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September 3rd, 2019

Open House Night

Our Back To School Curriculum Night for parents/guardians will be on **Tuesday, September 10th, from 6:30-8:00**. Those with students in grades K-4 will be in classrooms with the teacher from 6:30pm-7:00pm. At 7:00 there will be introductions and a message in the gym from APC and Mr. McDowell. Around "7:25ish" parents and guardians with students in grades 5-8 will attend curriculum talks in those classrooms.



School Start and Dismissal Times

Due to State Accreditation Standards and the Anderson School Board Policy – Students in K-3 require less hours of instruction per school year than students in grades 4-8. Our daily schedule reflects these standards. Students in **K-3 start their day at 8:20am** and finish at **3:20pm**. Students arriving **before 8:20am** are to go directly to the playground where there is appropriate supervision. On Friday's the whistle will blow at **8:15** for students to come in so that we may start our Friday Flag Ceremony in the gym around **8:20**. Students in **grades 4-6** may be on the playground until **8:10am** and then enter the building. Students in **grades 4-8 riding the bus** should enter the building as soon as they are dropped off. Students in grades 4-8 begin their day at **8:15am and finish at 3:25pm**. **7th & 8th Grade Students only may enter the building at 8:00** to meet with teachers, work on homework and/or visit quietly in the hallway.

4th-6th Grade may enter at 8:10

K-3 Students may enter the building at 8:20

Playground Supervision begins at 8:00am

Please do not have your children enter the main entrance before their scheduled start time unless you have a scheduled appointment with their teacher.

7th Grade Vaccination Information

Incoming 7th graders... Have you gotten your **DTap booster** vaccination? This has to be taken care of before the start of school. All 7th graders must bring in proof of vaccination by the first day of school. *Students with Religious or Medical Exemptions must have updated affidavits.

****As required by Montana Law**, any student without a vaccination or a religious/medical exemption by September 9th will be unable to attend school.

Kindergarten Schedule & Coffee

The first day of Kindergarten is **Thursday, September 5th!** You should have received a special invitation from Ms. Roys about your child's opportunity to visit the school and classroom on September 3rd or September 4th before the first day of school. APC will once again be sponsoring a coffee get together from 8:30am-9:00am for all kindergarten parents on the first day of kindergarten (September 5th). This is a great opportunity to meet other families while grabbing a breakfast treat and a coffee! It is also a fantastic way to settle the nerves after leaving your child in their classroom to begin their journey! We look forward to seeing you in the gym to meet some APC members, Mr. McDowell, and celebrate this amazing time in your child's life at 8:30am on September 5th!

A Big Thank You!

A big thank you to the Hubbard family! They got our wood chips moved around for the start of the school year and even pulled the weeds! Thanks for making our playground look great before the start of school!



Girls Volleyball (5th-8th Grade)

Tuesday (Sept. 3rd) and Wednesday (Sept. 4th), there will be two practices. **5/6th graders will practice 3:30-5:00 and 7/8th will practice 4:30-6:00.** We will be splitting the girls into the three teams following those two practices. The teams will be **BLACK(7/8), WHITE(7), and RED(5/6).** After we split, practice times will change. Starting Thursday (Sept. 5th) practices will be: **RED 3:30-4:30, WHITE 4:00-5:30, and BLACK 4:45-6:15** Mondays through Thursdays. On Fridays, **WHITE and BLACK together 3:30-5:00.**

Parent meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd @ 4:45.

Sports physicals are **REQUIRED EVERY SCHOOL YEAR** prior to participation in any Anderson School practice or game. So even if you had one last spring... you have to get a new one. The physical must have been completed by a doctor after June 7th of 2019. The physical is then good for the entire school year. Students may not participate in open gyms, practices, or games without a physical.

Parking Lot Procedures- Drop Off and Pick Up

The parking lot has diagonal parking and clearly marked pathways for your children's safety. Keep the bus lane clear for buses and handicap vehicles. Do not park behind or in front of the buses. Do not park on striped access areas. At the end of the school day and for safety reasons, K-4 students must stay on the **middle sidewalk area** in front of the school until their ride is parked and waiting. ABSOLUTELY NO BALLS in front of the school. This is not a recess time. It is a time for students to wait patiently and quietly for their rides. We would never want any person to be hit by a car in our parking lot. Walking through the parking lot requires watchfulness to ensure a safe route to the vehicle. **We ask all parents of children in grades K-3 to physically walk their children to the car.** Teachers will remind students repeatedly to use safe practices. If the need arises for a student to walk near a bus, a student should walk in front of the buses far enough ahead to allow the bus driver to see them.

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