

HMR Spartan Bulletin
March, 2019
“Students achieving skills for a lifetime of learning”

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School Improvement Goals:

All students will demonstrate growth in the reading process.

All students will demonstrate growth in the writing process.

All students will demonstrate growth in the math process.

Dear HMR Families:

As we wrap up our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences this week, I want to thank you for your participation in this very important partnership. Your support and team work are critical to the academic, social, and emotional success of each student who attends HMR. If you ever have any questions or concerns, we are always available to assist your family.

The Importance of School Attendance:

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing her academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance

By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments, and take quizzes and tests on time.

There are other benefits as well:

Achievement: Students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading and math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.

Opportunity: For older students, being in school every day gives them a chance to learn more about college and scholarship opportunities, and to take the important exams they need to build a successful academic record.

Exposure to the English language: Regular school attendance can also help students who are learning English by giving them the chance to master the skills and information they need more quickly and accurately even in other subjects!

Being part of the school community: Just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, and developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment to school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, and that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

Enrichment Summer School

The Fargo Public Schools Elementary Enrichment program offers a wide variety of classes for children who have completed grades 2-5. The summer enrichment courses are intended to strengthen students' self-esteem, learn new abilities, and encourage lifelong learning through creative and enriching activities. You can register online for courses by clicking the following link:

www.fargo.k12.nd.us/SSElementaryRegistration

June 10th to June 28th

8:00AM – 10:00AM

10:00AM – 12:00PM

All Classes held at: Bennett Elementary School
2000 58th Ave. South Fargo, ND 58104

Transitions Summer School

Transitions Summer School is a teacher referred program. It is designed to provide additional support for students, in the area of math and/or reading, who are in need of extra instruction for them to be successful for the upcoming school year. Registration forms are due by April 15th. Parents will receive a confirmation letter from the Transitions office by June 10th, informing you of your child's placement.

DATES: July 8th-26th (Monday-Friday)

TIMES: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WHERE: Elementary Buildings

Attendance Policy: Students enrolled in the "Transitions" Summer School Program are expected to be in attendance a minimum of 13 days of the 15 class days scheduled. Students who are absent are expected to make up the work they missed during their absence.

Please contact Rebecca Folden, Summer School Director, at 446-4404 with any questions.

Fargo Public Schools Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2019 opens online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/registration on February 1, 2019. Child must be age 5 by July 31, 2019 to attend school in the fall.

Registration is a two-step process: online registration and document submission.

STEP ONE: Registration can be completed at home online anytime or at computer kiosks in the office at each Fargo Public elementary school building on the following dates with extended office hours:

- **February 25, 27, and March 1** – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **February 26, 28, and March 4** – 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

STEP TWO: *Once online registration has been completed, families MUST bring the following documents to the school their child will attend to finalize their child's registration:*

- Child's certified birth certificate
- Child's current immunization record
- Document (i.e. current city utility bill or bank statement) that includes parent/guardian name and address to verify the correct neighborhood school

If you do not know which school your child will attend, call 701.446.1043 or check online at www.fargo.k12.nd.us/boundarymaps.

HEAD LICE.....

Never a topic we want to discuss, but something that we need to be informed about.

The Fargo Public Schools policy regarding head lice (*Administrative Policy 4780*):

Exclude from school until treated and determined to be non-communicable (no nits). Children should be treated for lice as soon as possible. Close contacts should be checked frequently for two weeks. Head to head contact with other children should be discouraged. Due to the low risk of transmitting head lice at school and to maintain confidentiality, notification letters will NOT be sent to parents of classmates and classrooms will NOT be checked. We must remember that head lice are a nuisance, but not harmful.

Current guidelines from the ND Department of Health: Recommend children NOT be excluded immediately from school when head lice is found. Our school nurses are contracted through Fargo Cass Public Health who follow the guidelines from the ND Department of Health. Fargo Public Schools has chosen to continue to enforce a no nit policy, which is more stringent than the guidelines followed by Fargo Cass Public Health.

What do I Need to Know? Head Lice (Pediculosis Capitis)

Head lice is transmitted through prolonged close head to head contact. Transmission is more likely to occur between family members, overnight guests and playmates that spend a lot of time together.

What are head lice?

Head lice are small insects (less than 1/8 inch long). They range in color from red to brown, black, yellow-tan or gray-white. Head lice live on blood they draw from the scalp and lay tiny, gray/white eggs (known as nits) on a hair shaft near the scalp. The warmth from the scalp is needed for the eggs to hatch. Head lice are not known to spread disease.

Who is at risk for head lice?

Head lice infestations occur in all socioeconomic groups, are not an indication of poor hygiene, and can affect anyone.

What are the symptoms of head lice?

Most people who have head lice do not have symptoms at all. When symptoms do occur, the most common signs include itching of the skin on the scalp or neck where lice feed. Nits are glued to hair, commonly behind ears and at or near the nape of the neck. Scratching, especially behind and around ears and at the nape of the neck,

may lead to open sores and a bacterial infection that also may cause swollen lymph nodes.

How soon do symptoms appear?

Symptoms appear when a live louse is present.

How are head lice spread?

Head lice are spread most commonly by direct head to head contact. Additionally, infested people can also spread head lice by sharing combs, brushes, hats, blankets or sheets with others, but this is not very common. It can be spread only by live lice and not nits.

When and for how long is a person able to spread head lice?

Nits (the eggs of human head lice) can live for up to 10 days without a host, adult head lice can live for only two to four days without a human host.

How is a person diagnosed?

Diagnosing head lice is done by identifying the presence of live lice or nits within 1/4 inch of the scalp. Identification of eggs and lice with the naked eye is possible; however, the use of a hand lens or microscope may help to confirm the identification.

What is the treatment?

Over-the-counter treatments and prescriptions that kill lice and most viable eggs are available. Follow the directions on the label. Re-treat nine days after initial treatment if not otherwise specified on the product label. Contact your health-care provider or local public health unit for more information.

Does past infection make a person immune?

No. A person who previously had head lice may get it again.

What can be done to prevent the spread of head lice?

Follow these steps to prevent the spread of head lice:

- Avoid sharing headgear, coats, hats, hair ornaments, helmets, headphones, combs, brushes, towels and bedding.
- Combs and brushes should be washed in hot water (130 °) for 10 minutes.
- Items that cannot be washed should be bagged and stored for two weeks.
- Provide separate storage areas for clothing so that the personal articles of one person do not touch the personal articles of another.
- When an infestation is found, check the hair and scalp of all household members and treat only those who have lice and those who share the same bed with the infested person.

Parents are encouraged to check their child periodically for head lice. If you are concerned your child may be infected or you need help in identifying head lice, please contact a health care professional, school nurse or public health department.

Please contact your school nurse with any questions.

For additional information about head lice, head lice removal, school exclusions, etc., contact the ND Department of Health, Division of Family Health at 800-472-2286 or www.ndhealth.gov/head-lice/

Resources:

American Academy of Pediatrics, [Pediculosis Capitis]. In: Pickering LK, ed. Red Book: 2009 Report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases. 28th ed. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 2009: [495-497]

North Dakota Department of Health, (2012). *Head Lice; A Lousy Problem*. Division of Family Health. pp. 1-30.

After-school Activities Numbers for February:

February After School Activities			
	Boys	Girls	TOTAL
Journalism Club	8	30	38
Art Club	13	52	65
Chess Club	30	12	42
Board Game Club	18	17	35
Homework Room	5	12	17
Computer Club	25	17	42
After School Gym	102	33	135
Choir:	58	139	197
Chimes:	8	32	40
	GRAND TOTAL		611

PTA Changes;

We have decided not to go forward with a carnival this year. Our PTA has decided to provide a "FAMILY PICNIC NIGHT" later this school year. We are in the midst of planning this family friendly event so stay tuned... More to come!!

Dates to Remember:

- March 1 Grade 3 ZooMobile in Classrooms 12:05-2:40 p.m.
- March 4 Ben Franklin Middle School Counselors Meet with HMR 5th Graders to
Discuss Registering for 2019-20 School Year Classes
-Mr. Deyle's Class 9 – 9:30 a.m.
-Mrs. Kiedel's Class 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
-Mr. Ibach's Class 10:00- 10:30 a.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4 – 7 p.m.
PTA Meeting @Roosevelt Multi-Purpose/Lunch Room 6:15 p.m.
BookFair ends afterschool
- March 6 Ben Franklin Middle Register for 2019-20 School Year Classes
-Mr. Deyle's Class 9 – 9:20 a.m.
-Mrs. Kiedel's Class 9:20 – 9:40 a.m.
-Mr. Ibach's Class 9:40- 10:00 a.m.
- March 8 Grade 5 Ski Trip Andes Tower Hills 7a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- March 11 -15 No School – Spring Break
- March 21 Spartan Spotlight (Fairness Wear Orange) @ Roosevelt 1:15 p.m.
- March 27 Recorder Performance- Room 112
- Mrs. Morgel's Class 8:40-9:10 a.m.
- March 28 Recorder Performance- Room 112
- Mrs. Ouradnik's Class 8:40-9:10 a.m.
- Mr. Kelly's Class 9:20-9:50 a.m.
- March 29 Popcorn Day