

Spirit Lake Elementary Special Dates and Reminders 2018-19:

Elementary School **Open House is Thursday, August 23-** 4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. Come see your classroom, meet your teacher and bring along your school supplies!

The first day of school for grades 1-4 is Monday, August 27. Our school hours will be Monday through Friday 8:20 A.M. – 3:20 P.M. No student should be dropped off prior to 7:55 A.M.

TK and KDG orientation/conferences will be Monday, August 27 and Tuesday, August 28. You will receive additional information regarding your scheduled orientation day at registration.

First day of regular school for all **TK and KDG** students is **Wednesday, August 29.**

Preschool home visits will be conducted **Monday, August 27 through Friday, August 31** with their first regular day of school **Tuesday, September 4.**

No school **Monday, September 3** in observance of Labor Day.

Fall elementary pictures will be on **Thursday, September 20.**

No school for professional development **September 24.**

ARRIVAL TIMES:

Our school day begins at 8:20. Please have your child/children here on time. Students consistently tardy are at a disadvantage as they usually arrive feeling frantic and unprepared. All students who arrive after 8:20 must sign in at the office. If your child is sick please report the absence by 8:20 by calling your classroom teacher @336-2822, or contact the office via email- dblomster@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us

If you drop your child off by car please remember do not park in the drive thru or drop off lanes in front of school in both the North and West lots as it prevents us from moving the line of cars along, presenting a danger to children, parents and other drivers. If you need to come into the buildings please park in the designated parking spots.

SCHOOL MEALS:

Breakfast is served beginning at 7:50 in the elementary cafeteria. Each grade level is assigned a lunch time which will be communicated to you via your child's teacher. Lunch menus can be found on the school website as well as meal costs. Families applying for free or reduced meals under the state of Iowa guidelines must submit new applications each year. These applications can be found on the school website registration forms link. Families are always encouraged to visit their children for lunch; however SLSD does request parents do not bring soda or food from fast food restaurants to your student while they are at school. Just as any eating establishment we hope visitors, students, and staff will eat school lunch when visiting the cafeteria.

Y- KIDS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:

We are happy to continue our relationship with the Bedell Family YMCA and the Y-kids program. The before and after school program continues year round to service children in grades PK-6th, five days a week. This program is in effect whether we have school or no school with the exception of holidays.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES LINK:

We are encouraging parents to refer to a link we've established on our school website under the Elementary School heading. In the drop down box you will find a link titled "Family and Community Resources" where we will post various optional activities for students/families. We will utilize this link rather than sending messages out via email. Please check back often for new activities and events.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:

Our programs each year are focused on differentiation and structured to ensure that all our kids continue to receive a well-rounded and challenging education. Our standards and expectations remain high and must fall in line with the Iowa or Common Core Standards! As always, our number one goal is providing our students with a quality educational experience in a safe, caring and nurturing environment.

SCHOOL INVOLVEMENT:

Because it is so important that teachers and parents work together in making a child's school year a happy and successful one, it is hoped that you will be able to spend time during the school year helping or visiting your child's classroom. Please talk to your child's teacher regarding the ways that you can help or times that you could visit.

Home/School partnership is the reason Spirit Lake Elementary School continues to excel.

We look forward to seeing all of you this fall. If you have any questions related to school policy and procedures, schedules, etc., please feel free to notify the elementary office at 712.336.2822 ext. 4010, check our school website www.spirit-lake.k12.ia.us or email me khuebner@spirit-lake.k12.ia.us.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!