



COMET CONNECTION

COLOMA ELEMENTARY

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From the Principal

A Strong Finish

As your child heads into the final stretch of the school year, keep him motivated to do well. Try these three suggestions:

1. Show your child that you take his "job" as student seriously. You might discuss things your jobs have in common (he counts pretend money in math class, and you count real money as a bank teller). Explain that his schoolwork is preparing him for the workplace.
2. Remind your youngster of his accomplishments. Maybe he got a B in social studies the first trimester and a C in the second trimester. Suggest that he set a goal for his final report card ("I want to bring my grade back up to a B").
3. Encourage your child to find one new way to get involved at school before the year ends. Maybe he could help out in the library or classroom. You might also plan to volunteer before the year ends. Your youngster will be proud to see you at school hanging artwork in the hall or chaperoning a class party. ♥

♥ ELYSA PRICE COIN DRIVE ♥

Starting the week of April 12, Coloma Elementary will be collecting change for Elysa. Elysa is Mrs. Price's granddaughter and was diagnosed with Dravet's Syndrome. Dravet's Syndrome is a severe, rare form of epilepsy that requires frequent hospital stays.

Elysa and her family have been greatly affected by this illness. This coin drive is being held to raise funds and to support the family to help offset medical expenses and the loss of wages due to the medical care of Elysa.

Any donations you may be willing to give to this family will be greatly appreciated – thank you!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

Kindergarten registration is scheduled for Monday, April 26, and Tuesday, April 27, at Washington School from 8:30 to 11:30 and 1:00 to 3:00. **Those students with the last names beginning with the letters A thru M will register on Monday, and students with the last names beginning with the letters N thru Z will register on Tuesday.**

Your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1. A readiness test will be given to each child in addition to vision, hearing and speech screenings.

Items parents must bring to registration:

- Your child
- The child's county birth certificate (required by the State of Michigan), not hospital cert.
- The child's immunization record (required by the State of Michigan)
- Two proofs of residency (driver's license, rent receipt, bank statement, or bills that contain your address)
- Any court documents stating that legal custody has been given to the individual living in the Coloma School District

LITTLE LEARNERS PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

WHO: Children who will be 4 years of age on or before December 1, and are residents of the Coloma School District.

WHAT TO BRING: Proof of income (check stubs or recent tax return), proof of residency (may be driver's license), child's social security card, and birth certificate.

WHEN: Monday, April 26, students last name beginning with A – M, and Tuesday, April 27, students last name beginning with N - Z, from 8:30 to 11:30 and 1:00 to 3:00 each day.

WHERE: At the Preschool, north portable behind Washington Elementary.

WHY: We're fun and we're FREE! Your child will learn what they need to be successful in kindergarten, with an emphasis on social skills and language.

School Activities for April

Thursday, April 1, 2010

- Half Day of School
Dismissal at 11:47 a.m.

Friday, April 2, 2010

- No School – Good Friday

Monday, April 5 – Friday, April 9, 2010

- Spring Break

Monday, April 12, 2010

- Classes resume

Thursday, April 15, 2010

- No School – Teacher Professional Development

Monday, April 19 – Friday, April 23, 2010

- Book Fair – “Buy One, Get One Free”
- 4th Grade Bake Sale

Friday, April 23, 2010

- Czuba & Salisbury to Curious Kids Discovery Zone – 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Monday, April 26, 2010

- Kindergarten Round-Up at Washington Elementary School from 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00, for all students with the last name beginning with the letters A thru M.
- Little Learners Pre-School Registration in the portable behind Washington School from 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00, for all students with the last name beginning with the letters A thru M.

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

- Kindergarten Round-Up at Washington Elementary School from 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00, for all students with the last name beginning with the letters N thru Z.
- Little Learners Pre-School Registration in the portable behind Washington School from 8:30-11:30 & 1:00-3:00, for all students with the last name beginning with the letters N thru Z.

Friday, April 30, 2010

- Young’s class to Randall Park & D.Q. 12:30-3:15 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our annual P.T.O. Plant Sale!!!

Saturday, May 8 at the Middle School

It would be great to honor the important women in our students’ lives by making our grounds look better with beautiful plants. If you would like to honor our mothers and/or grandmothers, you may wish to donate to a plant fund here at Coloma Elementary School. With the funds collected, we will purchase plants from our P.T.O. Plant Sale to plant annuals around the school building. This will be coordinated with Earth Day activities. We have a volunteer who will work with some of our students in planting the annuals. If you would like to donate to this fund, please send your donation to the school office in an envelope marked “Plant Fund”.

Book Fair!!

“Buy One, Get One Free”

Your favorite Book Fair is coming the week of April 19th! *The Book Fair Diner* will have an “All You Can Read” menu with a “**Buy One, Get One Free**” special on all purchases! Of course this event will not be a success without your help, so watch for information coming home about volunteer sign-up and family shopping times. You may contact Mrs. Stankiewicz at 468-2420. Thank you!

Michigan Apples School Sweepstakes

We Can Win up to \$5,000!

With Michigan Apples – it’s in the bag

Help our school win money for important expenses. The Michigan Apple Committee is giving schools the chance to win up to \$5,000 and a new computer. Our school will receive one entry into the School Sweepstakes for every Michigan Apples Logo (sample below) you send in from bags of Michigan Apples.

Did you know that Michigan is the third largest apple producer in the U.S.? Almost all of our apples are sold in bags (3 lb., 5 lb., 8 lb., etc.).

Start collecting now because the more we send in, the greater our chance to win! Drop off your Michigan Apples Logo in the drop box at the school office.