

SARATOGA NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

I want to welcome everyone to Saratoga Elementary. We have had a smooth start to our school year. It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are back in school! The teachers have been busy getting to know your children, teaching routines and expectations. There will be a parent newsletter coming home in the first Tuesday Folder of each month. Please make sure your read through it, there will be important information and dates included for the up coming month. Again, welcome to a new year and we look forward to working with you. If you have any questions you may call our office any time at 436-1166.

SOMETHING NEW!

I am sure everyone has seen our new marquee in front of our school! We were able to install this marquee due to the efforts of Arlyn & Kathie Uhrmacher and the Southeast High School Student Council. They donated the money so we could purchase the marquee. Kathie and Arlyn spent countless hours researching companies and coordinating the installation. During the year important dates and information will be posted on this marquee. Make sure you check it out!

Classroom Visits

Children love to show their classroom and school off to their parents. The Saratoga community enjoys having parents visit the school to see all the exciting things that are happening. You are welcome to visit at any time. Just remember to always check in with Bud,

our secured entrance monitor. You will receive a nametag to wear. Also, it is very important to limit your stay to 25-30 minutes, this way classroom routines will not be disrupted. Another great time to visit is during lunch time.

Please Remember!

It is very important for you children to wear tennis shoes the day they have gym. Thank you!

LABELS FOR SCHOOLS

We are always looking for ways to help fund student field trips and activities. Saving labels can help our school fund these activities. Please save the following labels and send to school:

- Campbell Soup – Save the UPC codes
- Best Choice UPC codes
- Box Tops for Education Labels

Thank you for your help!



Fill Out a New Free and Reduced Meal Application Starting July 22

Each new school year a free and reduced meal application must be completed. Failure to do so will cause your children to lose meal benefits. Check your letter of "Notification of Receiving Free and Reduced Meal Benefits" closely. Children not listed on the letter will not receive meal benefits. You will need to fill out a free and reduced application with their names on it as well as your other children. Until the free and reduced application is approved you will need to send money or a sack lunch for those children not approved for free or reduced meal benefits. "Notification of Receiving Free and Reduced Meal Benefits" letter must be saved to verify your free or reduced

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status with other programs. We do not mail a second copy.

School Breakfast

School breakfast is generally offered thirty minutes before school starts to all students. Students have the choice between a hot breakfast (pancakes) or a cold breakfast (cereal). Breakfast also includes milk and 100% fruit juice. Students that receive free lunch receive a free breakfast and the cost for a reduced student is thirty cents.



Did you Know....

That by parking or waiting in your car in a school bus loading zone you:

- Force children who ride the bus to load in the street.
- Force children to walk between cars to get to the bus.
- Force children who walk to deal with unfamiliar traffic patterns.
- Impede traffic and cause hazards for other motorists.

Please don't force children into an unsafe situation. Contact your principal if you are unsure where to park.

Thank you,
Lincoln Public Schools

Parking

Before and after school are very busy times. I want to remind you that the city has put up on parking signs on both sides of the street. This is enforced from the school's driveway to 13th street. Parents have received tickets if they park on this street. This is done to ensure that traffic would not back up into South 13th street. Following are the safety guidelines that you need to follow:

- Day Care vans and parents may pick up their students at the angle parking spaces west of the orange cones. Vans may also park behind the school bus, but then they need to wait until the bus pulls out before they are allowed to leave.
- Parents/Guardians may park on the sides of the street west of the school driveway. You may NOT park in the bus cut out between the orange cones.
- For safety purposes, we request drop off or pick up students in the parking lot on 13th street.
- When picking up or dropping off your student, keep traffic moving – avoid stopping in a place that blocks traffic.
- Remind your child, if they are walking, to cross at the crosswalks.
- Students riding bikes home need to walk their bikes until they are off school grounds. This is for the safety for all the students.

A BIG THANK YOU

The Saratoga community would again like to thank the Zimmerman family, Kathy, Anthony and Tanya, for taking care of our front Star Art Courtyard. They weeded, raked and spread mulch around the plants. The yard looks great, thank you so very much!



IMPORTANT DATES!

- 8/19 First day of school
- 8/25 EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:33 pm- teachers meeting in PLCs
- 8/31 AYP Parent Meeting
- 9/7 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 9/10 Curriculum PotLuck Supper 6:00-7:30 am in the Cafeteria
- 9/17 Clinic of the Heart – 5:30-7:00 pm
- 9/29 EARLY DISMISSAL – 1:33 pm- teachers meeting in PLCs