



Marion Cross

Principal's Newsletter

September 4, 2007

Calendar

- 9/5 School Board 7:00
- 9/6 Walk-to-School Day
- 9/10 PTO Meeting
MCS Art Room 8:30am
- 9/11 Bike-to-School Day
- 9/11 Curriculum Night:
Grade 4 6:00-7:00
Grade 5 7:00-8:00
- 9/18 Curriculum Night:
Grade K 5:30-6:30
Grade 1 6:30-7:30
- 9/19 Curriculum Night:
Grade 2 5:30-6:30
- 9/20 Curriculum Night:
Grade 3 6:00-7:00
Grade 6 7:00-8:00
- 9/20-21 Grade 5
Overnight to Hulbert
- 9/27-28 Grade 6
Overnight to
Farm & Wilderness
- 10/4 Picture Day
- 10/3-10/24 NECAP
Testing
- 10/23 K-3 Open House
4:30-6:00
- 10/25 4-6 Open House
6:00-7:30

Marion Cross
Website

www.marioncross.org

SAU 70 Website
www.sau70.org

Walk-to-School Day *Let's Go To Mexico!*

We are set to kick off our second year of the Safe Routes to School (SR2S) program. SR2S is a competitive grant program that provides funding for schools and towns to increase the ability of students to walk or bike to school safely. We won initial funding last year to provide education and incentives to increase the number of students walking or biking to school. This summer we won additional funding for new bicycle racks which are in the process of being shipped. In addition, we have applied for major funding to build a sidewalk along Church Street between the school and Carpenter Street.

Our kick off event this year will be a **Walk-to-School Day on Thursday, September 6th**. There will be several locations where students can meet and have adult supervision on the way to school. Please see the back of the enclosed walking map for details of where to meet and when each group will be leaving.

Students will once again receive a punch card to keep track of how many times they walk or bike to school. However, we will have a shared goal this year rather than individual prizes. Our goal will be to walk and/or bike all the way to MEXICO! Each punch on a card will represent one mile on our trip. We will have a map up in the school to track our progress and to see what places we can visit along the way. If we make it, we will have a school-wide celebration!

Question: How far is it from Norwich to the border of Mexico?

Join us on Thursday if you can. You can also walk or ride anytime this year to add to our collective miles!

Curriculum Nights

Each grade level has scheduled a Curriculum Night for parents this month. This will be an opportunity for you to hear from your children's teachers about what to expect this year. You will also receive the Curriculum Overview for your grade level.

Open House

In October, we will host the traditional Open Houses where you and your children can come to school to see what has been happening, view their work, visit different parts of the school, etc. When you ask what your kids did in school each day, and they reply, "Nothing," well come see what 'nothing' looks like. Lower grade Open Houses (K-3) are on Tuesday, October 23rd and upper grades (4-6) are on on Thursday, October 25th.

Parent Handbook

Occasionally, I will try to point out sections of our Parent Handbook or school website that are important but might not jump out at you. The last two pages of the Parent Handbook have some information that can have a significant effect on a school. Page 23 has three policies that are required by state or federal law. The complete policies are available at school and can be viewed by contacting me or the superintendent's office.

Page 24 contains our Local Action Plan (LAP) Goals for the year. These goals determine how we will spend our In-Service time and various faculty meetings. The goals were determined by the LAP Committee and approved by the school board. If you would like to learn more about the LAP process, please feel free to contact me.

Final Word...

"I can live for two months on a good compliment."

- Mark Twain

Now that the kids are back, this place finally feels like it's supposed to feel ... alive!

Rob Edson

Trivia Answer

Mr. Buck was teaching n Michigan before coming to Norwich