

Lapham Lookout #10 June 2010

Elementary

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Dear Parents:

We have completed the school year? I cannot believe how fast the year has gone. It continues to be an honor and a pleasure serving as your principal here at Lapham. Thank you so much for all of the support you have shown our school this year. Most recently Teacher Appreciation Week was great for our staff members. They truly felt appreciated.

The Lapham Office is open one week past the end of school. If you need to reach us, please leave a message and a call will be returned. Principals in Madison work most of the summer.

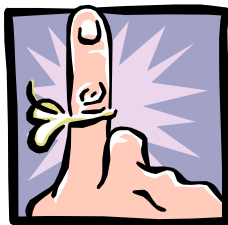
I hope that you and your family have a wonderful summer. There are so many family friendly activities here in Madison. I also hope that you will find time to read with your child. This daily practice can make a wonderful difference in the life long success of your child. Children who learn to love books learn to read well and in turn have success in school. I encourage you to seek out the many specials programs happening at your local Madison Public Library.

Finally, thank you again for the support you have shown us here at Lapham. Your involvement in your child's education is greatly valued and appreciated. Happy Summer!

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Dates To Remember



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| Friday, June 18 | Lapham Office Closes for the Summer |
| Thursday, August 19 | Fall Enrollment Day 11:00 Am—6:00 PM |
| Wednesday, Sept 1 | First Day of School—dismissal at 1:00 PM |





Questions and Answers

What are the other changes for next year? Pam Wilson, current principal at Midvale, will be the new principal at Marquette Elementary.

Do you expect any other changes in the Instructional Design for next year? Hopefully not! We are scheduled to have four K sections. There is a chance one of those could become a K/1 if needed in the Fall.

If we move over the summer and remain in MMSD, can our child stay at Lapham? Yes, as long as they are continuing students. You would need to complete an internal transfer form. Incoming K students would need to attend their neighborhood school unless there is space available and a transfer has been approved. For further info, please contact the Enrollment Office at 663-4952.

How do I reach someone at school during the summer? Our office is closed during the summer, but we check messages fairly frequently. In an emergency, you can contact the Assistant Superintendent's office at 663-1632.

Online Enrollment Coming

By August, parents and guardians will be able to fill out ONLINE many enrollment forms for the 2010-11 school year.

It will still be necessary to do some of the enrollment process in person – for signed documents, fee payments and, of course, student photographs.

But, the use of online forms will cut down on paper use. Families will be notified via phone calls and e-mails this summer when online enrollment can begin and how to proceed.



Parenting Question

Do you set a good example and wear a bike helmet? Some people believe young children pay as much attention to what we do as to what we say. Children are more likely to maintain safe habits when parents are not around if they see parents also following safety guidelines.

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- After-school tutoring programs and recreation for children
- Financial help for hard times



Summer Reading Lists

We are currently adding a summer reading list for our Lapham students to our web site. The books can be found at our Public Libraries. The lists are organized by levels. The levels correlate to the reading levels on the report cards. An important thing to note is that the report card gives your child's **instructional level**. The best thing for your child to do this summer is to read books at a level **below** their instructional level that can be read with 99% accuracy. It may feel like these books are too easy but in actuality this helps your child grow in their reading fluency and better assures their understanding of what they are reading.

Web Site: <http://laphamarquetteweb.madison.k12.wi.us/parents>

Volunteer Appreciation Event



We had a great turnout for our Volunteer Appreciation Event last week. If you were not able to make it, please know Lapham appreciates your efforts to support our school. A big thank you to **Ground Zero Coffee Shop** for donating the coffee for this event.

We really appreciated this donation.

Ready Set Goal Conferences

The Board of Education voted to reinstate fall Ready Set Goal conferences for next fall. These conference usually happen before school starts and provide an opportunity for the school to meet parents and their new students. Parents will sign up for the conferences at the Enrollment Day in August. More information will be provided at the Fall Enrollment Day.

Save this Date

Fall Enrollment Date
Thursday, August 19th, 2010
11 AM to 6 PM

Note: Please let us know if you will be gone that day. We will schedule another time after August 19th!