

# Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 1, 07-08

## CALENDAR

### September 16-September 21

#### **Sunday, September 16-Special Event!**

1:10 p.m. Twins Game: 4th & 5th  
Grade Choirs Sing National Anthem!



#### **Monday, September 17**

7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra  
7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Kdgn)  
3:25 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Kdgn)

#### **Tuesday, September 18**

##### **Fundraiser Kick Off Assembly**

7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra  
7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr. 1 & 2)  
3:25 p.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr. 4 & 5)  
5:15 p.m. PIN Grades 3 & 4

#### **Wednesday, September 19**

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band  
7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir  
7:50 a.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr. 2 & 3)  
3:25 p.m. Beginning German (Gr. K-5)  
Special Ed Outing to Central Park

#### **Thursday, September 20**

School Picture Day-Smile!  
Special Ed to Courage Center  
7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir  
7:50 a.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr 2 & 3)  
9:45-11:15 a.m. Grade 2 (Mrs Sentz) Petco  
3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 1 & 2)  
3:25 p.m. Beginning Chinese (Gr 1-5)



#### **Friday, September 21**

7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 1 & 2)  
3:25 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 3-5)

## THEME OF THE WEEK

**Respect others by helping people feel like they belong at Turtle Lake.**

- When we feel like we belong or that we are a part of a group, we can concentrate and learn better because we feel good about ourselves.
- During the coming week, try to help someone else fit in. That might be by greeting someone you haven't said "hi" to before or by asking someone new to join your group for a game, an activity, or at lunch.

## Principal Points by Judy Hill

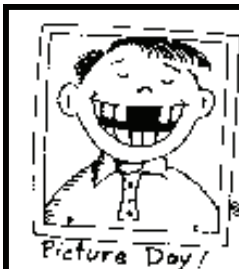
Turtle Lake parents and community, welcome to a new school year! If you are new to our community, you will find "Turtle Tales" an especially helpful source of information about our school. You will be receiving this newsletter on alternate Fridays throughout the year.

Some of you were surprised to see a new administrative team here at Turtle Lake. I'd like to introduce myself to you. I'm Judith Hill, the interim principal during Craig Sundberg's sabbatical leave. I am scheduled to be here through November 20. I am a longtime resident of the Mounds View school district; my own children are Irondale graduates, and soon my grandchildren will begin their educational journeys through the MV schools. My educational career includes years as a classroom teacher, a specialist, and an elementary principal in the Mounds View and Wayzata school districts. Some of you in this parent community may remember me from my days as principal at Snail Lake Elementary School.

My first days here have been busy and exciting ones. Following a full workshop week with staff, I've been spending time visiting classrooms and other school settings. I have been so welcomed by your children and look forward to getting to know more of them; conversations with them are already highlights of my days! I have met many of you at "Meet Your Teacher", PIN nights, and in the hallways of Turtle Lake (often because you are volunteering your time to make our school a better place). I'm also impressed by the expertise of the Turtle Lake staff and by the wide range of programs and services designed to help every student succeed. (We'll talk more about instruction in future columns.) I consider it a privilege to be here as part of your community!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but the echoes are truly endless."*



## Picture Day

Lifetouch will be at Turtle Lake on Thursday, September 20th, to take student and staff pictures. Remember to wear your best smile! Retakes are scheduled for October 29th.

# CALENDAR

September 24-September 28

## Monday, September 24

7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra  
7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Kdgn)  
3:25 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Kdgn)  
7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting  
7:30 p.m. Jim Trelease PTA  
Presentation (Turtle Hall)

## Tuesday, September 25

7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra  
7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr. 1 & 2)  
3:25 p.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr. 4 & 5)

## Wednesday, September 26

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band  
7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir  
7:50 a.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr. 2 & 3)  
3:25 p.m. Beginning German (Gr. K-5)

## Thursday, September 27

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir  
7:50 a.m. Advanced Spanish (Gr 2 & 3)  
9:45-11:15 a.m. Grade 2 (Mrs Christensen) Petco  
3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 1 & 2)  
3:25 p.m. Beginning Chinese (Gr 1-5)

## Friday, September 21

7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 1 & 2)  
3:25 a.m. Beginning Spanish (Gr 3-5)

## THEME OF THE WEEK

The choices you make ripple into consequences for yourself and others.

- Just as a stone hits the water and causes the water to move and ripple, the choices you make have a ripple effect on yourself and others. Think about the choices you make.
- This week try to give someone a compliment or simply a smile. That compliment or smile may be passed on to others and create ripples far beyond what you can see.



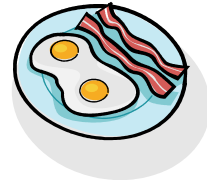
## Thank You



**Bus Volunteers**—A BIG thank you to all volunteer parents who assisted our kindergartners and 1st graders with buses the first week of school. You helped make the beginning of the school year a safe and enjoyable experience for them. We appreciate your time in making Turtle Lake a safe and comfortable place for children. **Thanks again—we couldn't have done it without you!**

**Summer Help**—Thank you to parents and staff for helping with our summer mailings.

**PTA**—Turtle Lake Staff would like to thank the PTA for the wonderful Welcome Back Breakfast provided to us during workshop week. It was greatly appreciated!



**Turtle Lake Elementary  
Twins Game Event  
Sunday, September 16th  
Twins vs. Detroit Tigers  
Game Time:**

**1:10 p.m.  
Turtle Lake 4th  
& 5th Grade**

**Choir will be singing the National Anthem!**



## Turtle Lake Foreign Language Classes Begin!

Hello! ¡Hola! Bonjour! 你好! Hallo!

Turtle Lake foreign language classes begin the week of September 17. All registered students should have received an e-mail and/or letter confirming their student's enrollment. Please bring your \$5 activity fee to the first day of class. Checks can be made payable to the language instructor. Also, for those students attending after school classes, please make sure your child's homeroom teacher is notified via the daily communication sheet.

We are looking forward to another great year of foreign language education. If there are any questions, please contact Teri Nelson (651) 330-7778 or Lea Hoyhtya (651) 330-3468.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Each child we welcome into our lives enriches us in ways that only the passage of time can validate."*

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

### Respect, Responsibility, and the Right to Learn!

#### Turtle Lake Elementary School

1141 Lepak Court  
Shoreview, MN 55126  
Craig Sundberg, Principal  
Judy Hill, Interim Principal  
Darin Johnson, Student Services Assistant

#### School Hours

School day begins at 8:50 a.m.  
Students enter building at 8:35 a.m.  
Kdgn a.m. session: 8:50-11:30 a.m.  
Kdgn p.m. session: 12:40-3:20 p.m.  
School dismisses at 3:20 p.m.  
Early release days dismiss at 11:50 a.m.

#### Office Hours

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

#### Important Phone Numbers

Office.....651-484-2150  
FAX.....651-639-6183  
Voicemail.....651-639-6209  
Attendance.....651-636-3656 ext. 3199

#### E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsviewschools.org

#### District Website

www.moundsviewschools.org

#### Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsviewschools.org/turtlelake

## ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

*Turtle Tales* is published semimonthly. Past volumes are available for your reading and printing on our school's website:

www.moundsviewschools.org/turtlelake.

Copy deadline for issue No. 2 '07-'08  
.....Monday, September 24  
Publication date for issue No. 2 '07-'08  
.....Friday, September 28  
Items for submission may be e-mailed to [turtletales@moundsviewschools.org](mailto:turtletales@moundsviewschools.org) or brought to the office.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mounds View Public Schools

## Art News

Hi. I'm Mrs. Nara and I teach art to grades 1 through 5. Mrs. Andrusko is our awesome kindergarten specialist. Let's welcome Mrs. Wall to Turtle Lake. She is a specialist for the first and third grade. Until mid-October, she will teach art. After that, she will teach one of the other specialist areas.

Thank you to students who brought in pictures they made over the summer. It is fun to see what people have been doing! Any student 1st grade through 5th grade may bring in a picture they made to put up in the specialist hallway. All you have to do is pick up a yellow-orange Summer Art paper from the bench outside Mrs. Nara's art room (room 208), fill it out and give it to Mrs. Nara along with the art work. If it is appropriate for school and there is space in the hall, Mrs. Nara will put it up. If you are planning to do this, do it soon! It won't be long before the hallways are filled with art made in Mrs. Nara's, Mrs. Andrusko's, and Mrs. Wall's art rooms!



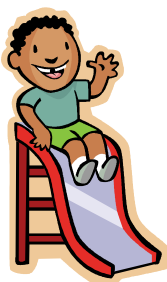
Turtle Lake students in grades 1 through 5 will participate in Artsonia.com again this year. Many families found that it was a fun way for students to show their friends and families what they have created, especially friends and families who live far away. They can write comments for the artist, or purchase copies of the art on things like mugs, t-shirts and key chains. A percentage of the sales of those items comes back to Turtle Lake School. If your student had art on the website last year, you do not need to do anything to have new art placed there this year. If you have questions about Artsonia.com, ask Mrs. Nara.

## Reminder—

Early Conferences are being held on  
⇒ Monday, September 17  
⇒ Wednesday, September 19  
⇒ Friday, September 21



## Looking for Substitute Paraprofessionals

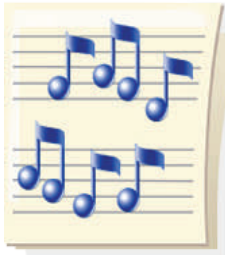


- Lunchroom and Playground--Between 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Special Education--Hours would vary

These would be on an as-needed basis and are paid positions. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Darin Johnson at 651-484-2150, ext. 3104.



# Music Notes



**CHOIR Notes**—Welcome back to school and to all of the musical groups at Turtle Lake! This year's 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade choirs have already been busy getting ready for our performance at the Twin's Game on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We are very fortunate to be able to sing the National Anthem on the field at the dome for two years in a row! If you are a choir parent, remind your child to wear the new choir polo shirt and black pants for the performance, and meet outside gate 'D' at 12:00 noon. Each choir member needs to have their own ticket in their possession to enter the dome. Thank you to all choir members and parents for your dedication and willingness to be a part of the Turtle Lake Choirs.

The Turtle Lake students are getting excited for our "Artist in Residence" in music classes this year. Sowah Mensah will be teaching classes in October and February, and also working with the African Music Ensemble throughout the year. Auditions for the African Music Ensemble will take place during the third week of October, and is open to 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Many Turtle Lake families have made generous donations to make this lengthy residency possible. A donation of \$3.00 per student, and \$5.00 per family with more than one student is all that is recommended, but many families have been giving \$10 or \$20-25, which is extremely generous and appreciated. Thank you for all of your donations! Donations will continue to be accepted by classroom teachers throughout the month of September. To learn more about Sowah Mensah you can visit his website at .

Finally, a big huge thank you goes out to the Turtle Lake PTA, The Minnesota State Arts Board, The Education Minnesota Foundation for Teaching and Excellence in Education, and The 621 Foundation. These organizations are responsible for classroom grants to purchase beautiful African drums, percussion, and xylophones now in the music room at Turtle Lake and also to bring Sowah Mensah and his talent to our school this year.

**BAND Notes**—Large Group Band for 5th graders will take place before school Wednesday mornings from 7:45-8:40a.m. Please have your child here by 7:40 a.m. to set up. If you know you will miss band, please call and leave a message for Mr. Ankrum (651-639-6209, ext 3146-press 1).

Looking ahead, band will have three main performance dates:

- **Tuesday, December 18th:** 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at Turtle Lake
- **Tuesday, April 8th:** Performance with Island Lake Band
  - 10:15 a.m. at Island Lake
  - 1:45 p.m. at Turtle Lake
  - 7:00 p.m. at Turtle Lake
- **Tuesday, May 6:** 2:20 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. at Turtle Lake

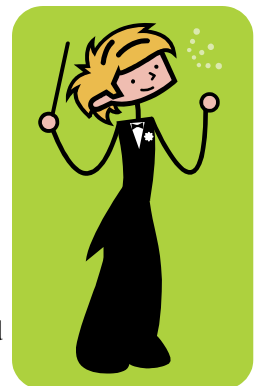


In addition, small group lessons will begin the week of September 17th. All lessons will take place on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Mr. Ankrum  
Band Teacher

**ORCHESTRA Notes**—Turtle Lake

- Orchestra students have started to make music on their violins and cellos!
- 5th grade orchestra meets Mondays before school from 7:50 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. for Large Group Rehearsals. Additional small group lessons are Monday or Tuesday during the school day beginning September 17.
- 4th grade orchestra meets Tuesdays before school from 7:50 a.m. - 8:40 a.m. for Large Group Rehearsals. Additional small group lessons are Tuesday or Friday during the school day beginning September 18.
- The 4th grade orchestra is getting ready to perform a joint concert with the Mounds View High School Orchestra on November 12th at 7:00 p.m.. On December 11th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., the 4th and 5th grade Orchestra will combine to perform a Toon Town Concert for students and community in the Turtle Lake Gym.
- There will be additional tours and concerts throughout the year. The community is welcome to come to all concerts. Orchestra students are excited to share their gift of music this year!



## JIM TRELEASE

Submitted by Julie Reimer, LMC

I cannot remember a time when books were not a part of my life. Next to my bed was a white bookshelf, and my favorites were always close by for reading. Weekly trips to the library meant selecting books I loved and books I might grow to love. *Corduroy* (by Don Freeman) went home with me often in my younger years, and until I owned the set myself, the *Little House* books were frequently checked in my intermediate years.

Besides taking me to the library and allowing me to take my money to purchase books from school book orders, the people who loved me read to me. Grandma Lucille read Golden Books. Grandma Helen read my dad's books from childhood, like *Hans Brinker*. Grandma Hazel read recipes with me. My mom read *Flicka, Ricka, and Dicka, Make Way for Ducklings*, and any book I chose from the library. Miss Steffenhagen read aloud each time my class visited the library. Each of my grade level teachers lent their voices to books that became my favorites: *The 18<sup>th</sup> Emergency* (by Betsy Byars), *Misty of Chincoteague* (by Marguerite Henry), and *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* (by E.L. Konigsburg). These people supported my literacy development in the most important way. They read to me and shared with me their love of reading. Their examples have led me on my journey as an educator and as a parent.

Our school community has the opportunity to hear the national expert in the field of reading aloud. Jim Trelease, author of *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, will join us on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. to share his experiences with children, educators, and families. Please join us to learn more about why reading aloud is one of the most important things we can do for our children.

This opportunity was funded by a generous grant from the 621 Foundation, the Turtle Lake PTA, and Turtle Lake School.

**Jim Trelease PTA Presentation**  
**Monday, September 24**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Turtle Hall**

## An open letter to parents from our guest speaker, author Jim Trelease

### Dear parents:

Since most of you have never heard of me, I can hardly expect you to attend my program without good reason. So please allow me to offer a few. **The most important subject in school is Reading—because all the other subjects rest upon it.** (Those word problems in math are even tougher if you struggle to read the words.) What can a parent do to help your child in this crucial subject?

As I share in my seminars, thousands of research projects in the last decade overwhelmingly point to two simple factors in reading success: **Has the student been read to on a regular basis? How much time does the student spend reading to himself or herself?**

Reading aloud to a child serves as a spark for reading interest, just the way a TV commercial whets children's appetites for products. **By reading aloud, you advertise the pleasures of reading instead of the work that children too often associate with reading.** The read-aloud experience also builds *listening* comprehension, the essential ingredient for *reading* comprehension. If a child has never *heard* the word, he's unlikely to *say* the word. And if you've neither heard it nor said it, it's going to be very difficult to read and write the word.



The other essential is how much time the child spends reading silently. Reading is a skill very much like swimming. Once you've learned the basics, **the only way to get better at it is to DO it**—to jump in the water and swim or to jump into print and read. And the more you do it, the better you get at it; the better you get at it, the more you like it; and the more you like it, the more you do it; etc. But you cannot get better at it if you do not do it.

But how can I motivate my child to read more? In my lecture program, I'll share with you the factors we've found in the lives of those students who read best: the things their parents had in the home, how the parent of the world's preeminent pediatric brain surgeon (from inner-city Detroit) controlled her family's TV viewing, which books to read aloud to which ages, and a special message for sports-obsessed Dads (hint: it doesn't do any good to have "49er" ON your head if you've got zero IN your head).



The best part of the message is its simplicity. You don't need a set of encyclopedias or a computer in the home, or even a college diploma. All you need is 15 minutes a day, a library card, and the willingness to give your child a gift that will last longer than anything you could purchase in a shopping mall. **One extra dividend: if you can get through my program without laughing out loud at least ten times, it's a sure sign your sense of humor is badly damaged.**

Looking forward to seeing you,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jim Trelease".

Jim Trelease  
author, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*



### A Parent Letter Concerning Jim Trelease

*Last year at Kindergarten Round Up, Julie Reimer, recommended **The Read-Aloud Handbook** by Jim Trelease. Because I love to read aloud to my children, I could not wait to read this book. The most significant thing I brought away from this book was the importance of continuing to read aloud to children even after they are reading on their own.*

*Jim Trelease also stressed the importance of children seeing their parents enjoying reading. So with this thought in mind, we started weekend reading time at our house. For a half hour, family members read something of their choice to themselves. At first, we met with some resistance, but soon the kids continued to read even after the timer went off.*

*This summer my family enjoyed reading the *Laura Ingalls Wilder* series aloud. My children were amazed by the adventures and hardships that this pioneer family experienced.*

*As school starts again and my children are stressed and tired by the changes, they find comfort each night as we snuggle up to read together.*

Patty Nelson  
Turtle Lake Parent

## TOY RECALLS

### *Just a note...*

It's always a good idea to be aware of any possible toy recalls to keep your child safe. Here is an excellent website which can keep you up to date on the latest toy recalls.

[www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/category/toy.html)

## CUB SCOUT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thinking about Cub Scouts? You are invited to attend an informal Cub Scout information event on Monday, September 17th, 6:30 p.m. at the school. Representatives from the Turtle Lake packs will be on hand to answer questions and give out information and applications. Boys are encouraged to attend with their parents. Cub Scouts is for boys in 1st through 5th grade. Don't miss out on the fun!



## LEGO LEAGUE INFORMATION NIGHT

**Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**  
**For Chippewa & Turtle Lake Students**

**Turtle Hall, Turtle Lake School**

FLL is a nationally organized robotics competition where teams of kids (ages 9 to 14) construct and program LEGO MINDSTORMS robots to perform a series of tasks. Each team researches and makes a presentation in front of judges on the year's challenge problem. This year's challenge is called "Power Puzzle" and centers around using robotics technology to explore alternative energy.

If you are interested in First Lego League you are invited to our parent information night. **This is not a school sponsored activity.**

For much more information on FLL check out: [www.firstlegoleague.org](http://www.firstlegoleague.org) or [www.hightechkids.com](http://www.hightechkids.com)

## PTA News...



### Fundraising

This year the PTA is offering three fundraising opportunities.

~ The first is **Innisbrook** wrap & gifts. The sale will begin with a school-wide assembly kick-off on **Tuesday, September 18th**. The sale ends with the return of packets on **Monday, October 1st**. Pickup of product will be on **Tuesday, November 13th**. Turtle Lake's profit is approximately 54% of all money collected.

~ The second fundraiser is our **Direct Drive**. With this fundraiser 100% of money donated goes directly to the Turtle Lake PTA. We will be sending out a Direct Drive letter also in September. If possible, please make donations by **December 14th** so that we can better plan this year's programs.

~ Finally, we will complete our sales of the **Entertainment Books** on **September 18th** at the last PIN night.

You may choose to do all, one or none. The PTA thanks you for your consideration and support.

Fundraising goals for this year are \$38,000. Some of the programs that are budgeted for this year or similar new programs are:

- Assemblies/PTA programs: such as Rick Chrustowski for writing and Sowah Mensah for music classes.
- Grade Level Project Fund: such as the Zoo Mobile, Gibbs Farm and Author in Residence Program
- School Store: Grades 1-4
- Teacher Enrichment for the classroom

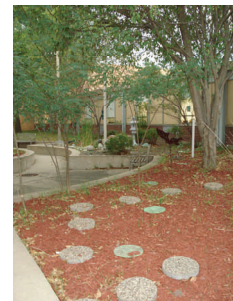
## Eagle Project: Courtyard Clean-up!

A big thank you goes out to Andy S. from Troop #625. This past August, Andy led scouts, scout parents, and friends in his Eagle Project to clean up the Turtle Lake Courtyard and the front of the school. On August 24, 25, and 27 Andy and crew pulled unwanted vegetation, trimmed shrubs, planted hostas and installed 16 steps in the front of the building. In the courtyard they hauled five trailer loads of brush, grass, weeds and branches, cleaned the ponds, planted hostas around the window area, hauled and spread nine cubic yards of woodchips, installed 55 feet of plastic lawn edging, and trimmed and shaped numerous trees. Everything looks great and we are very appreciative!

Many thanks to the following helpers on this project:

Andy S., Ron S., Jeanette S., Dan S., Kevin S., Sam M., Cody S., Logan S., Jim S., Linda B., Seth B., Matt R., T.J. H., Lauren B., Ryan M., Taylor P., Alexander H., Dayton L., Nathan L., Colton L., Brian S., Jim P., John K., Greg B., Tony B., Connie L., and Mike L.

Also, our thanks goes to Administrative Para, Marta McIntyre, and lead custodian, Ed Cadwell, for their help and leadership efforts coordinating this project.



## PUNT, PASS AND KICK CONTEST

Sponsored by the National Football League

**WHO:** Open to boys and girls ages 8-12. Boys and girls compete separately. Classifications are based upon the child's age as of Dec. 31, 2007.  
Girls 8-9, Girls 10-11  
Boys 8-9, Boys 10-11

**WHERE:** Turtle Lake Elementary School

**WHEN:** September 25, 2007  
4:00 — 5:00 p.m.

**HOW:** Get a registration form from Mr. Koller. Fill it out and return it to him or to the registration table the day of the event. **NO CHARGE. THIS EVENT IS FREE!**

Each participant is allowed one punt, one pass, and one placekick as part of their competition. Scores are based on distance and accuracy. A final score is their cumulative total from the three individual events. Four winners, one for each classification will move on to the next level which will be held on Oct. 13th at Big Lake Lion's Park at 3:00 p.m. Winners must provide proof of age at the Big Lake site. More information will be given to the winners. PP & K Finals are held during the NFL Division Playoff game in that city.

**EQUIPMENT:** The sponsors and the school will provide equipment for the contest. You cannot use your own equipment. However, no equipment will be provided for warm-up and practice. Please bring your own equipment if you want to warm-up. Only tennis shoes are allowed. No cleats of any kind are allowed. Please read the "Competition Rules" provided before competing.

**GOOD LUCK** and sign up early!!!! Volunteers are needed. Please see Mr. Koller or the PTA if you can help!!!



## REMINDER

School Spirit days are the first Thursday of every month!

(see School Sprit Order Form attached)



### 2007/2008 Turtle Lake Chess Club

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the ninth year of Chess Club at Turtle Lake Elementary. The club will meet in the LMC from 7.45 to 8.35 a.m. on Fridays beginning Sep 28<sup>th</sup>.

Students in grade K-5 are welcome to join. No experience is necessary, but a strong interest in the game is required and positive, focused behavior will be expected. Dues of \$10 will be collected to pay for club membership in the U.S Chess Federation, chess club supplies, and an end-of-year celebration.

All students who are interested in joining should return the form below to the school office or to Mrs. Bell as soon as possible and plan to attend the first club meeting on Friday September 28. It is very important to our club success to have parents/guardians sign up to help us during our chess club meetings (no experience is necessary). Thank You.

#### YES! I WANT TO JOIN THE TURTLE LAKE CHESS CLUB!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

(e-mail will be the primary medium for chess club communication)

(Make checks payable to Joanne Bell)

#### Volunteers Needed!

PARENT/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

will

be an assistant at the Chess Club meeting on (circle one or more)  
 October 5, 12, 26    November 2, 9, 30    December 7, 14, 21  
 January 4, 11, 25    February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29    March 14, 28  
 April 11, 18, 25    May 2, 9, 16

\_\_\_ Please contact me to talk about coaching at the meetings (circle one or more)

\_\_\_ I would be willing to help plan/prepare the Chess Club celebration.

Return to the office or to Mrs. Bell ASAP and come to the first meeting on Sep 28 at 7.45 a.m.



## IMPORTANT TRANSPORTATION UPDATES

Please note that the Transportation Department is beginning a temporary freeze for bus stop changes from September 11 to September 25, unless the request is an emergency. The freeze will allow Mounds View Public Schools and First Student Transportation time to catch up with one another. We have many additions and changes during the first weeks of school, and we need a period of time to make sure things are running as expected, before we start requesting more changes for our bus drivers.

School bus stops are assigned by Mounds View Public Schools. School bus drivers are not authorized to make changes or modify the route stops or times. After September 25, if you have a concern about the location of your student's bus stop, you must call the school office or the school district's transportation office. Until a change is approved and the driver's route copy indicates the change, the driver will continue to pick up students at the assigned stop. If randomly requested stops are being made, students risk not being picked up at that stop if a substitute driver is on that route someday.

For more information, contact Transportation at 651-639-6200.



## E-news You've Got Mail!

This school year, stay in touch with the latest Turtle Lake news, delivered to your e-mail box!

Subscribe to receive E-news Updates:

- Turtle Lake's newsletter and updates
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## Drinking Fountain Update

Drinking fountains in all elementary school classrooms were removed this summer in an effort to limit student and staff exposure to the presence of some lead in the water. Although the lead levels were limited, they were above the EPA's recommended levels.

Why were the fountains removed and not repaired? Removing these specific fountains in the classrooms was the most cost-effective and efficient way for the District to address this concern. One alternative was to post signs on the fountains asking students to run the water for 30 seconds before drinking. This notice was likely to cause greater concern than necessary, given the very low levels of lead. In addition, there was no guarantee that students would actually follow this precaution.

It's not uncommon for some levels of lead to be present in many drinking fountains and taps. However, be assured that the tap water that remains available in all classrooms is safe, and all remaining drinking fountains in hallways have been tested and deemed acceptable. If you have any questions, please contact the District's Tom Heimkes at 651-266-7253.

