



COMET CONNECTION

COLOMA ELEMENTARY

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From the Principal

Sibling Harmony

Your children will be spending more time together once school lets out. Here are three ways to help them keep the peace on summer days.

1. **A daily routine** – Knowing what to expect can help your youngsters get along better. Set a schedule for sleeping and eating, and plan for both active and quiet time. For example, your children might play outdoors after breakfast and relax with paper and crayons after lunch.
2. **Boredom busters** – Children who stay occupied have less time for arguments. Help your youngsters brainstorm things to do if they get bored (organize trading cards, build a block city). Post a list on the refrigerator, and remind them to look at it when they're restless.
3. **Problem-solving skills** – Teach your youngsters to compromise when arguments crop up. Sit down together, and ask each child to tell you her side and suggest a solution. Then, help them combine their ideas so they're both satisfied. Once you've done this a few times, try to let them solve problems on their own (unless someone is getting hurt). ♥

Playing Safely

When your youngster plays outside, help her keep safety in mind with these tips:

- She should wear a helmet, knee pads, and elbow pads when skating or using a scooter. She always needs a helmet for bike riding, too. Don't allow her to wear headphones, since music will drown out traffic noises.
- Remind your child to go down slides feet first and to avoid walking close to moving swings. Also, she shouldn't wear necklaces

or drawstrings on the playground—they can get caught on equipment.

- Fill bottles with ice water before going out, and have your youngster drink frequently. She needs about 5 ounces every 20 minutes when playing in hot weather. ☀

Family Volunteering

Q: *I'd like to teach my son to help others. How can our family volunteer together?*

A: Most communities have plenty of volunteer opportunities for families. Choose a cause that your child is interested in or that he can understand. He will learn a valuable lesson about helping others.

For example, if he loves animals, your family might help the Humane Society at a pet adoption event. A nature lover may enjoy planting flowers at an arboretum or a school. If your family has an ill relative or friend, you might sign up for a fundraising walk: (visit www.thewalkingsite.com/events.html to look for events).

♥ ELYSA PRICE COIN DRIVE ♥

Coloma Elementary will continue collecting change for Elysa until the end of the school year. 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!

School Activities for May

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

- Band Fittings for 4th Grade Students

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

- Sarett Nature Center:
Salisbury & Weeks – 9:15-11:15 a.m.
Czuba & Trail – 12:15-2:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2010

- Streu's class walking to N. Berrien Historical Museum – 9:45-11:45 a.m.
- Kniebes' class walking to N. Berrien Historical Museum – 12:45-2:45 p.m.
- 4th Grade Science Fair – 2-7 p.m.

Friday, May 7, 2010

- Young's class walking to N. Berrien Historical Museum – 9:45-11:45 a.m.
- Pomeroy's class walking to N. B. Historical Museum – 12:45-2:45 p.m.

Saturday, May 8, 2010

- Elysa Price Benefit Pancake Breakfast, Bake Sale, & Auction at Coloma Elementary – 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Advance tickets available at any Coloma School office.
- P.T.O. Plant Sale at Coloma Middle School – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

- Young & Watts to Maritime Museum in South Haven – 8:15 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

Thursday, May 13, 2010

- Trail & Weeks to Curious Kids Discovery Zone & Silver Beach Carousel – 12:15-2:15 p.m.
- 2nd Grade Orientation for Washington 1st Graders – 1 p.m.

Friday, May 14, 2010

- LaVanway & Vanderboegh to Curious Kids Discovery Zone & Silver Beach Carousel – 9:30 a.m.-2:10 p.m.
- 3rd Grade Science Fair – 2-7 p.m.

Monday, May 17, 2010

- Pomeroy & Streu to South Haven Maritime Museum – 8:15 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

- Kniebes to South Haven Maritime Museum – 8:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

- Pomeroy & Streu to Sarett Nature Center – 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2010

- Field Day ☺
- Band Parent Meeting – 7 p.m. at Coloma High School Auditorium

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

- Kniebes & Young to Sarett Nature Center – 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2010

- "Girls on the Run" Group to Buchanan High School with Mrs. Pazera – 4:45-8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 28, 2010

- Czuba, Salisbury, Trail & Weeks to Binder Park Zoo – 8:15 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
- 4th Grade Celebration – 9-10:30 a.m. at the High School Auditorium

Monday, May 31, 2010

- No School – Memorial Day ☀

School Activities for June

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

- 3rd Grade to Health Works in South Bend – 8:30 a.m.-2:10 p.m.

Thursday, June 3, 2010

- Half Day of School – 11:47 dismissal

Friday, June 4, 2010

- Last Day of School – 11:47 dismissal

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE
SUMMER! SEE YOU IN THE
FALL!!**

2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

Monday, September 6, 2010

Labor Day – No School

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

1st Day of School