



EC KIDSTOP CHRONICLE

September 2010

Welcome to Kidstop 2010-2011! There are some changes in place for our Kidstop families. One of the first things you will notice is a change in the Kidstop space itself. The staff collaborated and made some creative changes that we hope open up more space for student activities and sunshine and fun. You will also see a new face or two because we have staff at your Kidstop site.

We are happy to welcome Maliheh Mozafari to the Elm Creek Kidstop Team. Mrs. Maliheh is working with Mrs. Lahti in Kidstop Kindergarten and with all staff after school. She will be your afternoon door greeter as well. We also welcome Maureen Majors to the Elm Creek Kidstop Team. Ms. Major will be working with the after school staff.

You will also be welcomed by a morning door greeter and an afternoon door greeter during busy times of drop off and pick up. This idea comes from you and we are excited to see how this can work during the school year. We welcome your ideas as we fine tune how having door greeters can make this year better than ever! As always, we will have our newsletters posted on the school's web page, along with names of staff and other pertinent information. You will also find great information at the district website, www.district279.org We continue to expand use of technology and internet in our services. When you need to change your contract, you can go to the district website, click on "Parent Resources" and then on "Kidstop" and you will find change of contract forms as well as calendars. We are glad to be with you at your child's school and to partner with you and the classroom teachers in supporting your child's growth and learning. If you have any questions or there is any way I can help your Kidstop experience be the best ever, please email me at thomasc@district279.org or call my voicemail at 763-391-7214.
-Connie Thomas

Hours

Kidstop is opened from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. If the door is locked when school is not in session, ring the doorbell.

Absences

If your child will not attend Kidstop on their scheduled day, please notify us by a phone call or by a note. If your child goes home early from school, please notify us because the school does not have time to inform us.

Sign In/Sign Out

Children that attend Kidstop before and after school need to be signed in and/or out daily. Don't forget to put the time and your initials. Children may not do this for liability reasons.

Kidstop Door

When bringing your child to Kidstop in the morning, please use the Kidstop door west entrance until 8:50 a.m.



If you bring your child after 8:50 a.m., please use the front door by the Elm Creek Office. We need to keep the parking lot free for the busses. After 8:40 a.m., use the front door of the school until 3:30 p.m. when picking up your child. After 3:30 p.m., all the busses should be loaded and on their way. The school is locked except for the front door during the school day.

Late Fee

There is a late fee if you pick up your child after 6:00 p.m. Please note, we go by the classroom clock. A \$5.00 charge per family will be assessed for the first five minutes and \$1.00 for every minute after that until your child is picked up. Please remember our staff have families and commitments to attend to.

Breakfast and Snack

Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Snack is served in the cafeteria from 3:20-4:00 p.m.

Phone Number



(763)315-7353

Outside

Children should dress properly to play outside. We will be spending time outside daily (weather permitting).

Shoes

Children must have tennis shoes to partake in gym and outside activities.

Please send them daily.

Tuition

Tuition is due the first day your child attends. Make checks payable to ISD #279. In the memo area, write the purpose and the days covered.

If you have any tuition questions, call Mary Brooks at (763)315-7353 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:20 p.m.

Non-School Days

Remember there is a tuition rate which includes non-school days and one that does not. If you chose the tuition rate that does not include non-school days, then you will need to use a non-school day coupon if you want your child to attend on a non school day.

When you receive your attendance coupon book for the non-school days, please turn in your coupon with check attached by the due date on the coupon. This will reserve your child's place for the non-school day. We will staff

our program and make special arrangements according to the coupons. They must be turned in by the due date.

A bag lunch and beverage are required on non-school days unless you are told otherwise.

Your child will be receiving a field trip T-shirt. They are required to wear it on all field trips.

Messages

Remember, parents are welcome to call the Kidstop room to leave messages for the staff. Kidstop is a very active environment, and a staff person may not be available to answer the phone because they are busy working what your children. Your message will be retrieved, and your concern attended to as soon as possible. This may occur after your child has left Kidstop for the day, so please keep in mind that messages left for a child may not be delivered to them.

Medication

Kidstop only administers prescription medication with written approval by the doctor. All medication brought to Kidstop must be in its original prescription bottle. The first dose of any newly prescribed medication must be given at home.

Communication

Daily communication is important to the success of our program and the success of your child at Kidstop. Please feel free to talk to any Kidstop staff if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns. We like to work as a team.

If you have any information that will help us while interacting with your child, let us know.

Parent Area

Remember to check your Parent Folder daily. These folders are a way that we use to help communicate with you.

Drop Off/ Pick Up

It is school policy that children are permitted to go into the school building to lockers and classrooms during regular school hours only. When dropping off and picking up your child before and after school, please enter the building from the west entrance and go directly to the Kidstop room, and then leave from the west entrance as well. Please help your child remember to bring all their books and homework they will need to bring home with them to the Kidstop room after school. Once your child has been dismissed by their classroom teacher, they will not be permitted to return to their classroom/locker to pick up their forgotten items.

Toy Day

The first Thursday of every month will be "Toy Day." On this day children may bring a non violent toy to play with. Kidstop is not responsible if something happens to it.

The first Toy Day will be on the **Thursday, October 7.**

If we ever have a conflict and need to change the day of Toy Day, we will let you know in advance.

Before and After School

The before and after school staff are planning many exciting activities for the children.

The theme for this month is **Catch the Energy!**

Kindergarten Korner

The themes for the months are: **School and Classroom Rules, Getting to Know Each Other and All About Me.**

Non-School Days

Friday, October 8, Kindergarten-6th
Grade Non-School Day

Coupon and payment are due on or before
Tuesday, September 28th.

Thursday, October 21, Kindergarten-6th
Grade Non-School Day

Coupon and payment are due on or before
Thursday, October 7.

Non-School Days for Kindergarten Only
are on Thursday, October 28 and Friday
October 29. Coupon and payment are due
on or before Thursday, October 14. The
children will be going on a field trip to Ap-
ple Jack Orchard on October 28th.

Watch for further details

New school

New teacher

New friends

New books

I feel new too.

Do you?

Have a wonderful year and keep
a smile on your face.



Kidstop Closed
October 22

EC Kidstop Staff



Connie Thomas
Community Education Program Manager



Ms. Kim Whiting
6:30-9:15 & 2:30-6:00



Mrs. Mary Brooks
7:00-1:00



Mrs. Karen Leonard
6:30-9:00



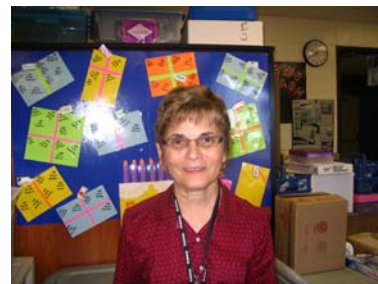
Mrs. Maliheh Mozafari
12:00-6:00



Mrs. Michelle Rynanen
6:45-9:00



Ms. Maureen Major
3:15-5:30



Mrs. Geri Lahti
9:30-6:00