1, we will resume lining up in the back of the school from 8:20 - 8:30 unless the

wind chill temperature is below 20 degrees. Please be aware of the weather and send your child to school with a coat, hat, and gloves when necessary.



VISIT US ON THE WEB!



www.d91.net

DISTRICT 91 ACADEMY

We are looking for parents and community members that are interested in joining our District 91 Academy. Topics of discussion include School Improvement, Discipline, and Response to Intervention. Our final academy meeting for this school year is

on April 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. We meet in Kelvin Grove's LRC.

Please contact Principal Tracy Carlson at 815-838-0542 if you are interested in attending the academy meetings. The monthly Board of Education meetings will

follow our academy meetings at 7:30. Please join us for these too, if you have the time.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Please note the following important dates.

**Kindergarten Round-Up/Registration
for 2011 - 2012**

April 7

Early Bird Registration for 2011 - 2012

April 15 - May 13

Kindergarten Visitation

May 12

2011 - 2012 Open Registration

August 3 and 4

**Please make sure you have April 14
noted as an 11:30 dismissal day.**

SAVE THE DATE

We have some exciting events coming to Milne Grove School. Be sure to mark your calendars!!

Donuts for Dads – Friday, March 18

Parent Lunch Date – Wednesday, April 13

Muffins for Moms – Friday, May 6

Grandparents Week – Week of May 23

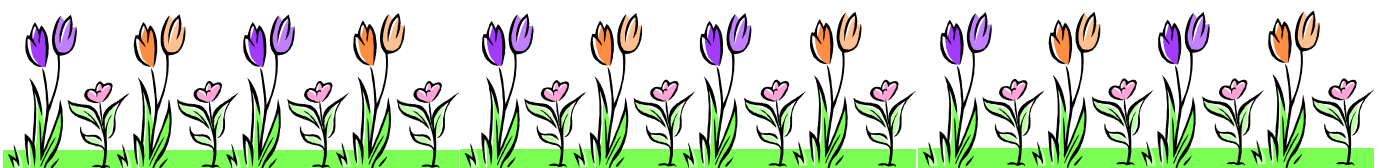
Field Day CHANGE - Tuesday, May 31

DID YOU KNOW?

- Information about sex offenders can be found on <http://www.isp.state.il.us/sor/>.
- You can view our District and School Report Card on the web. Visit www.d91.net, open up the *About District 91* link under "For Parents" and then click on Report Cards.
- We have information to share that may help out someone who is homeless. Please contact Mrs. Carlson for more details at 815-838-0542 if you know anyone who is homeless.
- District 91 has an allergy plan in place in order to address the needs of students that have allergies. Please contact Nurse Cast if you have any questions.
- We are STILL looking for parent volunteers to help the students cross the driveways at dismissal time. Please call us at 815-838-0542!! We need your help!!

\$\$ Help Our Schools Earn Money \$\$

- Recycle your empty printer cartridges by sending them to school. Our library receives cash for each recycled cartridge turned in.
- Support our PTO and their fundraisers. Every penny that the PTO generates supports our schools and family events that they provide for you and your children.
- Shop at any of these stores: Target, Footlocker and/or Office Max. You must ask them (or go online to find out) how your purchase can result in CASH for our schools.





Pizza Hut[®]

“FUN”DRAISER”

Night

Wednesday, March 2

and the first Wednesday of every month throughout the school year!

4-8pm

Dine-in, carryout or delivery

at our Lockport Pizza Hut[®] – (815)838-2294

Pizza Hut[®] will donate 20% of your purchases* on the “Fun”draiser Night to the Kelvin Grove Band and Chorus Programs!

Just give them the ticket below when you pay!

*Excluding alcoholic beverages. The Pizza Hut logo is a trademark of Pizza Hut, Inc. © and ™ designate registered trademark and trademark of Pizza Hut, Inc. ©2000 Pizza Hut, Inc.

Please complete and return to a Pizza Hut[®] employee at the time of purchase



My Name is _____

I support the Kelvin Grove Band And Chorus

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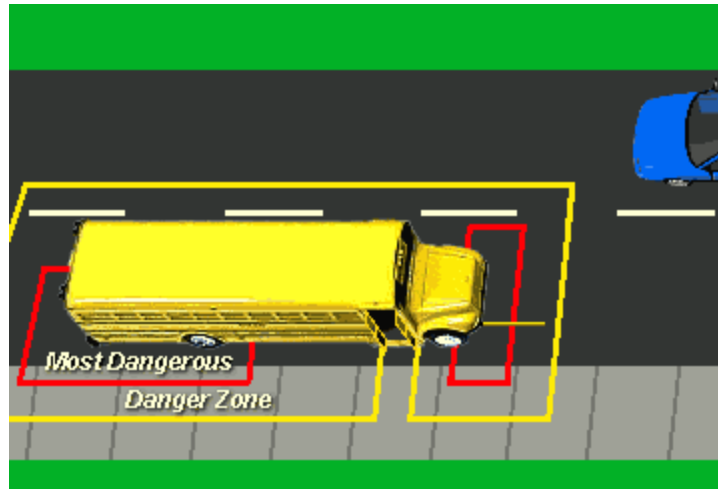
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Operational Services

Administrative Procedure - School Bus Safety Rules



The Building Principal shall distribute the following rules to all students. Those students not qualifying for school bus transportation to and from school should receive a copy because they may from time-to-time be transported to school activities by school bus.

1. Dress properly for the weather. Make sure all drawstrings, ties, straps, etc. on all clothing, backpacks and other items, are shortened or removed to lessen the likelihood of them getting caught in bus doors, railings or aisles.
2. Arrive on time at the bus stop and stay away from the street while waiting for the bus.
3. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.
4. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.
5. Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.
6. Always listen to the driver's instructions. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid making noises that would distract the driver or bother other passengers. Remain seated, keeping your hands, arms, and head inside the bus at all times.
7. Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.
8. Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Take five giant steps away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.
9. If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic.
10. Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.

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- Characteristics
 - Motivation
 - Relationships
 - Stress Management
 - Advocacy

All participants receive the entire training program on a USB drive at no additional cost. Note - to promote open discussion, we ask that parents refrain from bringing their children. No child care services will be available.

Date: Saturday, March 12, 2011
Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost: \$15
Location: Professional Development Alliance
2705 McDonough St., Joliet, Illinois
Presenter: Tracey Hosey, Director of Gifted Education at Yorkville School District 115

You may register for this class by calling (815) 744-8337, or you may register online at www.pdaonline.org.

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