

The RoadRunner Resource

A weekly newsletter to keep you in the loop

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September 6, 2016

Calendar Updates & Reminders

Tuesday, September 13
Picture Day

Wednesday, September 14
Walk to School Wednesday
7:40 a.m.

Thursday, September 15
PTO Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.

Monday, September 19
Box Top competition begins
(ends 10/21)

Wednesday, September 21
Walk to School Wednesday

Thursday, September 22
Activity Day
(Parent Volunteers needed)

Wednesday, September 28
Walk to School Wednesday

Thursday, September 29
All School Skate Night

Friday, September 30
No School

Wednesday, October 5
National Walk to School Day

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Visit the Spring Road School website at www.neenah.k12.wi.us/schools/springroad/ for the link "Find us on facebook" in the upper right corner. Like Us and receive updates, reminders, and general information related to our school. There are two Spring Road Elementary facebook pages. Our school's facebook page looks like this:



Playground Monitor Positions Available

Are you or someone you know looking for something to do between the hours of 11:30 and 1:15 on school days? We are offering a great opportunity for you, a neighbor, or someone you know to make a little money while having fun with kids. The position of playground monitor is to supervise safe use of play areas and encourage active recess.

Playground monitors do not have to be parents of students at Spring Road School. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact Michaela Neitzel at 751-6975 or mneitzel@neenah.k12.wi.us.

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This school newsletter will be posted weekly on our school website www.neenah.k12.wi.us/schools/springroad/. If you do not have access to the internet, please request a paper copy from your child's teacher. Paper copies will only be distributed by request, and sent home on the following school day. A weekly reminder to view the newsletter will be emailed.

Arrival – Before School

Supervision begins on the playground at 7:45 a.m. Students are allowed to be on the playground at 7:45 a.m. Thank you to all of the families that wait patiently for the clock to strike 7:45 a.m. to drop off children. We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe while at school.

Upon arrival at 7:45 a.m. students are welcome to play on the equipment, walk the track, or wait in line for the 8:05 a.m. bell to ring. Parents are welcome to wait with your child while standing in line or observe them playing on the equipment until the bell rings. When the 8:05 a.m. bell rings, we respectfully ask that parents say goodbye for the school day, allow your child to line up with his/her classmates, and enter the building without parent support.

What happens when it is raining or below zero?

A yellow smiley face will be posted on the front door of the school. When the smiley face is posted, students will enter the building upon arrival instead of waiting on the playground. Supervisors will be inside the building to monitor students. Students will enter the building without parent escort, and sit quietly at his/her locker.

All students are expected to be in class, ready to learn when the 8:15 a.m. bell rings.

Dismissal – After School

Classroom Teachers will dismiss their students at 3:05 p.m. by walking them to the main entrance. Parents will wait outside for students to be dismissed. Students riding a bus will exit the south doors of the building where the buses will be parked. Educational Assistants and Teaching Specialists will be present to assist children.

All students must go home immediately after school. There is no supervision on our playground after student dismissal. The playground is reserved for students participating in the after school Y-Care program.

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School Safety Drills

Students and staff will practice safety drills throughout the school year. Drills practiced will be for fire, inclement weather, and lockdown or secure school. The first of each drill will be announced and directions will be given to students as a step by step process.

Visiting Spring Road School?

All parents are welcome to visit our school. When visiting Spring Road School, parents must check in at the office. Check in at the office includes signing in, stating the reason for the visit, and receiving a badge. The badge must be visible during the visit. All visitors must check out in the office prior to leaving.

Interested in talking to your child's teacher? Please schedule a time to meet with the teacher. Scheduling a time with the teacher guarantees that she/he is available and prepared for your meeting. Meetings can be scheduled by emailing or calling the teacher. Please note, teachers will not be able to answer the phone during the school day. Please leave a detailed message.



Walk to School Wednesday

September 2016

Dear Spring Road Families,

Mrs. Barrow and I are excited to continue Walk to School Wednesdays for all Spring Road School students, staff, and parents. Every Wednesday beginning on September 14, 2016, participating staff will meet interested students and parents at designated intersections to walk to school. There will be two designated meeting points:

CB & II
Cooke & Deerwood

If you are dropping your child off to participate in the walk, please drop off in the parking lot of ThedaCare on the corner of CB & II. We will have staff available to supervise students. Can't make it to either corner? Don't worry we will pick up students along the way to school. If we pass a corner near your home, feel free to join our group.

Walk to School Wednesday will occur every Wednesday from September 14, 2016 until Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Participating Spring Road staff members will be located at the corners of CB & II and Cooke & Deerwood by 7:35 AM. The walk to Spring Road School will begin at 7:40 AM; participating students and staff will leave the designated corners at that time. If it is raining, walks will be cancelled. No Spring Road staff members will be located at designated walking areas when it is raining.

Please note that the Walk to School Wednesday is geared toward walkers. Students with bikes may join the walking group however they must walk their bike when with the group. Since this is only a walk **to** school, bike riders will be riding their bikes home from school without the presence of Spring Road staff. Walkers also will not have supervision of Spring Road staff members from school to home.

All students are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to school every day. In addition to promoting healthy habits, we are hopeful to build a stronger Spring Road Community. Parents are welcome to walk with participating students and staff. We look forward to continuing our Wednesday walks into the upcoming school year too.

Join us on our Walk to School Wednesdays beginning September 14, 2016!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Roxann Barrow
Wellness Teacher

Ms. Michaela Neitzel
Principal



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Michaela Neitzel, *Principal*

RE: Attendance

To Whom It May Concern:

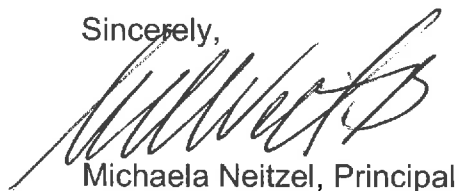
Parents/guardians must notify the school of their child's absence at the start of the school day or when absence is known. Notification may be personal contact, phone call, or written communication. The Neenah Joint School District will attempt to notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student's truancy on the day the unexcused absence occurred.

The Neenah Joint School District believes that the primary purpose of schooling is for students to learn and be successful. In order for students to learn, they must attend school on a consistent basis. Attendance will be monitored for all students at the end of each grading period. A letter will be sent home with the child's report card to indicate truancy. If a student is showing patterns of a habitual truant prior to the end of a quarter, a letter will be sent home when attendance concerns arise.

What does it mean to be truant? As defined in Wis. Stats. 118.16, a student who is absent from school without valid excuse for all or part of five days in one school semester is considered truant. A student is also considered truant if absent for part or all of ten or more days, excused and unexcused combined. After 10 plus absences, excused and unexcused combined, the school may request a medical excuse. A medical excuse is a written statement on letterhead or prescription form from a physician that excuses your child from school for medical reasons that are being addressed.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential in the education of children. We share your concern about your child's success in school. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have questions about the school attendance law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michaela Neitzel", is written over the typed name below.

Michaela Neitzel, Principal



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RE: Breakfast Program

To: Parents & Guardians of Spring Road Elementary,

On Monday, April 4, 2016, a school wide breakfast program was implemented at Spring Road School. Breakfast is offered daily. All students are invited to participate in the breakfast program. Breakfast is distributed to each classroom at the start of the school day.

Students who qualify for free and reduced lunch will not be charged for breakfast. All other students will be charged \$1.20. Like lunch, money can be deposited to your child's meal account for breakfast by using the deposit box outside of the school office or by logging into the parent portal.

Note: USDA regulations require every student to take either a fruit or vegetable. Should the student refuse the fruit/vegetable, that student must be charged a la carte prices for his/her meal, and that meal will not be reimbursable. The non-reimbursable breakfast price is \$1.45.

Note: Milk is an a la carte item and is non-reimbursable. Milk is offered at no charge when taking a full meal. A milk taken without a meal is priced at \$.40.

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Michaela Neitzel, Principal



RE: Lunch Balance 191 County Road II • Neenah, WI 54956 • Tel (920) 751-6975 • Fax (920) 751-6911
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please be aware that the Neenah Joint School District implemented a new policy at the start of the 2015-2016 school year in regards to negative lunch balances. If a student's account is negative more than \$20.00, the student will not be able to choose a main entrée item from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. When ordering a school lunch, the student will receive a cheese sandwich, milk, fruits and vegetables. The cheese sandwich, milk, fruits and vegetables will be the only available breakfast and lunch option until the balance is paid. Please note: your child will be charged for the full price of a meal when given the cheese sandwich. Your child will be eligible for the regular daily choices offered by Chartwell's Food Service once the balance is paid.

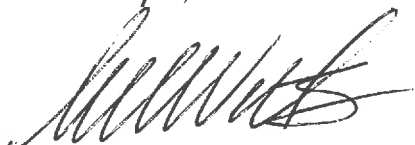
Parents can check a child's balance at:
<https://www.05.mypaymentsplus.com/default.aspx>

If your child qualifies for a reduced lunch, he/she will receive a free breakfast. A balance of negative \$20 does not affect the breakfast order, only the lunch order.

Deposits to your child's account can be made electronically or with cash or check in the deposit box outside of the school office. Please note, when paying a negative balance, it will take 24 hours for the cheese sandwich option to be removed from breakfast. Payments made before 9:00 a.m. will remove the cheese sandwich option for lunch on that same day.

If you have any questions about this policy or your child's lunch balance, please contact Chartwell's Food Service by calling 920-751-6800 ext. 10150.

Thank you,



Michaela Neitzel, Principal