Hello Mary Blair Families!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

We would like to welcome you back to the second half of the 19-20 school year with a huge THANK YOU for all you have done to support your students and the staff of Mary Blair so far this school year! By volunteering your time, encouraging your students to be at school on time each day, attending conferences and special school events you are supporting our Bobcats in developing Pride, Positive and Persevering behaviors!

The next few months are going to be packed full of learning, special experiences, memories, as well as celebrations and milestones! We invite you to partner with us to ensure that your child receives the best possible instruction and opportunity during the spring semester!

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A Message from the Principal, continued...

Some ways that you might participate this semester include: volunteering in classrooms, maintaining contact with your child’s teacher(s), attending conferences in February, ensuring that your student attends school (and eats breakfast each day), helping your child to go to sleep at an appropriate time each night, reading with your child(ren) each night, demonstrating how math is used in real-life situations, talking to your child(ren) each day about what they learned and did at school, and encouraging your child(ren) to try their very best each and every day!

I also encourage parents, guardians and family members to attend our PTO meetings. Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 4th, 6-7pm in the community room. We would love to have you join us! Please reach out to your students teacher with questions.

Sincerely,

Valerie Lara-Black
Principal, Mary Blair Elementary
Valerie.lara-black@thompsonschools.org
Important Dates:

January 31st- Spirit Day “Twin Day”
February 4th- PTO Meeting from 6-7PM at MBES
February 5th- Student Council Meeting 3:10-4:00 PM
February 7th- National Go Red for American Heart Association (wear red)
February 19th- Student Council Meeting 3:10-4:00 PM
February 21st-Spirit Day “show what your passionate about”
February 25th- Book Fair Open-Hours TBD
February 26th- Book Fair Open-Hours TBD
February 27th-No School Students-Parent Teacher Conferences
February 27th-Book Fair Open-Hours TBD
February 28th-No School

Upcoming Spirit Days:

1/31/2020 - Twin Day
2/21/2020 - Passion Day
3/27/2020 - Crazy Hair Day
4/24/2020 - Country vs City
5/15/2020 - Dress up as a Teacher
After School Enrichment Program

The After School Enrichment Program is looking for someone that would like to teach the game of chess to Elementary students. You must be registered as a Volunteer through Vital.

Contact Tanya Brown tanya.brown@thompsonschools.org

The After School Enrichment Program is looking for someone that would like to supervise a Creativity Class (creating art using various materials). All materials will be provided and the coordinator would be in the building. You would just be supervising craft time for 8-10 students. You must be registered as a volunteer through Vital.

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How To Become a Volunteer

https://www.thompsonschools.org/
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Heads up from the Health Office

With the change in the weather, the hats came back out, and now is a good time for parents to be on the alert for head lice. Head lice are a common childhood affliction. All places where children get together are places where head lice can be transferred. Clean hair and home are no guarantee that head lice will not find your child.

From time to time as a precaution, school staff may check for head lice in the classroom on an as needed basis just to be certain that there is no notable incidence of lice. If any concerns arise, the family of affected students will be notified. **PLEASE remember that although lice can be a communicable condition, having this condition poses no real threat to health. Schools are not often the place where head lice are spread. State Health Department guidelines note sleepover with friends and relatives is a common way the condition passes from home to home.

Please feel free to contact the Health Office (613 6403) should your child present with itching of the scalp, but you are uncertain if lice or nits are seen in the hair. We can help you gain clarity and to guide you in treatment options, should the presence of nits or lice be confirmed.

Thank you,
Barbara Ramsay RN, School Nurse

Cold & Flu Season

Cold and flu season is upon us and during the school year schools are prime areas for sharing germs. To help defend against illness, here are a few tips:

- Ensure your child/children get the proper amount of sleep each night. This will help with their defense against illness and allow them to have a productive day in school.
- General good hygiene practices and good hand washing is recommended. We ask kids to “cover their cough” and wash their hands after blowing their nose.
- Talk with your health provider about the benefits of a flu shot this season.

PTO/SAC Meeting

Our next meeting will be on February 4th. PTO will be from 6-7 PM in the Community Room of Mary Blair. Free childcare is provided for your school age children.