A Note from Mr. Kominowski….

Can you believe we are just a couple weeks away from the end of the first quarter of our year?! We have quite a few new students here this year, but we have been working together to build our sense of CREW. We use the CREW analogy to help students understand that we are like people in a boat. If we want to do anything well, we all need to have our oars in the water and be paddling in the same direction. It takes all of us to move the boat in a straight line and to get where we want to go. So we work together. That is what CREW means. We are here for each other and we all have the same goal of learning, but no one gets to sit back for a free ride. That includes you (families)— you are also a part of our CREW and we are grateful to have you in the boat working along with us.

#WeAreCrew

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture Re-takes will be on Wednesday, October 27th. When you receive your picture order you can decide whether you would prefer retakes. If so, please send in the original packet by that day.

The online ordering will be available through May 2021. The York Code is 59340XB.

Our School Hours

TARDY BELL: 7:40 M, T, Th, F
TARDY BELL: 8:05 W
DISMISSAL: 2:05 Everyday
2 HR. DELAY: 9:40 M, T, W, Th, F

Parents, this is a reminder to please stay in your car at the end of the day in the car pick up line. We ask you to encourage/teach your child to open their own car door. If they need help buckling their seatbelt, you can pull up into the parking lot to assist them there. It is essential that this line moves as quickly as possible so we can keep traffic moving to prevent a back up on CR 35/120.

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STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Kindergarten 11:05-11:25
1st Grade 10:35-10:55
2nd Grade 12:15-12:35
3rd Grade 11:35-11:55

Please let the office know of any contact information changes, such as phone numbers / messenger numbers. Updated phone numbers are so important when trying to contact a parent when a child is sick or for our automated messages that occasionally go out.

Thanks!

Thanksgiving

Just a friendly reminder…
October 2021

WELCOME NEW STAFF TO YORK!

Hello! My name is Courtney Hamood and I am the new school counselor! I have been married to my husband, Kyle, for 10 years. I am a mother of two boys Bo (7), Cy (6), and our dachshund, Luigi. They keep me very busy, but in my spare time I love camping, spending time with family, and working on DIY projects. This is my first year as a school counselor! Becoming the school counselor here is extra meaningful to me, because I too, once roamed the halls as a student at York! As a school counselor, it is my goal to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed in order to become successful in school, within the community, and lifelong learners. So far this year, classroom lessons have focused on active listening skills. The month of October will begin classroom lessons on bullying. November will begin body safety lessons. I will be sending home opt-out forms with your students towards the end of September. These forms are due back no later than October 22nd. Keep in mind you only need to complete the form if you would not like your child to participate in the lesson. For both the bullying and body safety lessons, I will be using the Monique Burr Foundation curriculum. So far this year I have absolutely loved getting to know the students at York! Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions you may have throughout the year.

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Hello! I am Sarah Stipe, York Elementary’s new Special Education teacher! I am from a small town in Northwest Ohio, about two hours east of Middlebury. The town is so small that it doesn’t have a stoplight, a gas station, or a grocery store! My mom, dad, and brother still currently live there, but we get to visit each other often. My husband is from another small town a few miles down the road, where his parents still live as well. I am very lucky to have married my high school sweetheart! We got married in the Summer of 2019, two weeks after we graduated college. We moved two hours away from our parents, and lived down by Dayton, Ohio for two years. There, I was a third grade Special Education teacher for Greenville City Schools. This summer, we moved to Indiana and bought our first house! My husband is an Engineer for a company in Middlebury. We both drive from Mishawaka and love being apart of the Middlebury community! Thank you to all the students, parents, and staff of York Elementary for your warm welcome!

Hello everyone! My name is Mackenzie West and I am York’s new music teacher! I am originally from LaPorte, IN where I was born and raised. I attended Marian University in Indianapolis where I received my bachelors in Instrumental Music Education. After I graduated in December 2020, I was a long-term music substitute for the Huntington County Community School Corporation. I currently reside in Elkhart, IN where I live with my two kitties. I am recently engaged to my wonderful fiancé who I have been with for 4 years. In my free time, I love to read and hang out with my family. I love anything Disney, the color purple, and pineapples. I have enjoyed getting to know your students these first few months of school and I can’t wait to make more music with them!

We also want to welcome Mrs. Sarah Miller (Noontime Assistant) and Mrs. Linda Mallett (Cafeteria Assistant) to York!
The Club’s Choice fundraiser ended on September 21st. The products will be available for you to pick up the week of Parent Teacher Conferences (starting October 18th). All money will be collected as the product is delivered and will be due to the office by Friday, November 5th. Students’ prizes will be distributed after all money is turned in. Thanks to all of the students who participated in this fundraiser!

As the weather changes and gets colder, please remember to send your child in with hats and gloves. We do have “extras” in the clinic for those occasions when a child forgets something.

Just a reminder that when your child is ill or absent from school for some other reason, please remember to call the school office @ 574/825-5312 to report the reason for their absence. If a child is ill for 3 days, a Doctor’s note is required to return to school.

Starting in November, MCS will be implementing a new visitor background screening system titled RAPTOR. You will be asked to have your ID/License scanned at the time of your visit and then given an ID/Visitor Badge to wear while you are at our school. We will still be requiring an “old” background check to be completed ahead of time, if you plan on volunteering in the classroom. You can request a paper copy of this form or go to our website @ www.mcsin-k12.org and fill out the background check online. Thank you for helping to keep our schools safe!

Book Rental fees are now past due. Please send your payment in with your child or pay online using www.family.titank12.com or contact the office for information on textbook assistance. All checks should be made payable to: York Elementary

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Monday, October 18th and Wednesday, October 20th from 3:00-7:30. Report Cards will be sent home on October 18th. Please send in your requested conference time sheet to your child’s teacher by October 1st. Report cards will also be available online. You can access the report card on the mcsin-k12.org website by clicking on the Powerschool Parent link. If you have not set up an account, you can do so at this site. As always, if you need any assistance with this, please call the office.