

North Mac CUSD #34

Elementary School Information 217/965-5424 Today is Tuesday, April 20th, 2021

News

<u>Earth Day Facts: Why is it important to observe Earth Day?</u> Earth Day is the largest civic event in the world. The primary focus of the day is to raise awareness of the needs to protect the environment, celebrate steps taken to help the planet, raise awareness about climate change, and to conserve our vast natural resources. There are many ways you can observe the day.

- 1.) Put a bird feeder/bird bath out in your yard.
- 2.) Plant a butterfly bush for the butterflies AND the bees.
- 3.) Pick up trash wherever you see it. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of trash pollute our waterways every year.
- 4.) Start a recycling program in your home/office. Any amount will help keep our landfills from overflowing.
- 5.) Use non-disposable items in your home to save on waste.
- 6.) Ride a bicycle or walk, to reduce air pollution.
- 7.) Shop at thrift stores to recycle home goods/clothing/ etc.

The Importance of Pre-K Education —Pre-School is a way for children to learn how to build, create, problem solve, cooperate, communicate, enjoy activities, learn diversity, build self-esteem and be a part of a loving community—where all are accepted. It's so much more than just singing songs and playing. Singing songs encourages speech and language development, enhancing vocabulary and communication skills. Students who struggle with a certain skill (ABCs, counting or math patterns) are able to show mastery through learning a song about it. Also, playing games is the perfect opportunity for kids of this age to express their curiosity, learn teamwork, practice sharing and develop problem-solving skills. If you have a student, or know of one that will be turning age 3 by September 1, 2021, please consider calling Mrs. Earley (information listed below) to make an appointment during our Pre-K Screening days. She will be happy to help you with any questions you might have.

Reminders/Calendar:

- 4/22 FREE Illinois Extension Office after school program. Contact: <u>econrady@illinois.edu</u>
- 4/22 Earth Day Make your yard an oasis for birds and creatures to enjoy nature or start a recycling program at your home/office.
- 4/28 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)
- 4/29 FREE Illinois Extension Office after school program. Contact: econrady@illinois.edu
- 4/30 Arbor Day Plant a Tree! Students will be encouraged to wear something green that day.
- 5/07 Cubs/Cardinals Dress Up Day Wear something to support your favorite team and we will enjoy some stadium food!
- 5/10-5/14 End of the Year IReady Testing It is important to be at school rested and ready to go.
- 5/14 North Mac Ag Day Students need to wear full leg coverings and closed toe/heal shoes (sneakers, boots, etc.). NO SANDALS/FLIP FLOPS
- 5/20 Pre-K Screening Elementary School, noon to 6pm, by appointment. Age 3 by 9/1/2021. Contact Brooke Early at number above.
- 5/21 Pre-K Screening Elementary School, 9am to 2pm, by appointment. Age 3 by 9/1/2021. Contact Brooke Early at number above.
- 5/25 Students' Final DayModified Fun Day Early Dismissal. Due to Covid Restrictions, this will be scaled back and without guests.
- 5/26 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)
- 6/23 Board Meeting at High School 6:30p (Limited seating due to Covid restrictions. Please call 217/627-2915 to make reservation.)

Week's Menu: (Each day for breakfast the children will enjoy a fruit, a juice and a milk. For lunch they will enjoy a vegetable, a fruit and a milk.)

Tuesday the 20th – Bfast – Chocolate Bread Lunch – Pizza Rolls

Wednesday the 21st – Bfast – Toast w/Cereal Lunch – Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

Thursday the 22nd – Bfast – Breakfast Bites Lunch – BBQ Rib Friday the 23rd – Bfast – Mini Donuts Lunch – Pizza Calzone