



Bloomfield Elementary School News May 2022

Words of the Week

Each week a word of the week is introduced to the school community through the daily announcements. This year's words all relate to social-emotional learning and trauma informed awareness. The following words have been introduced since the last newsletter: celebrate, celebration, Earth, appreciate, and appreciation.



Upcoming Dates and Events:

May: NWEA & Fountas & Pinnell Assessments for Reading, and Mathematics

May 2-27: Grade 3 State Assessment Administration of NWEA

May 11: Early Release Day-Student Dismissal at 11:45 /Staff Appreciation Luncheon to follow

May 12: Smile Patrol and Sealents

May 30: No School- Memorial Day

June 3: Unified Sports Track & Field Event

June 7: Field Day (details to be determined)

June 8: K-4 Step-Up Tours (Students will not be meeting their teacher or new classmates due to the placement process and open positions district-wide)

June 9: Field Day Rain Date

June 13: **Last Day for Students—Early Release Day @ 11:45**

June 14: Last Day for Staff—Teacher Workshop



Test at Home Kits:

On Thursday, May 5, 2022 MSAD 54 schools will be sending home a box with each student that contains 5 COVID-19 tests. These tests, which are provided from the state, are another tool to help families when individuals have symptoms or are in close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. I'm including a parent information sheet for home test kits.

Community Building & Celebrations at Bloomfield:

Throughout the year your child participates in various community building activities here at Bloomfield. First, they enter the building where there are greeted by a staff member with a Who Slip celebrating their safe arrival. Next, they are included in daily classroom meetings where each student is greeted with eye contact and their name being said. Additionally, monthly whole school meetings are held to promote a sense of belonging and connection one to another. In April something called Bloomfield Bunches was initiated where small groups of students from various grade 1, 2 and 3 classes came together with a staff facilitator to meet new friends and see a different part of the building. These groups will meet one more time in May for about 30 minutes. Finally, Bloomfield will have a Whole School Field Day on June 7th (raindate June 9th) and parents may attend to volunteer! Parents will need to complete a volunteer application & background check waiver in order to participate. Please contact the office if you'd like one sent home with your child.

Summer Opportunities:

There's no doubt the last two school years have been more tiring than usual. It is remarkable that overall students have stayed well and been able to attend school in-person. Still, the 2020 spring's in-person school closure did lead to a gap in typical teaching and learning. This summer there are opportunities for continued learning through summer school and R.E.A.C.H. Please contact the office at 474-6221, if you would like more information about either of these programs. The Skowhegan Community Center Skowhegan Free Public Library, and Lake George Regional Park also offer wonderful learning activities for kids. There's plenty of time for learning and family fun!

Thank you for all you've done to support your child, his/her teacher, and our school. It is National Teacher Appreciation week. Teachers love to hear how they have made a difference in your child's life; better than a gift!

Respectfully,
Jean M. Pillsbury