



Around the Round!

Round Elementary School
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November 2020

Important Dates

November:

11/4 PTO 7pm Zoom

Meeting ID: 782 7321 6956

Passcode: 3PSx2r

11/19 Picture Retakes

11/25-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
No School for Staff or Students

December:

12/2 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm

12/7-12/10 Santa Shop

12/18 No School Records Day

12/21 – January 3rd No School for students Holiday Break

School Hours

Monday -Thursday
8:50 – 3:50pm

Fridays

Early Release
8:50 – 2:50pm

Round Elementary School is an exciting place to learn. We cannot express how grateful we are to the families and friends of RES that donated to Fun Run this year! We raised over \$36,000!! Each of the teachers have received 5% of what their class raised to use directly in their classroom. The PTO has already looked into using some of the money for an awning from the building to the portable, a basketball hoop, and more books. It was nice to continue this tradition (even if it was a little bit different)! Thank you so much for the support that you give to our PTO, students and staff!

The Halloween parties and festivities were a huge success!

November is Diabetes Awareness month? Please consider decorating a blue circle and donating \$1.00 to support JDF for a cure! We will be sending home more information soon, be sure to wear “Blue” on November 14th.

We have a new Assessing Close Contacts in Schools document from the Livingston County Health Department. See page 4.

Sensei has not been into to support our Social Emotional Learning this year, but he is visiting us virtually. You can watch the first lesson on courage at this link: <https://youtu.be/oxl9mOuPh8c>

We are all making decisions during these unprecedented times that have outcomes that we cannot even begin to predict. We must have patience with ourselves and each other now more than ever. It is with that in mind that I endeavor to protect the mental health and wellness of our staff and students. I am encouraging them to take time for themselves and their families. They are more able to support your children when they are being the best wives, mothers, and friends to those they love. I ask that you give them grace if they do not respond to emails in the evenings, knowing that they will get back to you during the next business day.

Wishing you well,
Mrs. Dotty Hottum

Bundle Up!

It's Getting Cold Outside!

Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise.

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

- Wind chill 15 degrees or above = regular outdoor recess
- Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess 5 to 15 minutes long
- Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

Please be aware that children need a doctor's note to stay in for recess.



**Don't forget to vote for your favorite RES artist!
The yearbook cover contest is going on now!**

Being Mindful

Now more than ever we need to be aware and cautious about the language that we use and the information we share with our children. For many of our students, the world became a scary place in March. The one constant, school, was ripped away from them. Now, while many have returned to in-person instruction, children still hear about a raging pandemic in our midst. They still must follow safety protocols and procedures each day both in school and when in public. For many in our community normalcy has not yet returned. It is for these reasons and more that I urge you to be mindful of your words and actions around your child/ren.

Our children, regardless of age, hear EVERYTHING. Even if the doors are closed, or the TV is on and they are playing, or you are on your cell phone chatting with a friend; they are listening. They hear how you chat about your neighbors or their teacher/s. They hear how you feel about the state of the world or what sales are happening this weekend. They take these bits and pieces and form their own narrative. It is this narrative that colors how they see their world and how they perceive the events of their days.

How do you want your student to view the world? Through a lens of positivity and happiness, or through a haze of negativity and uncertainty. The one constant through all this upheaval is the relationship that you have with your child. They believe in you. They love you. They think that everything you say is the truth. Please be aware that everything you put out into the world comes back through the lens of your child. Embrace positivity, see the bright side, and show your child what it means to treat others with endless grace even amid personal unease. Now, more than ever, we need to take care of each other. Stay healthy, safe, secure and positive!



Safety in the Parking Lot!



The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” time after school has students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. The drop off lane is a “kiss and go lane”, please stay in your car, give them a kiss and a hug, send them out to the sidewalk and keep the line moving. We would like the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can get through the line efficiently. If you want to get out of the car please park. Also, remember to save the parking spaces labeled handicapped for those with the appropriate legal designation.

Sign Out Procedures – Just a Reminder!

Round elementary is dedicated to a safe and secure environment for students, parents, and staff. The entrance is designed for the safety of our students. Students only exit from the gym and the main entrance at the end of the day. The following procedures will make pick up safe and secure.

- If you are picking your child up at the end of the day (3:50), you can wait for them at the entrance to the building. All students riding the bus will exit the main doors.
- Students being picked up will be dismissed to the gym at 3:40. Parents can pick their up in the west parking lot at 3:45. Please call the office or send a note to let us know that your child is being picked up early. We are required to put them on the bus without a note.
- We encourage parents to avoid pick up between 3:30 and 3:40 due to the end of the day routines and procedures. Most teachers are teaching at this time, some students are preparing to go home in the hallway and some students may be returning from their afternoon recess. **We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable and we are happy to have your child sent to the office for you.**

Sign In Procedures

These guidelines are an important part of ensuring a safe environment for your children. Parents entrust their precious children to us during the school year and we will do everything we can to keep our building safe. Please follow these guidelines to ensure all students are safe at Round.

- If you arrive after 8:50, please walk your child into the front entrance and buzz them in.
- If you pick your child up during the school day, please buzz them out in the office. We will call them down for you.
- During school hours, all parents and visitors are required to stay out of the building in order to keep everyone safe.
- If you are dropping off items for your child during the school day, please bring them to the front door and buzz the office. We will make sure they are delivered promptly.

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Halloween and Crazy Hair Day!

