



Jean McNair Elementary

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News to Note

A special thanks to the Winnebago PTO and the Winnebago Lions Club for funding part of RAMP's iBelong program that began last week. This program will run for 10-weeks and teaches students in grades 3-5 the importance of acceptance of people with disabilities through interactive lessons and activities.

We will not be sending home first quarter midterm reports since much of what's been taking place these past few weeks is learning routines, getting to know our classroom and classmates, and reviewing basic skills. Teachers will reach out to you individually if they are noticing any academic and/or behavioral concerns at this time. First quarter report cards will go home on Friday, November 2.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 24 from 4-7:30pm and Thursday, October 25 from 1-7:30pm. Teachers will be reaching out in the coming weeks to schedule times for you to meet with them.

Students attending sporting events are required to attend with a parent, guardian, or an accompanying adult if they are 8th grade or younger. Students found to be at an event without supervision will be sent home. Students are also expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship and are expected to be seated and watching the event. In addition, they are expected to clean up after themselves by disposing of garbage properly.

Winnebago Schools offer both breakfast (\$1.75) and lunch (\$2.55) for students. Please note that free and reduced meal applications are available in each school office and on the district website. These forms can be turned in to any school office. Please also make sure lunch money, if sent to school with your child, is clearly marked.

Winnebago Adopt a Family Program Change

This 2018-2019 school year, Adopt-a-Family will hold weekly program sign-up for families in need of a little help for the holidays. Instead of paperwork being sent home to families, families will need to come to Simon Elementary to sign-up for the program. This is how it works: If you're a family in need of help for the holidays, you can sign up for the Adopt-a-Family by coming to Simon Elementary EVERY Tuesday between now and October 23 from either 8-10am and 3-5pm. Paperwork must be completed while at Simon. Questions? Please contact Erin Freeman at 335-2318 or at freemane@winnebagoschools.org. Adopt-a-Family helps with both Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, as well as toiletry items, if needed.

Drop Off and Pick Up

Important Reminder

When dropping off and picking up students, it is *imperative* that we maintain a single line of traffic along the sidewalk in front of the school. Once you've picked up your child, you may pull out of the line and exit the parking lot to the east. Students should exit and enter your vehicle on the passenger side either before or after the crosswalk in front of the building (*keeping the crosswalk free for pedestrians walking to and from the parking lot*). In addition, if you choose to park in the parking lot, please walk to the sidewalk to pick up your child. Students should not be running or walking into the parking lot to catch their ride. We ask that you also share this information with anyone who picks up your child.

Monday	Tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
September 17 Erin's Law Presentations; Spirit Day**	18 Erin's Law Presentations; Spirit Day**	19 Spirit Day**	20 Grade 3 Field Trip; Spirit Day** ; Band Parent Meeting, 6:30pm WHS Cafetorium,	21 Spirit Day**
24	25 PTO Fall Fundraiser Orders Due	26	27	28 First Student of the Week Announced; Early Dismissal 1pm
October 1	2 Grade 4 Field Trip (Draves, Whalen)	3 Grade 4 Field Trip (Dilbeck, Wandell)	4	5
8 No School, Columbus Day	9 PTO Meeting, 3:30pm, McNair Library	10	11 Grade 5 Field Trip (Smith, McWilliams)	12 Grade 5 Field Trip (Belden, Lehne); Ag in the Classroom, Grade 3
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24 Early Dismissal 1pm; Parent Teacher Conferences 4-7:30pm	25 No School, Parent Teacher Conferences 1-7:30pm	26 No School, School Improvement Day

Spirit Day Themes: Monday (Hat Day), Tuesday (Wacky Socks), Wednesday (Favorite Sports Team), Thursday (Country/Farmer Day), Friday (Winnebago Spirit Wear)