



Maverick Newsletter

Principal's Corner

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Welcome, parents and students of Mills Elementary, to the 2011-2012 school year. I hope that you had a fun and restful summer. A few reminders as we begin another year:

Parents, please remember that students CANNOT be dropped off any earlier than 8:10 a.m., as we do not have any supervision provided before that time. The exception is if your child is enrolled in Boys & Girls Club, in which case they may be dropped off beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Students may be at the school to eat breakfast starting at 8:10 a.m. If your student is here before 8:10 and they are not here for Boys & Girls Club, they will be asked to call for a

ride home until 8:10.

If your student is picked up after school, they need to be picked up at 3:30 p.m. on the playground. Students who walk home must leave immediately after school. They CANNOT "hang out" on the playground. The only supervision we have provided after school is for the bus students.

This school year we are introducing the Six Pillars of Character. Read the article on page 2 for this exciting addition to our daily school life and which pillar we are focused on currently.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you may reach me at the Mills office at 253-3700.

Dates to Remember:

Sept. 5: No School—Labor Day

Sept. 8: Gr. 3-5 @ Game & Fish Expo from 9-2

Sept. 13-30: NWEA Testing

Sept. 14: Health Screening

Sept. 21: Hearing Screening

Sept. 23: Exclusion date

Dr. Russell's Tip of the Month

We Read is a community-based, family literacy project. The 1st of each month, K-3 students will receive a We Read book to take home. Each

Tuesday, there will be inserts in the blue box outside the front doors of the school, which contain activities that are meant to be done together with

parents and are not meant as additional homework. This project will continue through the end of the year.

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Six Pillars of Character

New to daily life at Mills Elementary this school year is a focus on the Six Pillars of Character: six ethical values that everyone can agree on — values that are not political, religious, or culturally biased.

The Six Pillars are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. The Pillars are color-coded and each has a mnemonic device (an easy reminder) to help

students remember the definition and traits of each pillar. They are being introduced slowly, with each trait given two weeks of focus as the students learn about it and how it can be displayed at school and in life.

The first pillar introduced was Trustworthiness: Be honest. Don't deceive, cheat, or steal. Be reliable — do what you say you'll do. Have the courage to do the

right thing. Build a good reputation. Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country. This pillar's color is blue and it's reminder is "True Blue".

Students will soon shift their focus to Respect and then Responsibility. Watch this spot in future newsletters for the color and traits of each pillar. Talk with your student about what these character traits look like at home.

Boys & Girls Club—Mills Location

Have to be at work before 8:10 a.m. and need to drop your child off at school before you go? Enroll them in the Boys and Girls Club!

The Boys and Girls Club Mills location is open from 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-6:00 p.m. Monday through

Friday. Reading and homework support is provided, as well as fun activities.

If you have questions, please stop by Mills Elementary before or after school to speak with Tanya Meeks or an available Mills

Boys and Girls Club representative, or contact the Main Club at 235-5694.

"Boys & Girls Club—Mills provides an alternative to riding the bus in the morning and afternoons!"

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

We need a valid mailing address in order to send home notices and reminders. We need to have accurate and working phone numbers (more than one is preferable) for contacting you in emergency situations.

If we cannot get in touch with you (or the emergency

contacts provided) in an emergency, we will have to contact the Mills Police Department or Natrona County Sherriff Office to come and watch over your child until someone can be reached.



Remember to come in and update your contact information as it changes.

Start-of-the-Year Reminders

LUNCH CHARGES

Parents: please remember that there are only two (2) charges allowed per account. Lunch and breakfast are separate charges, so if your account is empty, it only takes one day to accrue the 2 charges. Notes will be sent home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Also, note that lunch prices have gone up again this year:

Student full - \$2.25

Reduced - \$0.40

Child visitors - \$2.25

Adult visitors - \$3.25

If you have any questions about the lunch, breakfast or snack programs, please feel free to call Red at 253-3753.



LOST & FOUND

Please have your student check the Lost and Found for any items they may have misplaced. Parents are welcome to check as well.

The custodians will be donating anything that is left in the Lost and Found to a local charity at the end of every month.

Teacher Contact Hours

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	
DeBernardo	10-10:15, 2:15-2:30	10-10:15, 2:15-2:30	10-10:15, 2:15-2:30	10-10:15, 2:15-2:30	10-10:15, 2:15-2:30	<p>"I have questions that need answered. When can I meet with my child's teacher?"</p> <p>Appts. are highly encouraged.</p>
Peterson	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	
Russell	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	8:10-8:30, 3:30-4	
Holt	8-8:25	-	8-8:25	8-8:25, 3:30-4	8-8:25	
Yentes	8-8:25, 3:30-4	3:30-4	8-8:25, 3:30-4	8-8:25, 3:30-4	8-8:25, 3:30-4	
Stutheit	8-8:25, 3:35-4	8-8:25, 3:35-4	8-8:25, 3:35-4	8-8:25, 3:35-4	8-8:25, 3:35-4	
Warren	8-8:35, 3:30-4	3:30-4	8-8:35, 3:30-4	8-8:35	8-8:35	
Flammang	7:45-8:20	7:45-8:20	7:45-8:20	7:45-8:20	7:45-8:20	
Rainwater	8-8:25, 3:30-	3:45-4:15	8-8:25, 3:30-	3:45-4:15	8-8:25	
Ferguson	3:30-4	3:30-4	3:30-4	3:30-4	3:30-4	
Hult	8-8:30, 3:30-3:50	3:30-3:50	8-8:30, 3:30-3:50	8-8:30, 3:30-3:50	8-8:30	

Mills Elementary Mission Statement

Our Community's actions result in a learning environment that fosters and celebrates the education of the whole child!



Every Child ~ Every Day ~ Every Way

Immunization Exclusion Date

The immunization exclusion date is Friday, September 23rd and it is fast approaching! If your student is not current on immunizations by 7:30 a.m. that morning, they will not be allowed to attend school until the nurse receives proof of vaccinations.

This is especially important for both our new Kindergartners as well as many of our students who are still in need of the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.

If you are unsure if you're student is up-to-date, a quick call to our nurse, Dana Bower, can answer your question.

New Year, New Look: Maverick News Reduces

There's a new look to the Maverick Newsletter this school year. This new template provides the same amount of article space, yet has less, wasteful "white space". It requires one less page per newsletter and we've used one staple to keep it together. That's a reduction of 1,890 pieces of paper and staples that will be used for newsletters this school year. It will also reduce the amount of copier toner used on borders and graphics.

The newsletter can be recycled with other white paper at any of the following Casper locations:

- Kelly Walsh High School (E. 12th St & Trojan Dr)
- Meals on Wheels (E. 12th St & Lowell St)
- N. Casper (1700 E. K. St)
- Balefill (1886 N. Station Rd)
- Rocky Mountain Sporting Goods (1351 CY Ave)
- Sunrise Shopping Center (39th St & Poplar St)
- Denis Dr. (Highway 220 & Wyoming Blvd)
- East side Wal-Mart (4400 E 2nd)
- Paradise Valley Pool (Iris &



The Maverick Newsletter can be recycled with white paper at several Casper locations. If you'd like to go green and receive the newsletter via email each month, please contact Jillian at the front office at 253-3700.