Summer 2024



Martin County West

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Dear Maverick Families,

Happy summer, MCW community! Many people seem a bit surprised when they find out that there are some employees of a school district who work all year long, even during summer. It is perhaps easiest to understand that summer is when our custodial staff are working hard to deep clean our schools, keep the grounds nicely mowed, and do big repairs. And you might guess that our Community Education & Recreation staff is busy managing all those activities we have going for kids throughout the summer. It is perhaps less obvious that a lot of cleaning, planning, organizing, and preparing for the next school year happens in the school offices during the summer as well.

The Central Office of Martin County West Schools never really shuts down. While we might take vacations and enjoy the summer holidays, someone is there almost every workday in the summer. The school district's employees and bills still must be paid. We have to close out one school year and open up a new one. For every new school year, there are new staff to hire, new students to welcome, and new materials to check in and distribute. One exciting addition to our summer work this year is a new building to plan for.

Another big task to be completed this summer is to figure out how to maintain the same level of service our MCW students and families have come to expect when some of the key people who deliver those services have retired. These people may not be the first people to come to mind when one thinks of school; they aren't teachers or principals but they are no less invaluable to the education we provide at Martin County West. It's awfully hard to hold school if we don't have our buses bringing students to the buildings. Students can't learn if they are hungry or if their classrooms are dirty or in disrepair. These facts make our bus drivers, cooks, and custodians absolutely essential to fulfilling our mission of providing an "engaging education that nurtures who are confident critical thinkers prepared to contribute to an ever-changing society."

I want to highlight here a few of the staff who have been so integral to MCW Schools for a long time and who have earned the retirement adventures coming their way.

- Gerald Laue has been a custodian at the Jr/Sr High School for 10 years.
- Cindy Guerdet has been a cook at Sherburn Elementary for 27 years.
- Jim Lien has been a bus driver for 14 years.
- David Jones has been a bus driver for 17 years.

• Greg Wohlhuter has been the head bus driver and safety supervisor for 49 years.

That is an astounding 117 years of combined service to our students, staff, families, and community. They have each worked hard at their duties and made our school district a better place. I want to thank each of them for their service and wish them the very best in the next chapter of their lives.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer!

Cori Reynolds Superintendent

Important Dates:

- > July 15—School Board Meeting
- > August 19—School Board Meeting
- > August—26—Teacher Workshop Begins
- > September 2—Labor Day
- September 3—Classes
 Begin for grades 7-12
- September 5—All grades K-12 in session

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Summer Reminders

- Please call the Central Office at 764-2330 if your contact information changes over the summer. This includes your physical address, mailing address, phone numbers, email address, etc.
- If you have a *new family* in your neighborhood, please encourage them to contact the Central Office at 764-2330 to get set up to receive back to school information
- MCW School Offices will reopen starting Monday, August 5th, from 7:30am to 4:00pm. If you need assistance before then, contact the Central Office.
- Conferences for grades K-6 will be held September 5th & 6th. Your student must be registered online to sign up for a conference time.



2023-2024 Registration

- Registration will be completely **<u>ONLINE</u>** for the 2024-2025 school year, starting August 14. No paper forms will be accepted.
- Registration works best on a tablet or desktop computer. If you do not have access to the appropriate technology or internet, you may
 register in person at any MCW school building, and there will be technology available there.
- If you do not provide a <u>PHYSICAL</u> address (<u>NOT</u> a Post Office Box), your registration will not be allowed to be completed until that information is provided.
- You must register your elementary age child(ren) before you can schedule a conference time with their teacher.
- If your child requires any of the following forms, the <u>parent/guardian</u> is responsible for getting those signed, health office staff will
 not be faxing forms to medical providers. These forms are available as fillable forms on the school website: martin.kl2.mn.us/Page/76
 - Prescription Medication Administration
 - Special Diet Statement
 - Asthma Action Plan

It is preferred that you upload these forms when completing registration, however physical copies can be turned into the office.

- School fees can be paid on SchoolPay or in person. This includes:
 - Class dues for grades 9-12
 - Sports/Activity Fees
 - Milk break
 - Carryover lunch balances from previous years
- Please complete the Application for Educational Benefits, even if you do not believe you need the benefits, or don't think you'd qualify.
 Our percentage of qualifying students affects our standing in the MSHSL, and is an important factor in many federal and state programs.
- All students participating in MSHSL Sports/Activities (Speech, Robotics, etc) MUST attend the MSHSL meeting, or arrange with Mr. Elliott to get the information and turn in the required form(s) prior to participating in the activity.

2024-2025 MCW School Supplies List

Trimont Preschool

Full-sized backpack (labeled with child's name) **Elmer's** Glue Sticks 1 box **Kleenex** Extra Change of Clothing 1 container **Lysol** Wipes 1 pack **Crayola** Markers

Sherburn 4 Preschool

Full-sized backpack (labeled with child's name)
12 Elmer's Glue Sticks

box Kleenex
Plastic Folder
Extra Change of Clothing

Elmer's Liquid Glue

can Barbasol Shaving Cream

Sherburn 3 Preschool

box Kleenex
Elmer's Glue Sticks
Extra Change of Clothing

tox Kleenex

Elmer's Glue Sticks
Extra Change of Clothing

container Lysol Wipes

Kindergarten (PLEASE DO NOT LABEL SUPPLIES)

Large Backpack (large enough for library books and art)
 Extra Change of Clothing
 Pencil Box
 box Kleenex
 pack Crayola Markers
 24 count boxes of Crayola Crayons
 Spiral Notebooks (Wide Ruled)
 Large Pink Eraser
 Large Containers of Clorox Wipes
 Poly Folder (with clasps and pockets)
 Crayola Watercolor Set
 4 oz bottle of Elmer's Glue
 24 pack of Ticonderoga Pencils
 pair Tennis Shoes (tied or Velcro, rubber-bottom)



First Grade (LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S NAME)

1 Pencil Box (Regular sized to hold supplies) **1** Pair Scissors 3 Boxes of Crayola Crayons 2 Large Pink Erasers 1 Large Box of Kleenex **1** Container of Clorox Wipes 24 Ticonderoga Pencils 12 Elmer's Glue Sticks 2 Pocket Folders 2 Spiral Notebooks (8 x 10 1/2) Wide Ruled 1 Pack Standard Colored Crayola Markers 1 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers 1 Old Sock (For Dry Erase Boards) Girls—Quart Ziploc Bags Boys-Gallon Ziploc Bags 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied or Velcro, rubber-bottom)

Second Grade (PLEASE DO NOT LABEL SUPPLIES)

1 24 pack Ticonderoga Pencils
 1 Pair Small Scissors
 2 Wide Lined Spiral Notebook
 1 Pencil Box (small)
 1 Pocket Folder
 1 Pack Expo Dry Erase Markers & Eraser
 Colored Pencils
 1 Pack Standard Colored Crayola Markers
 4 Glue Sticks
 2 Box Kleenex
 1 Container Clorox Wipe
 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied or Velcro, rubber-bottom)

ALL K-6 STUDENTS!

All K-6 students will now be asked to bring personal headphones with auxiliary plug (not lightning plug).



Third Grade

3 Spiral Notebooks (8 x 10 ½) Wide Lined (Journals)

4 Two-Pocket Folders

1 2in Binder

- 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied, rubber-bottom)
- 1 Pencil Box or Toolbox (no larger than 11 ¼ x 7 ¼) to hold:
 - 1 Box (24-36 Count) of Crayons (Standard Colored)
 - Glue Sticks
 - Sm all Scissors
 - 1 Pack (8 Count) of Colored Pencils or Crayola Twistables

Supplies Collected by Teachers:

- 2 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Set of Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box of Pencil Top Erasers
- 2 dozen Ticonderoga Pencils

Fourth Grade

Crayons Markers Scissors Ruler 6 Single Subject Spiral Notebooks 4 Two-Pocket Folders 1 Sm all Three-Ring Binder 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied, rubber-bottom) Supplies Collected by Teachers:

- 20 Ticonderoga Pencils
- Erasers
- Glue Sticks
- 4-6 Expo Markers (Black Preferred)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Clorox Wipes
- 1 Box Zip loc Quart Size Bags

3-6 Physical Education Supplies

If possible, please purchase your own wrist guards for roller skating. You will be using them through 6th grade. Please put your child's name on them and they will be stored in their locker.

Thank you!

Mrs. Janssen

Fifth Grade

1 Elmer's Glue (4cz) (No Rubber Cem ent) 1 Glue Stick 24 Pencils (NO MECHANICAL PENCILS) Erasers 1 Crayola Crayons (24 Count Box) 1 Kleenex (Large Box) 6 Spiral Notebooks Scissors Ruler (English & Metric) Washable Markers (Assorted Colors) Pens (Black or Blue) Water Paint Set (Prange or Crayola Have the Best Colors) 4 Two-Pocket Folder 3 Expo Dry Erase Markers Colored Pencils (Art) 1 Two-Pocket Folder and Pencil (Music) H and H eld P encil Sharpener 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied, rubber-bottom)

<u>Sixth Grade</u>

#2 Pencils Fragers Scissors 7 Pocket Folders (Preferably 7 Different Colors) 4 oz Ehmer's Glue or Glue Stick Pene 2 Large Boxes Kleenex Ruler (English & Metric) 7 Single Subject Notebooks (Preferably 7 Different Colors) Colored Pencils Highlighter Dry Erase Markers (At Least 6) Sm all Protractor Compass Tex as Instrum ent Calculator TI-30 XS (Will be able to use in Math & Pre-Algebra also) 1 pair Tennis Shoes (tied, rubber-bottom)

Jr. High School

 3 inch Binder (or trapper keeper binder or smaller individual binders - some way to keep each class organized)
 5 - Notebooks
 1 - Sketchbook
 5 - Folders (different colors)
 1 - Basic Scientific Calculator (TI-30 is acceptable)

1 - Pack of Colored Pencils

1 Package - #2 Pencils, Pens, Highlighters & Whiteboard markers

Athletic Clothes & Tennis Shoes for PE

<u>Optional</u> for HS Math: Graph paper notebook, graphing calculator

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Preschool Registration

MCW Preschool Open Hou**se** was held on Wednesday, April 23, 2024 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM at Sherburn Elementary and Trimont Elementary. We had a great turn out of up and coming Preschool students!. Parents had a

chance to meet teachers, get information on Preschool and register for Preschool. Kids had a great introduction to the learning space driving trucks and whipping up a snack in the ply kitchen after stopping at the shopping center for groceries!

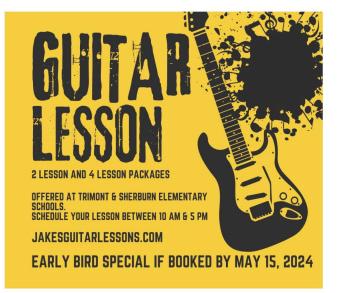
Registration will remain open through the month of August. Children must be three years old by September 1, 2024 and be FULLY toilet trained (no pull-ups). Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Contact CER for information.





Three Little Pigs Theatre Camp

Presented by Storybook Theatre (previously Prairie Fire Theatre) July 21-27, 2024 Sherburn Theatre \$40 Sign up on SchoolPay!





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As we make preparations for the pool closing on August 11, if you have a punch pass (there are over 400) please use them up!

There will not be refunds issued!

Summer is here, bringing long days filled with sunshine and opportunities for fun and adventure. Keeping kids active during the summer months is essential for their physical and mental well-being. We've gathered some fantastic ideas to help your children stay active, healthy, and happy all summer long.

1. Fun Outdoor Activities for Kids

- **Nature Scavenger Hunt**: Create a list of items for your kids to find in your backyard or at a local park. This activity encourages exploration and keeps them moving.
- **Obstacle Course**: Set up an obstacle course with cones, ropes, and other household items. It's a great way for kids to build agility and have a blast.

Bike Rides: Encourage your kids to ride their bikes around the neighborhood. It's a fun way to exercise and explore.

2. Water Activities to Beat the Heat

- **Sprinkler Fun**: Set up a sprinkler in the yard for kids to run through. It's a simple way to cool off and get some exercise.
- Water Balloon Games: Organize a water balloon toss or a water balloon fight. These activities are perfect for hot summer days.

Swimming: Take your kids to the Sherburn pool or beach. Swimming is an excellent full-body workout that's also a lot of fun.

3. Sports and Games

- **Soccer**: Set up a small goal in the backyard for a friendly game of soccer. It's great for teamwork and coordination.
- **Basketball**: A basketball hoop in the driveway or at the park provides endless entertainment and physical activity.

Tennis or Badminton: Teach your kids the basics of tennis or badminton. These sports improve hand-eye coordination and are easy to set up in the yard.

4. Creative Indoor Activities

- **Dance Party**: Turn on some music and have a dance party in the living room. It's a fun way to get moving indoors.
- Yoga for Kids: Follow along with kid-friendly yoga videos. Yoga helps with flexibility, balance, and relaxation.

DIY Crafts with Movement: Combine crafts with physical activity, like creating a hopscotch game with chalk or making a kite to fly outside.Stay healthy, stay active, and have an amazing summer!

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5. Family Fitness Activities

- **Hiking Adventures**: Find kid-friendly hiking trails and enjoy nature walks as a family. It's a great way to bond and stay active.
- Evening Walks: Take a walk around the neighborhood after dinner. It's a relaxing way to end the day and get some exercise.

Sports Days: Organize a family sports day with various games like sack races, tug-of-war, and relay races.

6. Community Programs and Camps

- Summer Sports Camps: Enroll your kids in local sports camps. These camps offer structured physical activity and social interaction.
- **Community Activities**: Check out your local community newspaper for summer programs. Many offer a variety of sports and fitness classes for kids.

Library Programs: Many libraries host summer reading programs that include physical activities and outdoor events.

7. Tips for Keeping Kids Motivated

- Set Goals: Help your kids set achievable fitness goals and celebrate their progress.
- Join In: Be a role model by participating in activities with your kids. Your enthusiasm will encourage them to stay active.
- **Reward System**: Create a reward system for completing activities. Rewards can be simple, like choosing the next family outing or a special treat.

Stay Active and Have Fun This Summer!

We hope these ideas inspire you to keep your kids moving and enjoying the outdoors. Remember, the key is to make physical activity fun and engaging.





MCW FFA and Ag Department

2024 Summer Opportunities

Additional opportunities may be added! Remember to like "Martin County West FFA" on Facebook and Instagram, join our MCW FFA remind group and check the FFA Google Classroom. Please feel free to email an advisor, or contact Mrs. Wohlhuter for more information. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please complete the Google form located on Google Classroom or at https://forms.gle/zR29UxH6mKkBMams6

Dates we know for sure:

Supervised Agricultural Experience Visits

If you have an SAE project, please contact an ag instructor to set up a visit this summer. Instructors will visit you on site, take pictures and assist with your AET record book. An SAE project is any activity related to agriculture that you are doing outside of school (paid or unpaid). Examples of student projects include landscaping, mowing lawns, raising animals, gardening, and working at an area business including places like grocery stores, gas stations, and other ag-related businesses. If you are planning to apply for a State FFA degree or Proficiency Award in the future, arrange for a visit this summer.

FFA Day at the MN Twins - July 21st, game time is 12:05 (Against Milwaukee Brewers)

We will leave from the High School at approximately 8:30 am to head to Minneapolis. The cost for this event is \$35, and includes your ticket into the game and transportation. Money should be turned in by Friday, May 17th.

From the Ground Up - July 25th

MCW FFA members volunteer each year to work at a fun event sponsored by Project 1590. There is a catered meal held on a farm and many business professionals, doctors, politicians, etc. attend. The goal is to teach others about agriculture. We assist with setting up, serving the meal and clean up.

Back-To-School Night - August 5th

On August 7th, we will have a night where you can come in to sign up for CDE's, enjoy supper and recreation with our chapter. This will take place BEFORE the MSHSL meeting at 7 pm. More information to come-Please plan to attend!

Martin County Fair - August 12th-18th

FFA members can show livestock (sheep, goats, pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses and rabbits) or enter fruit/vegetables at the fair during FFA Day on August 15th. Look at the updated rules in the Martin County Fair Premium book for the classes. <u>Reminder: To register, you must complete the FFA registration form in the premium book and mail it to: MCW High School, Attn: FFA Advisor, 16 W. 5th Street, Sherburn, MN 56171.</u> We also need students to run the ag activity station in the grain bin behind the Floyd Bellin barn from 4-7 pm.

FFA Trap Shoot

The FFA sponsors a fall trapshooting team. Complete the information on the attached form if you would like more information in August on the trapshooting team. There will be a practice in August, Springfield Invitational (September 7th), Mt. Lake Invitational (September 14th), Sleepy Eye Invitational (September 21st), and Windom Invitational (September 28th).

*Please contact Stephanie Wohlhuter, Jonah Mayo or Hunter Manderfeld at the high school for more information on any of these opportunities. Mrs. W cell: 507-236-4181 Email: stephaniewohlhuter@mcwmavericks.org, jonahmayo@mcwmavericks.org, huntermanderfeld@mcwmavericks.org

Other activities - what would you be interested in participating in? Indicate your interest on the Google form in our MCW FFA Classroom.

Options

-Sand volleyball tournament

-Pick strawberries at the berry farm in Heron Lake and then come back to school and make homemade jam that you can take home

-Outdoor movie night(s)

-Tours of agricultural businesses in the county

-Best ball golf tournament

Martin County West Schools 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

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