

Gator Gazette

MT. HOREB SCHOOL PTO NEWSLETTER JUNE 2018

From the Principal, Mr. Cook.....

Every summer has a story. Here we are, only a month away from the short, sweet, two months of summertime. Perhaps the kids are signed up for camps, adventures, games, tournaments, trips, etc.; all of which will provide them with rich, lifelong memories. In my estimation, the summer time is our opportunity to recharge, spend time together with family, have adventures, and (somewhat) forget about the rigors and structure of school. This time is critical for all of us...teachers, parents, kids, and principals! It is normal and natural to put the brakes on learning for the summertime or at least, the type of learning that tends to take place in the classroom. Our brains, especially those of our children, will always crave learning of all types no matter the month of the year. When kids are riding bikes together, building a fort, playing soccer, going to the beach, or traveling to a relative's house, they are learning. They are soaking up experiences, memories that will last forever, and skills that will make them feel powerful. These are all priceless opportunities for learning that cannot take place in the classroom.

Should you also infuse elements of academic learning during the summer? Absolutely, it can only help our children. Bringing your child into this discussion is a great starting point. Consider forming a weekly or daily schedule of reading, writing, and math that can last over the summer. Involve your child in the creation of this schedule. If your child can take part in the planning and scheduling of this portion of his or her summer, chances are they will take it more seriously. Also, consider something that can be earned as positive incentives have proven to be very effective.

Please enjoy your summer, your family, and all of the memories that are just waiting for you. Thank you for yet another highly successful year at Mt. Horeb.



A Note from the School Nurse.....

In June I will be sending home notices to those students who have medication here in the health office. As per policy, **a parent/guardian is required to pick up all medication from school.** I cannot send home any medication in a child's backpack. I will also send home new medication order forms for your physician to fill out if medication will be required in September. Copies of current medication orders will be made for those who attend camp over the summer. Medications must be picked up by the last day of school on June 22nd; any medications left in the health office will be disposed.

5th grade parents- If you plan to have the Middle School sport forms filled out over the summer by your physician, please have him/her document the required 6th grade vaccines (Tdap, Meningococcal) on this form. **All forms for Fall Sports are due by August 1st. All forms for Winter Sports are due by October 1st.** Submit documentation of vaccines to the Middle school nurse by the first day of school. **ALL VACCINES REQUIRE THE MONTH/DAY/YEAR GIVEN.** The middle school nurse will be notified of any students who are turning 11 years of age in September '18.

If your child will attend a sleep away camp this summer, please inspect your child's hair before the start of school. If you notice your children scratching their head frequently regardless of them attending a camp, please have your physician check for head lice prior to the start of school in September.

This year the tick season is predicted to be especially difficult. Please check your children daily. Please go to this website for information on Lyme disease, what to look for, how to properly remove ticks, sending ticks for testing if found, and prevention (<http://www.aldf.com>). The hallmark of the bull's eye rash of Lyme does not appear in every person. Please be aware of the symptoms of Lyme and seek medical attention if necessary.

As summer approaches, I wish you all a restful and healthy vacation.

Doris Zanchelli RN

The 2018-2019 Volunteer SOS Form:

Please fill out and submit the SOS forms. There are many different opportunities to get involved at Mt. Horeb. We rely on our parent volunteers to run the programs for our school.

Go to: <https://mthorebpto.org/Page.aspx? =Mt-Horeb-Volunteer> for the volunteer page on the Mt. Horeb PTO website. On this page you will find the link to the SOS Form. *Please complete the Volunteer Form by **June 1, 2018** if you're ready to join in planning the fun!* Thank you to those who already submitted!

School Boxes: Back to school shopping for next year right now...Are you kidding me? Let me remind you of the chaos that comes with last minute back to school shopping in the summer. Why not shop on-line with 1st Day School Supplies versus in-line at Wal-Mart, Target or Staples. In just a few clicks, you will get the exact supplies your teacher requested without the hassle and aggravation that comes with shopping last minute at big box retailers. **Orders are due June 15th!**

Link to School Box Ordering:

<http://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=67199>

Staff Appreciation Week: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this a HUGE success. Also, the Mt. Horeb PTO would like to recognize the following businesses for their generous contributions to our Staff Appreciation Week:

- Jules' Closet
- Smoothie King
- The Somerset Patriots
- Edgewood Pharmacy
- Natural Medicine & Rehabilitation
- TRU Salon & Spa
- Orange Theory Fitness, New Providence
- Aesthetiq Plastic Surgery
- Ohana Medical Spa
- Ciro's Pizza & Italian Deli
- Trattoria La Strada
- Panatieri's of Warren
- Starbucks of Warren
- Olivia Nails
- Thirty One, Robyn Ivy Consultant
- LuLaRoe

Upcoming Events:

Field Day: Friday, June 8th with a rain date of June 12th

Final PTO Meeting: Thursday, June 14^h at 9:30am

A special thank you to Sushama Sekhar and Mia Downing and their committee for the creative display case outside the APR!

JUNE 2018	CALENDAR
5	Kindergarten Move Up Ceremony 10:00 AM GYM
6	Math Family Fun Night—6:00 PM Gr. 5 Trip to J.A. Biztown
8	Homeroom Wars School Sprit Day Field Day - 9:00—3:00 (Rain Date-6/12)
11	Fifth Grade Event 9:00 AM —3:00 PM (Rain Date-6/13)
14	Preschool End of Year Celebration—1:30 PM Final PTO Meeting 9:30 AM
15	Fifth Grade Move Up Ceremony—10:00 AM Fifth Grade Yearbook Signing Party—1:30 PM LAST PTO FOOD DAY
19	<u>PRESCHOOL</u> LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Talent Show Dress Rehearsal for students—1:30 PM Evening Talent Show for families—6:30 PM
21 & 22	EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:30 PM w/Lunch Period. Please pack a lunch.
22	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL REPORT CARDS EMAILED

Superintendent's Corner

There were times this winter (and early spring) when it seemed like the warm weather and sunshine would never return. Yet, here we are counting down the days until June 22 and summer recess. Now is the time to finalize plans to participate in two wonderful programs in the Warren Township Schools - one that has been a critical part of the district for many years and one that is brand new.

Summer Fun is a unique program where students can attend academic support and enrichment courses taught by certified teachers alongside peers from across the district. The breadth of offerings is amazing with students having the opportunity to learn and grow in the arts, athletics, STEM, drama, and so much more. Registration details can be found at www.warrentboe.org.

The district's new before- and after-care provider is AlphaBest. The program supplements school-day learning in a fun, engaging way, focusing on cutting-edge learning themes - STEM, world languages & culture, arts & entertainment, fitness & wellness, and the maker movement. The program will be offered at all four district elementary schools. Registration information is available at www.alphabest.org/warren.

Here is to a rejuvenating summer filled with lots of quality time with family and friends!

Matthew A. Mingle, Ed.D.