



# Around the Round!

Round Elementary School

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**January 2017**

## Important Dates

### January

- 1/4 School Resumes**
- 1/11 PTO meeting 4pm**
- 1/18 3<sup>rd</sup> gr, Native American Assembly**
- 1/26 Movie Night**
- 1/27 No School Records Day**

### February

- 2/2 Ladies Night Out**
- 2/8 PTO meeting 7pm**
- 2/15 Board of Education Mtg.**
- 2/16 Boy Scouts**
- 2/26-2/29 Mid-Winter Break**

### School Hours

Monday -Thursday  
8:50 – 3:50pm

### Fridays

**Early Release**  
**8:50 – 2:50pm**

### Half Day

**8:50-12:00**

*Students may enter at 8:45am*

Welcome Back! Happy 2017! We hope everyone had a relaxing break. We are excited to begin the New Year with optimism. We have exciting learning opportunities, great events and activities in the months to come.

Thank you to all of the Round School families for attending Parent Teacher Conferences. 98% of our students had a parent or special someone attend conferences. Thank you for contributing to the success of our students every day.

Thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who helped with the holiday festivities before break. Without your help and dedication to our school, these events are not possible. In December, students enjoyed Santa Shop, gingerbread houses, holiday decorations and of course the wonderful kindergarten and first grade performances. 3rd grade took a special trip to Rollerama and 4th grade washed away the cold with a celebration at the Hartland pool.

We would like to thank all of the families who baked cookies for the staff Cookie Walk. The Round staff appreciated your generous gift during the busy holiday season.

The end of the month brings the end of the first half of the year. Teachers will be administering district assessments to monitor student achievement and adjust instruction and interventions for each and every student. We look forward to seeing how far your children have grown. We have had an amazing first half of the year and we expect a great second half as well.

We will be administering the MSTEP assessment in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade during the month of May. Please try to avoid vacations during this important time.

Thank you to everyone in the Round School Family for helping make our children's educational experiences positive.

Mrs. Dotty Selix

# PTO

The Round Elementary PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. It is an exciting time to be a volunteer in the school. Please consider volunteering for the PTO. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Round media center. We hope to see you there!

## PTO Movie Night

Round Elementary and the PTO are sponsoring a movie night for Round students and families. The movie night will be on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. More information will be coming home soon. It's always a fun evening and we look forward to sharing time together.

## Ladies's Night Out

The PTO will be sponsoring a Parent's Night Out for interested Round School parents. Spend a fun evening with fellow parents of the Round School Family on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information will be coming home soon.

## Money for Round is in the "Bag"!!

Heads up! We're participating in a continuous Schoola Clothing Drive and turning outgrown clothes into money for our school. We're headed into cold weather... grab those outgrown or under-utilized children and women's clothes\*. Gather them in a bag and bring the bag to school. You can request a bag online at [schoola.com](http://schoola.com).

We are setting up 2 drop-off stations. One bin in the front entrance to the school and the other bin in the gym by student pick up and the lost and found.

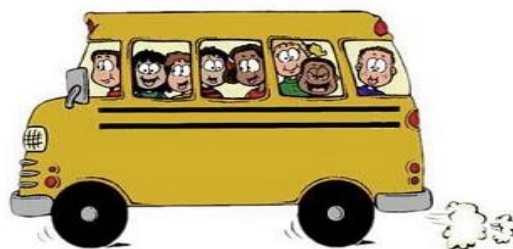
Our school will be sending in the bags and then Schoola takes it from there. They will sort, spiff and sell the items. 40% of the proceeds go to Round!!! PLUS if you SHOP on [schoola.com](http://schoola.com) and buy clothes to replace the ones you just donated.... Schoola donates \$2 for every \$5 you spend!

Any questions, please contact Trish VanTichelt, [trishvant79@gmail.com](mailto:trishvant79@gmail.com)

*\*School takes infant-teen children's clothing and women's clothing/shoes/handbags. No sleepwear, undies, socks or damaged/stained/altered items.*



## Safety in the Parking Lot!



The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” times have students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. This is particularly important during the winter.

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 on the right side of your car. Children exiting cars on the left hand side could be stepping out into traffic. If you need to help your child out of the car or they must exit on the left, then you need to park in the lot to ensure everyone’s safety. We need the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can be on time.

Please remember to save the parking spaces labeled ‘handicapped’ for those with the appropriate legal designation. Thank you for your cooperation.

## End of the day pick up reminder!

We want to thank you for all you have done this fall to ensure we had a great start to the school year. We need to clarify the ‘end of the day procedures’ because there has been some confusion.

Please be aware that half of the office staff go to the gym for end of the day pick up at 3:40. At the same time, teachers send students being picked up to their lockers to get their things and head to the gym. Parents can pick students up in the gym at 3:45.

If you want to pick your child up between 3:40 and 3:50 you have 2 options:

1. Pick them up in the gym beginning at 3:45
2. Sign them out in the office and wait on the sidewalk for your child to exit the building at 3:50

We do not like to release students from the office between 3:40 and 3:50 unless it is an emergency. Please help us to make the end of the day an efficient and safe experience for everyone between 3:40 and 3:50 by choosing one of the above options.

## 4<sup>th</sup> grade Fundraiser!

We are collecting cans to offset the cost of our trip to Mackinaw Island.

Cans are collected in the vestibule daily.



Thank you to everyone who sent in a blue circle and/or a donation for the  
Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund!!

Together we raised \$260.34 to help turn Type One into Type NONE!  
Another great example of Round Families supporting other Round families! 💙

### **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 = 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.*



## **Websites to encourage reading**

Here are some great websites for parents K-12:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families#online>

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

[http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age\\_screener/cleanup](http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age_screener/cleanup)

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

The cumulative effects of reading loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM>

## **Math Resources for Parents**

<http://homeworkunlocked.com>

Free math homework

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Math Modules EngagedNY

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mhm/>

Help with math homework

## **Preschool and Kindergarten Websites**

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/personal-stories-help-children-get-ready-school>

Personal Stories to Help Children Get Ready For School

<http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/school-ready-your-kindergartner>

Is The School Ready for Your Kindergartner?

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting-preschool>

13 Tips for Starting Preschool



# Around the Round Photos



Kindergarten students enjoy the first big snow!



Santa shop was a big hit!  
Thank you to all our volunteer elfs!



**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Enjoys Sledding!**  
**A big thank you to Mrs. Lis for purchasing sleds!**

