



Around the Round!

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Important Dates

January

- 1/3 School Resumes
- 1/8 3rd gr, Native American Assembly
- 1/10 PTO meeting 4pm
- 1/15 No School MLK Day
- 1/22 Yearbooks go on sale
- 1/25 Family Night
- 1/26 No School Records Day

February

- 2/8 PTO meeting 7pm
- 2/9 Yearbook sales end
- 2/17 Kindergarten Orientation 10:00 am at HESSC
- 2/19 Board of Education Mtg.
- 2/23-2/26 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 2018! We hope everyone had a relaxing break. We are very optimistic about the New Year. We have exciting learning opportunities, great events and activities in the months to come.

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 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 our 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 3rd and 4th grade during the month of May. Please try to avoid vacations during this important time.

We will finish our Social Emotional work with Achievement and begin studying the importance of Grit. See the article on page 5 discussing the link between grit and success!

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 10th at 4:00 pm in the Round media center. We hope to see you there!

PTO Family Night

Round Elementary and the PTO are sponsoring a family night for Round students and families. The special night will be on Thursday, January 25th. More information will be coming home soon. It's always a fun evening and we look forward to sharing time together.

Absences

As mentioned in the September Newsletter, we are sending letters to parents of students who have been absent 5, 10, and 15 days (so far this year). This is consistent with school board policy and will be our practice for the foreseeable future. We know that student success is directly linked to student attendance. Round had 53 students, last year, who missed 15 or more days of school and were categorized by the State as chronically absent.

We know students get sick, and have family commitments and other reasons why they may be absent. We appreciate all parents who follow the district protocol and keep their children home until they are fever free for 24 hours. We only ask you do your best to ensure your child has access to daily classroom instruction.

Here is a great article about the impact of attendance in Michigan:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/education/2017/12/12/michigan-schools-truancy/108527012/>

**We want to work as a TEAM to ensure your child's success.
Together Everyone Achieves More (TEAM)**

4th grade Fundraiser!

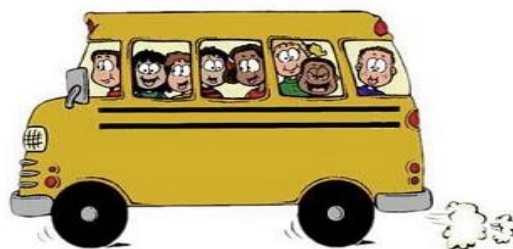
We are collecting cans to offset the cost of our trip to Mackinaw Island.

Cans are collected in the vestibule daily.



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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.

Thank you to everyone who sent in a blue circle and/or a donation for the

Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund!!

Together we raised \$317.00 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.*



Round teachers help the community inside and outside the classroom.

Why Grit Is More Important Than IQ When You're Trying To Become Successful

Lisa Quast , CONTRIBUTOR Forbes Magazine

You attended the party of a long-time friend and ran into a lot of people from high school that you hadn't seen in years. During chit-chat over appetizers and drinks, you could feel the friendly competition heating up.

While comparing career accomplishments, you were shocked to learn that the kid from school with the genius IQ, the one all the teachers thought would be spectacularly successful, had struggled with his career. *How could this be*, you wondered. *This was the person everyone thought would invent something that would change the world.*

It turns out that intelligence might not be the best indicator of future success. According to psychologist Angela Duckworth, [the secret to outstanding achievement isn't talent](#). Instead, it's a special blend of persistence and passion that she calls "grit."

Duckworth has spent years studying people, trying to understand what it is that makes high achievers so successful. And what she found surprised even her. It wasn't SAT scores. It wasn't IQ scores. It wasn't even a degree from a top-ranking business school that turned out to be the best predictor of success. "It was this combination of passion and perseverance that made high achievers special," Duckworth said. "In a word, they had grit."

Being gritty, according to Duckworth, is the ability to *persevere*. It's about being unusually resilient and hardworking, so much so that you're willing to continue on in the face of difficulties, obstacles and even failures. It's about being constantly driven to improve.

In addition to perseverance, being gritty is also about being *passionate* about something. For the highly successful, Duckworth found that the journey was just as important as the end result. "Even if some of the things they had to do were boring, or frustrating, or even painful, they wouldn't dream of giving up. Their passion was enduring."

What her research demonstrated is that it wasn't natural talent that made the biggest difference in who was highly successful and who wasn't – it was more about effort than IQ. Duckworth even came up with two equations she uses to explain this concept:

$$\text{ Talent x effort = skill } \qquad \text{ Skill x effort = achievement }$$

"Talent is how quickly your skills improve when you invest effort. Achievement is what happens when you take your acquired skills and use them," Duckworth explained.

As you can see from the equations, effort counts twice. That's why IQ and SAT scores aren't a good indicator of someone's future success. It's because those scores are missing the most important part of the equation – the person's effort level or what Duckworth calls their "grittiness" factor (their level of persistence and passion).

What does that mean for you? It means that it's OK if you aren't the smartest person in the room or the smartest person in the job. It means the effort you expend toward your goals (perseverance) and your dedication throughout your career journey (passion) are what matter more than how you scored on your SAT or an IQ test.

Why? Because grit will always trump talent. Or as Duckworth notes, "Our potential is one thing. What we do with it is quite another."

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://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



Enjoying the BIG snow!



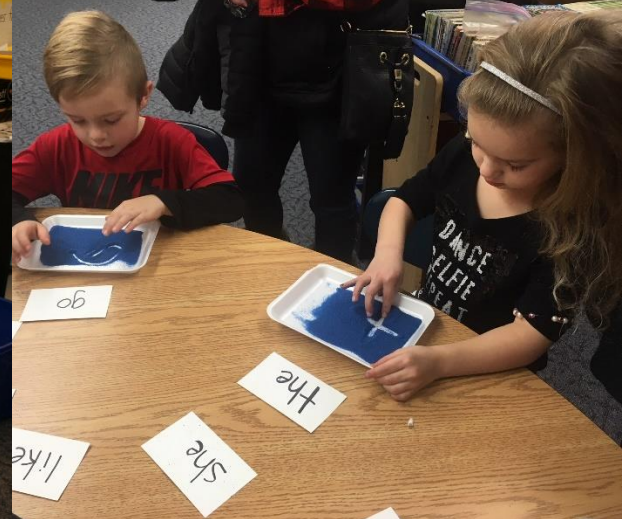


Santa shop was super fun!
Thank you to all of
our volunteer elves.

Super Reader Family Literacy Night was SUPER!

We invited several families to our first Family Literacy Night. It was a big success and we plan to hold this event again in the future. A big thank you to the teachers, parents, and students for making it a special night.





Reading books, making words, eating pizza – Oh My!