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## News from the Principal...

Believe it or not, we have already started preparing for the 2017-2018 school year! Soon the process of forming class lists for the 2017-2018 school year will begin. The development of class lists is a very important task that involves many people and a great deal of thought.

As we create our class lists, we consider the following criteria:

- Balancing the male/female ratio
- Incorporating different academic levels of students
- Matching individual learning styles with teaching styles
- Keeping classroom social dynamic balanced

Although we would like to grant all requests, it would be impossible to do so--and could possibly jeopardize the integrity of the process. If there are truly unusual circumstances you feel must be addressed regarding your child's placement for next year, please follow these guidelines:

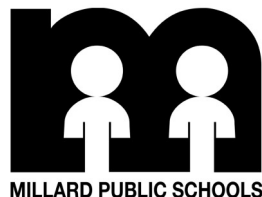
1. Send a dated and signed written request to Mrs. Bergstrom by **April 28, 2017**. This can be in the form of a letter or email.
2. Describe your child's learning style and the type, not the name of the teacher, that would benefit your child. There must be an educational rationale for your request. "My daughter had Mrs. Smith and really liked her," is not an educationally sound reason.
3. Also consider that past requests to separate students may not be known, so if there are still issues you would like us to know about, please drop us a note!

Please keep in mind that teacher assignments can change in the coming months. We will be very deliberate about formulating the class lists for next year so that your child has a positive, productive experience.

This time of year the weather starts getting warmer (hopefully!) and many students would like to stay after school to play on the equipment. Our students who are in Kids Network use the playground after school. The playground is available for community use on the weekends and after 6 pm (until dark) Monday-Friday. This is a reminder that all students who are using the equipment after hours should be supervised by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation!




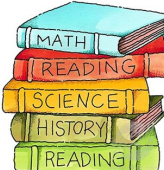





Horace Mann recently became a Paybac Partner! Horace Mann will be coming to Morton on April 17<sup>th</sup> (4-5 pm) to talk with teachers about planning for retirement. If you are a Morton parent and a teacher in another building (or district), you are invited to attend our NEPCRS seminar. For planning purposes, please let Mrs. Falk know if you plan to attend! Thank you!

## ~All Things Morton



The **Mission** of **J. Sterling Morton Elementary School**, whose culture unites families, guarantees all students develop and excel in academic skills and character necessary for personal excellence and responsible citizenship through high-quality, engaging experiences in an academic, challenging and nurturing environment.

# APRIL 2017

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<p>Book Club (4th and 5th Grade) 3:45 - 4:15 PM</p>  <p>Hy-Vee 4-7 PM (180th and Pacific)</p> 	<p>Golden Sower Quiz Bowl at Ezra Elementary School 4-5:30 PM</p> 	<p>4th Grade Curriculum Day 12:45-1:45 PM</p> 		<p>5th Grade Pyramid Concert 1:45-3:00 PM</p> 	
<h2>National Library Week</h2> 						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p>Book Club (4th and 5th Grade) 3:45 - 4:15 PM</p>  <p>Meeting at 6:30 PM</p> 					
<h2>National Public School Volunteers Week</h2>  <h2>Nebraska School Psychologists' Week</h2>  <p>When I grow up I want to be... (a School Psychologist)</p>						



We are proud of our fifth grade students who give their time to serve as Safety Patrol members.

\*Safety Patrol members for **March 31–April 14, 2017:**

Station #1 (South Lot)

Landon K.  
Riley R.  
Canice M.

Station #2 (Front Door)

Emma C.  
Maycee P.  
Nathan W.  
Capt. Landon K.

Station #3 (North Lot)

Bryce C.  
Traynor T.  
Addy S.

\*Safety Patrol members for **April 14– April 28, 2017:**

Station #1 (South Lot)

Taylen M.  
Paul C.

Station #2 (Front Door)

Owen G.  
Cailee R.  
Capt. Paul C.

Station #3 (North Lot)

Paige S.  
Adri W.  
Logan W.



Morton Elementary School collects pop tabs and makes annual donations to the Ronald McDonald House. As of Spring Break, we made a recent donation of 41,250 pop tabs. **Our grand total is 963,750 tabs.** PLEASE remember to collect tabs throughout the year as well as during the summer and drop them in the office when you get a chance. **Our goal is one million tabs.** We are **36,250 tabs** from our goal and a big celebration. Please help us reach this goal soon. Thank you. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Harris.

