## New Glarus Elementary School



## September/October 2019

## Welcome Back!!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!
We hope you had a great summer. The elementary building has been busy getting ready to meet all of you.

We added some new playground equipment this summer and removed some fences. We are very excited for recess!


We are looking forward to a new year and seeing all of you soon!

## Meet the Teacher

Grades 2nd - 5th
(4K, K, and 1st graders attended Ready, Set, Go Conferences earlier in August.)

When: Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Time: 4:00-5:30
Ice Cream Social at 5:00 in the elementary cafeteria
*Find your classroom

## *Meet your teacher

*Be ready for the first day of school

## 2019-2020 Teaching Teams

Here are our teaching teams for the 2019-2020 school year.

4 Year Old Kindergarten:
Mrs. Brecklin
Mrs. Hooks
Kindergarten/First Grade:
Mrs. Bright - Kindergarten
Mrs. Wieser - Kindergarten
Ms. Lederman - Kindergarten/ First Grade Mrs. Roska - Kindergarten/ First Grade

Mrs. Duerst - First Grade
Mrs. Baker - First Grade
Mrs. Hedeman - First Grade Second/Third Grade:
Ms. McGraw- Second Grade
Mrs. Ness - Second Grade
Mrs. Arnett - Second/Third Grade
Mrs. Buol- Second/Third Grade
Mr. Sysko - Second/Third Grade
Mrs. Arnett - Third Grade
Mrs. Pritchett - Third Grade Fourth/Fifth Grade:
Mrs. Statz - Fourth Grade
Mrs. Vetterli - Fourth Grade
Mr. Edge - Fourth/Fifth Grade
Mrs. Macaulay - Fourth/Fifth Grade
Mrs. Schepp - Fourth/Fifth Grade
Mrs. Burdette - Fifth Grade
Ms. Nealis - Fifth Grade

## Snack Time and Birthday Treats

The Classroom Snack Bag is retiring! Families are no longer asked to supply the elementary classrooms with shared snacks. To provide a safe environment for children with life-threatening allergies and to provide equitable access for snacks with the Morning Milk program, the New Glarus Elementary School will be implementing the following daily snack and birthday treat plan for the 2019-2020 school year. The plan is a little different for each grade level.

## Daily Snacks:

4K, Kindergarten, 1st Grade:
The district will be providing ALL daily snacks.

## 2nd and 3rd Grade:

The district will also provide ALL daily snacks for the $2 n d / 3$ rd grade classrooms.

## 4th and 5th Grade:

Students may bring their own snacks to keep in their lockers. If families would like the school to provide a snack for their 4th/5th grader, simply let the office or homeroom teacher know.

## Birthday Treats:

* Students will order a birthday treat for snack time from our list of approved snacks through the food service program, Taher. These will be special treats that are different from the everyday options. Examples include Rice Krispie bars, cookies, pudding cups, jello cups, etc.
*If parents would like to purchase a class birthday treat for their child, it is possible to order special birthday treats through Taher such as an ice cream sundae bars, pizza party, or a breakfast treat (cinnamon rolls or long johns) for their child's classroom. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher and Rebecca Derke, the food service director, for details and options. Rebecca can be reached at rebecca.derke@ngsd.k12.wi.us.


## Transportation Information

* Emails with route pick up times will be sent during the last week of August. If you have a rural route pick up and do not receive an email with a pick up time, please contact the elementary office at 527-2410 ext. *1001.
* In-town pickups are listed below for both AM \& PM times.
* Please allow at least a 5 minute window for pick up times, especially in the beginning of the year until routes are more established and routine.


## Bus Business:

Mornings: Drop off will be the front parking lot, by the front doors

## Afternoons: Pick up will be behind

 the building on the playground parking lot
*Black Bear Bus \#34

| $\underline{\text { AM }}$ | Pick up <br> time | PM | Drop off <br> time |
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| Valle Tell* | $7: 25$ | Valle Tell* | $3: 40$ |
| Heidi Court* | $7: 30$ | Heidi Court* | $3: 45$ |
| Tower Heights* | $7: 32$ | Tower Heights* | $3: 47$ |
| Candy Cane | $7: 33$ | Candy Cane Park* | $3: 48$ |
| Park* | $7: 34$ | Old Grade School* | $3: 50$ |
| School* | $7: 38$ | Police Station <br> (Brown Cow or Green <br> Dinosaur) | $3: 40$ |
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## Car Business:

Mornings: Drop off will be through the Kiss and Fly line along the west side (street side) of the building across from the tennis courts. Kiss and Fly is intended for quick drop offs. If you plan to walk your child in, please use the parking lot across the street to park your vehicle and walk in to school. Please do NOT use the front parking lot in the mornings.
This area is for buses in the morning.
Afternoons: Pick up is the front parking lot for last names A-L and along the Kiss and Fly area for last names M-Z.

## 2019-2020

## Bus Routes and Drivers

 We have new busses this fall!!\#35 - Blue Dolphin - Mr. Lienhardt
\#36 - Orange Giraffe - Mr. Stuessy
\#37 - Purple Butterfly - Mr. Heimann
\#38 - Brown Cow - Mr. Duerst
\#39 - Green Dinosaur - Mr.
Campbell
\#40 - Black Bear In-Town - Mr.
Vetterli

# Curriculum Updates! 

## Reading/Writing

Last year, we implemented our first full year of a new English/Language Arts (ELA) curriculum called Core Knowledge Language Arts (CKLA).
Rather than use separate reading and writing programs as we did in the past, CKLA incorporates reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills into one curriculum. It is a rigorous reading and writing program and uses science and social studies content to teach background knowledge. All teachers attended additional training over the summer and are very excited to continue using the curriculum this fall. We have also developed ELA essential learning outcomes that will be part of your child's report card this year.
Please visit the Amplify website for more information about the CKLA curriculum.

## Math

After attending math workshops, researching math curriculum, and having many discussions regarding math instruction, our K-5 math committee initiated a change in our math program. In an effort to balance problem solving, critical thinking, and more procedural components to math instruction, we began implementing Ready Math this past year at Kindergarten, 1st grade, and a couple of 4 th $/ 5$ th grade classrooms. This year all grade levels and classrooms will be utilizing Ready Math. We will also be using an online component called iReady Online to provide students with additional practice and mathematical challenges at the individual level. Teachers also spent time this summer attending training regarding the Ready Math program.
For more information, visit the Ready Math website.

## Bridging Brighter Smiles

Bridging Brighter Smiles is returning for the 2019-2020 school year to provide preventative dental care at New Glarus Schools. We will set a date for the first contact day soon, but wanted to get the information to families at the beginning of the year.

Families may simply go to enrollment.bbsmiles.org to complete the form right from a smartphone, or a computer. The form is also available through the Bridging Brighter Smiles website at www.bridgingbrightersmiles.org/forms. When families hit "submit" the form is then directly transmitted to the Bridging Brighter Smiles operational office.

## Thank you!!

We are fortunate to live in a very generous community! Many folks donate their time, energy, and funds to make great things happen for kids! Thank you!!
*Thank you for all the donations and those who help pop popcorn for the Parking Lot Party last spring. Also, thank you for purchasing clothing items which helped pay for supplies! We had a blast at the party! The PBIS team

*Thank you for the donations and help with Caring for Kids and Closet for Kids! The monetary funds are used for both food and clothing as well as necessary hygiene and household supplies!

We have much to be grateful for and appreciate all the efforts to make New Glarus a great place to live, work, and learn.

## Big Brothers, Big Sisters

The Big Brothers, Big Sisters (BBBS) program meets on Monday afternoons twice a month beginning in October.

The Bigs (high school mentors) meet with their Littles (elementary students) at the High School Library twice each month on a Monday afternoon. Elementary Littles are released a few minutes early around 3:00 to meet until about 3:45.

Here is the schedule for the 2019-2020 school year:
First Day of Program - October 21st 3:10-4 pm
November 11
November 25
December 9 January 13
January 27
February 10
February 24


Last Day of Program - March 9th
Applications for Littles to participate will be available at Meet the Teacher or in the elementary office. You can also contact Kirsten Boll at 325-7855 or kirstenboll@tds.net.

## Important Dates



August 28 — Meet the Teacher @ 4:00-5:30
September 2 - NO SCHOOL, Labor Day
September 3 - First Day of School Kindergarten-5th grade
PTO Meeting @ 6:30
September 6 - First Day of School for 4K
September 5 - School Picture Day
September 9 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15
September 23-27- iReady Testing
September 23 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15
September 27 - Homecoming
(Tailgate Luncheon, \& Parade)
October 1-4th Grade Food for America Field Trip, PTO Meeting @ 6:30

October 10 - Picture Retake Day
October 11 - NO School/Teacher Inservice
October 14 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15
October 17 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30
October 22 - Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 October 25 - NO SCHOOL

October 28 - School Board Mtg. @ 7:15
October 31 - Halloween Parade and Ball


