

# June Elm Creek News

Elm Creek Elementary

Last Issue for 2010-11

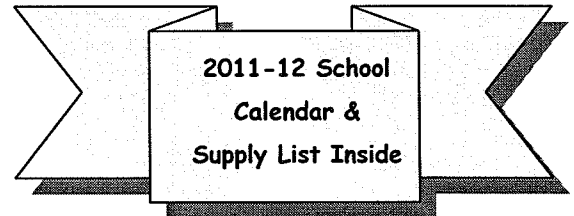
June 2011


Dear Elm Creek Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all of the support you give to your child that helps them learn new things, and also for the support you have given to Elm Creek Elementary through the many hours of volunteering your time and efforts. The many nights of homework, special projects, and reading to your child all benefit their learning in and out of school. I ask that you continue to have your child read for enjoyment and work on their math skills over the summer. We hope you have a great summer!

We wish the best to the following Elm Creek staff who will be leaving us this year:

- v Dawn Dahlberg-Music Teacher
- v Carol Elving-Full-Service Special Ed Teacher
- v Stacy Grant-Literacy Coach
- v Meghan Hickey-Psychologist
- v Rhonda Holtz-Special Education ESP
- v Renee Pelton-Grades 2 and 3 Teacher
- v Michelle Sibinski-Physical Education Teacher
- v Bev Wehe-Special Education Support Professional (ESP)
- v Bobbi Wiinanen-Grade 4 Teacher



<b>Monday, May 30</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 31</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 1</b>  Kindergarten Ice Cream Social 10:20 AM & 2:20 PM	<b>Thursday, June 2</b>  K—3 Field Day  Gr. 5 Field Trip to Ft. Snelling	<b>Friday, June 3</b>  4th—6th Field Day
<b>Monday, June 6</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 7</b>  	<b>Wednesday, June 8</b>  5th Grade Bike Hike	<b>Thursday, June 9</b> <b>Last Day!</b> Students dismissed at 3:20 PM AM K at 11:20 AM Gr. 6 Celebration	<b>Friday, June 10</b> Mark Reporting Day  Report Cards will be mailed after June 13.

# IMPORTANT! Eagle's Nest Café News

Happy summer to all! It has been our pleasure to serve your kids this school year and we look forward to it again next year for those who will be returning. Please note the balance in your child's account. We are no longer accepting charging on lunch accounts, so if your child falls below, they will be receiving a cheese sandwich for lunch rather than the main choice.

Student lunch balances will transfer from school to school in District 279. If you have a child going on to a Jr. High next year, the balance will carry from Elm Creek to the new school.

If you would like to get a jump start on next year, please feel free to stop into the Educational Service Center over the summer and fill out a free and reduced form to see if you qualify for the program. With the way the economy is, every little bit of help may benefit your family.

If you have any questions or concerns these last few weeks of school, please feel free to give us a call at 763-315-7695. All of the staff at the Eagle's Nest Café wish you all a safe and happy summer...see you in the Fall!



## Important News from the Nurse's Office

As the school year ends we once again have to get all medications back home. If you want to pick your students medication up on the last day of school, please send a note to the nurse's office stating you will come in on the last day to pick your student's medications up or they will be sent home in a paper bag that has been stapled shut. Cough drops, Tylenol, Motrin can all be sent home early. Let's also get ready for next year by picking up new medication, asthma, and emergency plans before this year ends so you have them to complete and return before September on your student's return to school.

To all the sixth graders going into seventh grade—congratulations! All sixth graders **MUST** be up-to-date on all their shots before going to Junior High School. Try to get these done before the end of this school year, so that we have them entered into the computer.

Thank you for a wonderful year with your students. I enjoyed our time together. Have a great summer, and I'll see most of you in the fall.

Pamela Erickson-Lynch, LPN, Elm Creek Elementary  
9830 Revere Lane North  
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LynchP@district279.org

### Are you moving?

Please notify the EC office at 763/425-0577 if you have a change of address or if your children will not be attending Elm Creek in the fall.

We will be mailing report cards after June 13 and a Back to School Newsletter in mid-August.

### Open House

**August 30**

**4:30-6:00 PM**

# VOLUNTEERS ... YOU ROCK !!!

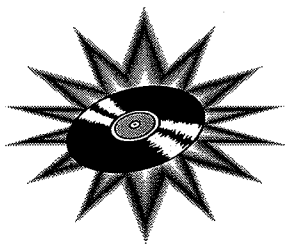
Thanks for another **ROCKING** year, Elm Creek Volunteers! I will truly miss those of you with students moving on to high school. Please remember that you're always welcome here at Elm Creek, and that there are also many opportunities for volunteering at the junior and senior high level!

Elm Creek volunteers have logged close to 5,000 volunteer hours this year ~Amazing! We are grateful to be benefitting from your incredible commitment to education. Thanks to everyone who came out for this spring's events: Kindergarten Lunch & Ice Cream Social, School Carnival, May Fun Run, DARE graduation, K-3 Field Days, and the many May field trips. These events only happen as successfully as they do...because **YOU ROCK !!!**

FOR NEXT YEAR: I would appreciate volunteers filling out an updated Volunteer Application form at the **START** of the school year. It really will help to ensure that all volunteers are in a position to volunteer when needed. **ALL VOLUNTEERS** must fill out a new form each year for our files--one form **PER VOLUNTEER** please. And, any non-parent/guardian must also provide proof of identification. We will send a form home to you this fall. If you need any extras, we will have them available in the office and on our website.

Have a great & safe **SUMMER 2011**.

~Michele Cici  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Elm Creek Elementary



**Thanks for another ROCKING year,  
Elm Creek Volunteers**

**Mark your calendars...**

**August 30, 4:30-6:00 PM  
Back-to-School Open House**

# Keep Kids Learning During the Summer

By forgetting about learning during the lazy days of summer, you're actually harming your child's education. Children lose a shocking amount of what they've already learned if they're allowed to "veg out" during the summer. That means that kids who put forth just a little bit of effort are going to be way ahead come fall. You owe it to them—and to their futures—to incorporate learning activities into their summers. Before the last school bell rings for the year, sit down with your children and let them know that reading and learning activities will be an important part of their summer. Assure them that they'll still have lots of time for play and relaxation.

\* Find activity books to exercise their minds. Crossword puzzles, math activity books, and number puzzles all keep children's brains in motion.

\* Set a reading time every day.

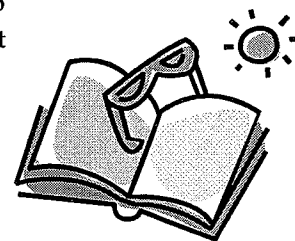
\* Get great recommendations on books from the Hennepin County Library Kid Links at <http://www.hclib.org/kids/>

\* Be sure to sign your kids up for library summer book clubs too!

\* Incorporate "thinking" into traveling. Zoos, children's museums, and historic sites are educational as well as entertaining. Have your children help plot out a trip using maps or an atlas. Older children can tally up the miles, or keep track of expenses, or figure out gas mileage.

There are wonderful resources available through schools, libraries, and on the internet to help families keep their children's brains "alive" during the dog days of summer. Even though it takes a little bit of effort on your part, the payoff, in terms of their education is beyond measure.

~ Courtesy of National Association of Elementary School Principals



## Looking for a Preschool?

Parents – Are you looking for a quality preschool program for your 3 to 5 year old? Check out the ISD 279 Osseo Area Schools Preschool Programs. ISD 279 and its Community Education Department team up to sponsor several great preschool programs!

- Must be the appropriate age by September 1.
- Children can feel safe away from mom and dad, while learning and having fun!
- Our quality preschools will stimulate your child's imagination and physical, social, and emotional development.
- Some programs offer tuition assistance.

Check out our website for registration forms, applications and further information at [www.district279.org](http://www.district279.org) under Schools, or call 763 391 8764.



# PTO—Thank You!

Hey Eagle families!! I can't believe it's the last letter of the year!! Lots of news to share:

First: there will be no full PTO meeting for June. Just the Board to finalize some details and hand the gavel over to our newly-elected President, Melissa Sauter. The rest of your Board is Amy Wasgatt as Vice President, Gail Erickson as Treasurer and Kirsten Kjome as your secretary.

Second: We bid a fond and sad Farewell to Kristy Chouinard as her daughter goes off to Osseo Junior and takes her mother with her. Kristy has been a wonderful and dedicated PTO President and she will be missed. Thank you Kristy for all of your hard work!

**FALL will come upon us once again... and with it FALL FUNDRAISERS...**

Innisbrook Products will be our Fundraiser in September. 85% of their products are made in the USA and under \$15. Happenings Books will also return and start right away.

**\*\*Reminder: If you are NOT a fan of the Fundraisers, we accept your TAX DEDUCTIBLE contributions made out to ELM CREEK PTO. Here's a fun fact: If the PTO were to receive \$35 for each student in Elm Creek, it would pay for our ENTIRE annual budget... and FUNDRAISERS would NOT be necessary... Food for thought!**

**THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU!!!! x 1,000,000 to our 2011 Carnival Committee:**

Christine Petterson - Carnival chair (with Kristy Chouinard)  
Paula Gaddis - Games leader  
Carole Isakson and Kim Paine - Silent Auction  
Amy Wasgatt - Food leader  
Jen Beck - Donations coordinator

**The Carnival was a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS!! One of the best ever!!! A MAJOR THANK YOU to ALL of the wonderful VOLUNTEERS and Teachers that ran events and sold tickets and all the parents that helped out with the post carnival clean up!! Thank you to Mary Ross as well!!**

We'll see you all on **TUESDAY AUGUST 30 at Open House** where the PTO will serve up smiles and Ice Cream!! Let us know if you'd like to help out that night! [kmkjome@gmail.com](mailto:kmkjome@gmail.com)

Happy Summer!!!!!!!!!!!!

Your PTO Board

Kristy, Amy, Melissa and Kirsten

**Thank You, EC PTO Families!!**

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# **ENROLL YOUR STUDENTS TODAY!**

**IN THE OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS**

¡Inscriba a sus hijos hoy! Hada qora caruurtiina iskuulka! Tuaj sau koj cov menyuam npe hnuv no!

**ENROLLMENT CENTER • 7051 Brooklyn Blvd • Brooklyn Center, MN 55429**  
Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 3:30 pm  
**763.585.7350**

You can help ensure a smooth start to the school year next fall by enrolling your student in the Osseo Area Schools today.

Our helpful Enrollment Center advisors provide a number of services, including enrollment in any District 279 elementary, junior high or high school; on-site immunizations; English Language Learner screening; community resource referrals; interpreter services; and more.

We're conveniently located in Brooklyn Center and open all summer long!

If you know other families with school-age children, please encourage them to enroll their students in the Osseo Area Schools before the end of the summer. Better yet, visit us today!



# SCHOOL'S OUT SOON!

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9**

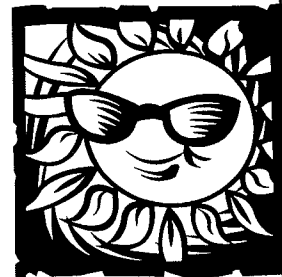
**Last Day of School for Grades K-6**

**Dismissal times:**

**11:20 PM for AM Kindergarten**

**3:20 PM for PM K and**

**Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**



# ELM CREEK SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST 2011-2012

## KINDERGARTEN

- \$20.00 to purchase Kindergarten Classroom Supplies (crayons, pencils, scissors, hand sanitizer, folders, notebooks, journals, watercolor paints, glue, glue tops, markers, etc.) No other supplies needed (Please see teacher for itemized list if you choose to purchase supplies elsewhere)
- \$5.00 voluntary donation for classroom parties
- 1 box of Teddy Grahams, Vanilla Wafers, or Goldfish crackers
- Backpack – NO WHEELS
- Velcro or laced tennis shoes for Phy Ed (No zippers or black bottoms)

## GRADE ONE

- Plastic Pencil Box (small size)
- 12 or more sharpened #2 Pencils (yellow wood case)
- 4 (4 oz.) bottles White Elmer's School Glue (no glue sticks or gel)
- 2 boxes Crayola Crayons (24 count)
- 1 child's Fiskar's-brand Scissors (metal blades, pointed tip)
- 2 large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 big, soft Eraser
- 2 wide-rule Spiral Notebooks – any color
- 1 box 8 ct. Crayola Classic Washable Markers, thick tip
- 1 canister Clorox disinfecting wipes
- 4 chisel-tipped, low-odor Dry Erase Markers – any color
- School Bag/Backpack (no wheels - large enough to hold 2 Pocket Folders)
- Gallon or Quart-size Ziploc Bags
- No pencil sharpeners, please

## GRADE TWO

- 2 (4 oz.) bottles Elmer's White Glue (no glue sticks or gel)
- 12 sharpened #2 Pencils (1 package)
- 24 sharpened #2 Pencils (1 package)
- 1 two-pocket Folder without clasps
- 1 wide-ruled Notebook (1 subject only)
- 1 8 ct Crayola Classic Color Washable Markers, thick tip
- 1 8 ct. Crayola Classic Color Washable Markers, thin tip
- 2 boxes of 24-count Crayola Crayons
- 1 small Pencil Box
- 1 child's pointed Fiskar's Scissors
- 1 large, soft Eraser
- 1 set of Watercolor Paints
- 1 large box of Kleenex Tissue
- 1 Clipboard
- 4 chisel-tipped, low-odor Dry Erase Markers
- 1 portable Pencil Sharpener with receptacle
- 1 Clean Sock\*
- 1 Clean, Empty Soup Can
- Box of sharpened, colored pencils, optional

## GRADE THREE

- 3 wide-rule, non-perforated Spiral Notebooks
- 1 large bottle Elmer's Washable School Glue – no glue sticks
- 5 #2 Pencils, sharpened (more as needed)
- 1 24-ct Crayola Crayons
- 1 black, "Flair-type" thin-tipped Marker
- 1 Large Eraser
- 1 large box of Kleenex Tissue
- 1 Crayola or Prang Watercolor Paints
- 6 two-pocket Folders without clasps
- 1 Small Plastic Pencil Box
- 1-7 inch Pointed Scissors
- 8 ct Crayola Classic Color Washable Markers (thin or thick tips)
- 2 black, low-odor Dry Erase Markers
- 2 daily Planners (to be purchased at Open House (\$3.00 ea.))
- No Backpacks on wheels

Attention K-6: Only lace up or Velcro tennis shoes for Phy Ed– no black bottoms please.

## GRADE FOUR

- 1 bottle white Elmer's School Glue
- 12 or more #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils), sharpened
- 1 Red Stick Pen
- 1 box Kleenex Tissues
- 1 standard/metric Ruler
- 5" pointed-tip Scissors
- 1 small Pencil Box
- 1 (2-pocket) paper Folder without clasps
- 1 wide-rule Spiral Notebook
- 24-ct Crayola Crayons
- 1 Blue Erasable Ink Pen
- 1 package wide-rule Filler Paper
- 8-ct full-length Crayola Colored Pencils, sharpened
- 8-ct thick Crayola Classic Color Washable Markers
- 2 black, low-odor Dry Erase Markers
- 1 metal Compass w/pencil, safer point
- 1 6 inch Protractor
- 7-pocket expandable Letter File with tabs
- 1 pump-bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 2 Assignment Notebooks (to be purchased at Open House (\$3.00 ea.))

**Attn Grades 1-6:  
Backpacks on wheels do not fit in lockers.  
Trapper Keepers do not fit in desks.**

## GRADE FIVE

- 24 ct. Crayola Crayons
- 8 ct. thick-tipped Crayola Classic Color washable markers
- 1 Yellow Highlighter
- 1 Large Eraser
- 12 or more #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils or pens please), sharpened
- 4 black stick Pens
- 3 spiral, wide-rule Notebooks
- 1 package Wide Rule Filler Paper
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 standard/metric Ruler
- 1 box Kleenex Tissues
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 1 green (2-pocket) paper Folder without clasps
- 4 low-odor Dry Erase Markers
- Felt Eraser for Marker Board
- 7-pocket expandable Letter File with tabs
- 1 5" pointed-tip Scissors
- 1 canister of disinfecting Wipes
- 1 (2-pocket) paper Folder without clasp, any color
- 1 8 ct full-length Crayola Colored Pencils, sharpened
- Calculator with square root  $\sqrt{\quad}$  function
- 1 Assignment Notebook (to be purchased at Open House (\$2.75))

## GRADE SIX

- 7 single-subject, wide or college-rule Notebooks (50 pages or more, light-colored covers if possible). Consider buying extra folders and notebooks for use later in the year.
- 2 grid Graph Notebook
- 4 pocket-style Folders
- One 7-pocket Expanding Folder
- 1 box of Colored Pencils
- #2 Pencils (at least 12), **NO** mechanical pencils, please
- 2 Pens - erasable or non-erasable blue or black ink
- 1 black Papermate Flair Pen
- 1 box of Crayons
- 1 box of Markers
- 2 RED Correcting Pencils, Markers or Pens
- 1 bottle of White School Glue
- Adult Scissors
- 1 Standard/Metric Ruler
- 1 large box Kleenex Tissue
- 1 large Eraser, pink beveled
- One 8 oz. Hand Sanitizer
- Calculator with square root  $\sqrt{\quad}$  function
- 1 canister disinfecting Wipes
- 1 Assignment Notebook (to be purchased at Open House (\$2.75))

**Attention:  
Planners/Assignment Notebooks and personal Headphones will be available for purchase at Open House on Tuesday, August 30.**

# 2011-12 SCHOOL CALENDAR

**ISD 279 - OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS**  
**11200 93rd Avenue North**  
**Maple Grove, MN 55369**  
**Ph: (763) 391-7000 Fx: (763) 391-7070**  
**district279.org**

August 24-26 . . . . New Licensed Staff Workshop  
 Aug. 29-Sept. 1 . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 September 5 . . . Labor Day (No School)  
**September 6 . . . . First Day of School for Students**  
 October 14 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 October 20-21 . . . Education MN Professional Conference  
 Conference Release Days for Pre K-12  
 (No School)  
 October 27-28 . . . Conference Release Days for Half-day K  
 (No School for these Students)  
 November 24-25 . . Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)  
 December 2 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 December 5 . . . . . Tri II Begins  
 December 22 . . . . Last Day of School Before Winter Break  
 January 3 . . . . . First Day of School After Winter Break  
 January 16 . . . . . Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)  
 January 27 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 February 9-10 . . . Conference Release Days for Half-day K  
 (No School for these Students)  
 February 17 . . . . Conference Release Days for Pre K-12  
 (No School)  
 February 20 . . . . Presidents' Day (No School)  
 March 9 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 March 12 . . . . . Tri III Begins  
 March 23 . . . . . Last Day of School Before Spring Break  
 April 2 . . . . . First Day of School After Spring Break  
 April 6 . . . . . Conference Release Days for Pre K-12  
 (No School)  
 April 27 . . . . . Licensed Staff Workshop  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 May 28 . . . . . Memorial Day (No School)  
 June 7 . . . . . Last Day of School for Students  
 June 8 . . . . . Mark Reporting for Pre K-12  
 (No Regular Classes Scheduled for Students)  
 June 10 . . . . . High School Commencement Ceremonies

## AUGUST

22	23	(24)	(25)	(26)
(29)	(30)	(31)		

## SEPTEMBER

			(1)	X
X	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

## OCTOBER

3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	(14)
17	18	19	(20)	(21)
24	25	26	(27)	(28)
31				

## NOVEMBER

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	X	X
28	29	30		

## DECEMBER

			1	(2)
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	X
X	X	X	X	X

## JANUARY

X	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
X	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	(27)
30	31			

## FEBRUARY

		1	2	3
6	7	8	(9)	(10)
13	14	15	16	(17)
X	21	22	23	24
27	28	29		

## MARCH

			1	2
5	6	7	8	(9)
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
X	X	X	X	X

## APRIL

2	3	4	5	(6)
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	(27)
30				

## MAY

	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
X	29	30	31	

## JUNE

				1
4	5	6	7	(8)
11	12	13	14	15

Tri I . . . Sept. 6-Dec. 1 . . . . 58 days  
 Tri II . . . Dec. 5-March 8 . . . . 58 days  
 Tri III . . . March 12-June 7 . . . 56 days  
 Spring Break - March 26-30

- X - No school for students and licensed staff
- - No regular classes scheduled for students
- - No regular classes scheduled for half-day Kindergarten only
- ⊖ - Conference Release Days

## Elm Creek Elementary

9830 Revere Lane North  
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Phone: 763-425-0577  
Fax: 763-315-760

This document is available in alternate formats upon a 72-hour request. Please contact 425-0577 or call TTY 391-7250 to make a request.

### Student Reminder

Please check the Lost and Found before school is over. It is once again overflowing with nice jackets, sweaters, hats, etc. We will donate all items to charity by June 14.

### No Wheels Policy

There is a **“NO WHEELS on the SCHOOL GROUNDS”** policy. For safety reasons, if students ride a bike, scooter, skateboard, shoes with retractable wheels or Rollerblades to school, they must be off the “wheels” when they arrive at the school grounds. Please **lock** your bike or scooter if left in bike rack as it is not uncommon for them to be stolen if not locked up.

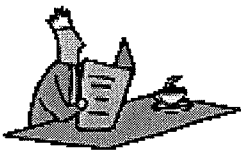
### Physical Education Tennis Shoes

#### Looking ahead to next year...

For the safety of your child, and all children, tennis shoes **MUST** be the type that either tie on your foot or have the two-three Velcro strips over the top of the shoe. **Please avoid slip-ons, zippers, or black sole shoes that may leave a mark on the floor.**

Thanks for your cooperation!

Physical Education Staff



# Menu

<b>May 30</b> No School	<b>May 31</b> Pizza Variety  Alt. Chicken Patty	<b>June 1</b> Egg Rolls and Rice Peas  Alt: Pizza	<b>June 2</b> Chicken Variety Oven Crisp Potatoes  Alt: Turkey Sandwich	<b>June 3</b> Gyros and Rice Hot Vegetable  Alt: Yogurt/Cheese
<b>June 6</b> Brunch for Lunch	<b>June 7</b> BBQ Pork on Wheat Bun Coleslaw	<b>June 8</b> Fish Variety Hot Vegetable Oven Crisp Potatoes	<b>June 9</b> Hotdogs & Chips Baked Beans  No Alternate	