



The STAR Reporter

Naldrett Newsletter



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Dean A. Naldrett Mission Statement: Naldrett staff, in partnership with parents and community, will provide a positive, nurturing, learning environment in which students can achieve their full potential.



Principal's Corner

Welcome back! I hope all of our Naldrett families had a safe, healthy and memorable holiday break. We are looking forward to a productive and rewarding new year. The return from break provides us with a great opportunity to review our routines and procedures in order for young children to be more successful in school. Below are suggestions to support your child:

- Please make a commitment to help your child get to school on time each day.
- Have your child organize belongings the previous evening. **Three important key words to keep in mind: "The Night Before"** can make a big difference with families. Mornings can be too busy and rushed, which carries over into their school day. Please check folders, backpacks nightly and sign agendas.
- Take time to review teacher websites and school newsletters.
- Feel free to contact your child's teacher with questions or if you are in need of assistance. Emails, phone calls and written notes can be effective tools to open communication. Please allow a response time of 24 hours.
- Limit video games and screen time. Make time to read a good book nightly!
- Have your child set new goals (academic and social... It's a great time to try something new!)

If you have any questions at any time, please call the main office or your child's teacher.

Thank you.

Mrs. Stephenson



Happy New Year!!!
2024



No School Jan. 15th, Half Day Jan 25th and Jan 26th

Please note that there is **NO SCHOOL** on **Monday, January 15th, 2024** (Martin Luther King Day). There is also a **HALF DAY** for elementary students on **Thursday, January 25th** (Records Day in PM) and **Friday, January 26th, 2024, with dismissal at 12:26 both Thursday and Friday.** Mark your calendars!



COLD Weather Time!

It's that time of year! Temperatures will be dropping and snow will be flying. We **WILL** have outdoor recess every day unless the wind speed is 25 miles or higher, or the temperature drops below 15 degrees with or without wind chill. **ALL students will go outside unless they have a written doctor's note.** PLEASE make sure you send your student to school with appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. Warm jackets, gloves, hats, boots... (snow pants for the little ones) are all recommended. If you need assistance or know of someone else that does, please contact the school office.

Cookies with Santa Update

On Tuesday, Dec. 5th, we had our annual Cookies with Santa event. Students were able to decorate Christmas ornaments and cookies, make reindeer food and write letters to Santa. The Grinch and the jolly red man himself, Santa Claus, were on hand to take pictures with. A very special *thank you* and much appreciation to Mrs. Diaz and Mrs. Stringer for co-chairing this committee and making the event a true success!

A Gingerbread house decorating contest was part of the festivities, showcasing the many talents of our wonderful families. Voting was held, and here are the top three winners:

1st Place: Liliana Fowler

2nd Place: Jerome Brown

3rd Place: Jackson Accivatti

Raffles were also held. Here is a list of our lucky winners:

Girls 16" Bike - Gruber Family

Boys 16" Bike - Del Owczarski

Girls 18" Bike - Brynlee Zarzycki

Boys 18" Bike - Ashton Nester

Restaurant Basket - Ava Glambin

Game Night Basket - Ventline Family

Movie Night Basket - Addison Pallone

We appreciate ALL of our volunteers for making this a HUGE success!

Friendly Reminder:

There should be **NO** dogs or pets on school property. Please leave your pet at home or in your vehicle. Keep our students safe!



IMPORTANT MESSAGE:



Parents, with the cold and flu season upon us, we understand the need for medicine! **PLEASE – if you feel the need to send your student to school with cough drops, have them bring them to the office for safe keeping.** This keeps students from sharing with their friends and a potential allergic reaction should they fall into the wrong hands. However mild they may be, they are still medicine and need to be kept by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe and healthy!!!

Please keep in mind the 24-hour rule. If your child runs a fever or is vomiting, please keep them home until they are fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of medicine, or for at least 24 hours after the last time they vomited. Thank you!



SAFETY REMINDER

Parents that choose to come into the building for drop off or pick up, **please** park in a parking space. DO NOT park in the driveway. The driveway is meant to have a continuous flow for the drop off and pick up of students. Make sure to move up as far as you can to keep traffic off the street. **If you are waiting to drop off or pick up your student(s), please wait in line until the vehicle in front of you moves up. Your child should enter and exit the vehicle on the right side or passenger side of your car along the sidewalk.** **Hold your child's hand while walking on the sidewalk and in the parking lot.** Help to keep our students safe by following the parking lot procedures. Please continue to drive slow and PLEASE be patient! Thank you.

Attendance:

Please take the time to ready the following page regarding the importance of being in school.

CHANGE IN ROUTINE: Any change of plans at dismissal must be shared with the OFFICE by 3:15 PM. **Please do not rely on a text, remind or dojo message** to the teacher. They are busy teaching students and may not get the message in time or they may be absent.

UPCOMING DATES - 2024

- Wednesday, Jan. 3rd - School Resumes
- Monday, Jan. 15th - **PD DAY / NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**
- Wednesday, Jan. 24th - Star Council Meeting - 5 PM in Library
- Thursday, Jan. 25th - **HALF DAY - 12:26 PM Dismissal.** (Records Day)
- Friday, Jan. 26th - End of 2nd Marking Period.
- Friday, Jan. 26th - **HALF DAY - 12:26 PM Dismissal.**
- Wednesday, Jan. 31st - 3rd Grade to Cranbrook Institute of Science
- Friday, Feb. 2nd - Report Cards Go Home
- Thursday, Feb. 15 - All Star Challenge Glow Stick Walk-A-Thon
- Fri-Mon, Feb. 16-19th - **NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER BREAK**
- Tuesday, Feb. 20th - School Resumes
- Tuesday, Feb. 27th - **PD DAY / NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** ★
- Friday, March 1st - Progress Reports Sent Home
- Mon-Fri, March 4-8th - Spring Book Fair
- Friday, March 15th - 4th Grade to Detroit Institute of Arts
- Friday, March 22nd - Last Full Day of School before Spring Break
- Sat-Mon, March 23rd-April 1st: **NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK**
- Tuesday, April 2nd - School Resumes

SEE COMPLETE UPDATED CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE - NOTE CHANGES!

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STUDENT CALENDAR

2023 - 2024

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| W | Jan. 3 | School Resumes |
| T | Jan. 9 | Green Team Meeting - 8 AM |
| M | Jan. 15 | Professional Development Day / MLK Day - NO STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE |
| W | Jan. 24 | STAR Council Meeting - 5 PM in Library |
| Th | Jan. 25 | HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS - PM RECORDS DAY FOR TEACHERS |
| F | Jan. 26 | HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS |
| F | Jan. 26 | End of 2nd Marking Period |
| W | Jan. 31 | 3rd Grade to Cranbrook Institute of Science |
| F | Feb. 2 | Report Cards In Parent Portal / Go Home |
| T | Feb. 13 | Green Team Meeting - 8 AM |
| Th | Feb. 15 | ASC Glow Stick Walk-A-Thon |
| F-M | Feb. 16-19 | NO SCHOOL - MID WINTER BREAK |
| T | Feb. 20 | School Resumes |
| T | Feb. 27 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Staff PD Day |
| F | Mar. 1 | Progress Reports |
| M-F | Mar. 4-8 | Book Fair Week - Watch for more info to come home! |
| T | Mar. 12 | Green Team Meeting - 8 AM |
| F | Mar. 15 | 4th Grade to DIA - Field Trip |
| F | Mar. 22 | Last Full Day of School Before Spring Break |
| | Mar. 23-Apr. 1 | NO SCHOOL - Spring Break |
| T | Apr. 2 | School Resumes |
| F | Apr. 5 | End of 3rd Marking Period |
| T | Apr. 9 | Green Team Meeting - 8 AM |
| F | Apr. 12 | Report Cards In Parent Portal / Go Home |
| W | Apr. 24 | 5th Grade to STARBASE |
| Th | Apr. 25 | 2nd Grade Field Trip - Detroit Zoo |
| F | Apr. 26 | 5th Grade to STARBASE |
| W | May 1 | 5th Grade to STARBASE |
| T | May 7 | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Staff PD Day |
| W | May 8 | Progress Reports |
| W | May 8 | REGULAR SCHOOL DAY (Originally listed as the PD Day in May) |
| T | May 14 | Green Team Meeting - 8 AM |
| W | May 15 | 5th Grade to STARBASE |
| W | May 22 | 5th Grade to STARBASE |
| W | May 22 | 1st Grade to Metro Park Nature Center |
| W | May 22 | Kdgn to Upland Hills Farm |
| M | May 27 | NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day |
| T | May 28 | School Resumes |
| M | June 3 | Field Day |
| Th | June 6 | HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS - PM RECORDS DAY FOR TEACHERS |
| F | June 7 | HALF DAY / LAST DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS |
| F | June 7 | End of 4th Marking Period |
| F | June 7 | Report Cards In Parent Portal / Go Home (Elem) |



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IMPORTANT HEALTH REMINDER:

Children attending school should be capable of participating in the regular school program. **Children who have a fever, cold, cough or are vomiting should be kept home for their own well being and the protection of the other children and staff members at school.** Exceptions (like asthma) are handled on an individual basis. Children with a fever may return **24 hours after** they have a normal temperature **without** taking ibuprofen or other medication.

Should your child go home sick – vomiting OR with a fever - they are **not** to return to school the next day. If they do, you will be contacted to pick them up. These guidelines are in place to keep schools open and people safe and healthy.

Children who leave school with a rash may return only with a doctor's note. If your child develops an unidentifiable rash or skin infection, please do not send him/her to school until it has been determined by a doctor that the condition is not contagious or until the condition clears. We are required by law to exclude any child with a rash or condition that may be contagious.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Emergency Contacts

Parents are responsible for filling out or updating any emergency contact information in Powerschool. This information is important, as it is used to contact you in case of an illness, accident, or injury at school. **Keeping this information up-to-date is very important. Please let us know if names, addresses, e-mail addresses or phone numbers change. We must be able to reach you in the event of an emergency. Children will only be released to those listed in their emergency contacts.**

Note on custody papers: Children will be released to either parent unless legal documentation is provided to the school that states otherwise.

Dressing for School / Dressing for Recess

Your child's clothing should not distract from the educational process. Reasonable standards for student dress and personal appearance are an essential requirement in the maintenance of an acceptable climate for effective conduct of instruction. Being neat and clean (good hygiene) is important to health as well as appearance. The following dress guidelines should be followed:

1. Clothing should be non-offensive and decent. **Bare chests/back/midribs, tank tops with spaghetti straps, clothing with obscene language or symbols, and open-armed shirts are examples of inappropriate attire for school.**
2. Sunglasses, sweatbands, and hats are inappropriate attire in school.
3. Appropriate footwear shall be worn at all times. (example: gym shoes for Physical Education)
4. Shorts, dresses and skirts should be **mid-thigh/fingertip** in length or longer. Shirts should cover shoulders.
5. Jewelry should be limited and may not be worn in Physical Education class. Expensive pieces of jewelry should not be worn to school.

Makeup of School Work

If a student is absent due to illness, parents may request homework after two days of absence. When a student is absent from school he/she will be allowed an equal number of days to make up any work missed. Any exceptions to this policy will be at the discretion of the individual teachers with the approval of the Principal. Each teacher has his/her own policy on work not completed in class, and it is the student's responsibility to know and follow that policy.

Personal Belongings

Students may not bring items of value to school. Items such as jewelry, electronic equipment and large amounts of money need to remain at home. The school cannot be responsible for their safekeeping and will not be liable for loss or damage to personal valuables. Students should not bring any personal items to school that would cause them to be upset if it should be lost or broken. If valuable items are needed for a special event, the parents/guardians can make arrangements to deliver and return the items to and from school. Please make certain that you place your youngster's name on all of his/her personal property, such as outdoor garments and lunch boxes. This will assist us greatly in returning misplaced items.

Attendance M^Atters

Did you know?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- There is an unquestionable link between school attendance and school achievement.



In School, On Time

- School start time **9:00**
- **TARDY 9:05 – 9:30**
- Per district handbook, reporting more than thirty minutes late to school or leaving 30 minutes prior to dismissal will result in one-half day absence.

Help your child come to school every day

- Set a regular bedtime.
- Help your child complete their homework and pack up their backpack the night before.
- Develop a morning routine.
- Encourage your child to attend school!

Proficient Readers in the 3rd Grade



Truancy & Attendance Letters

Per district guidelines, parents will receive the following:

- Attendance letter #1 after 7 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #2 after 14 days absent and/or tardy.
- Attendance letter #3 after 21 days absent and/or tardy.
- Excessive absences, after the 21 days/absence, must be reported to the Macomb County Independent School District Attendance Office.

If your child is having trouble attending school, please make sure to schedule a meeting with the school principal to discuss how we can support you.

Remember school attendance is the law!