

Grundy Center Community School

Grundy Center, Iowa 50638

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Dear Parents~

Welcome to the 2010-2011 School Year! We are very excited that your child(ren) will be joining us for another important year of learning. In this packet you will find the registration material consisting of a registration form for each child with the health information on the back, a fee sheet for each child with the fee waiver form on the back, and the information and application for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Everyone who registers their child(ren) before August 5th will receive a \$5.00 discount on the student fees.

There are two ways to register your child(ren). If you wish to register by mail, please fill out the appropriate forms, attach the correct school fees, and mail them to the superintendent's office at 1301 12th Street. ENCLOSE A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FORM AND FEE SHEET FOR EACH STUDENT. If you receive a "Notice of Eligibility" form from the Department of Human Services, it may be used in lieu of filling out the form for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Please note that the qualification for Free and Reduced price meals will also qualify you for free or reduced school fees. Please complete and return the Fee Waiver Form as well if this is applicable to you.

You may also register in person on Wednesday, **August 4th** from **noon until 7:00 p.m.** Please bring the necessary forms and you will be helped on site. We are accepting MasterCard or VISA payments, but you must register in person for this service for now. In the future, we are hoping to be able to have an on-line registration option that would allow this service as well.

If you have a child that is new to our district, please call the building in which they will attend to schedule an appointment for a tour. We know moving can be scary and want to give them additional opportunities to explore their new learning environment and meet some friendly faces before the Open House on August 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Please take a few minutes to log onto our website for further information. You will find class rosters for elementary students and middle school students, supply lists, applications for YMCA membership, immunization/dental/vision forms, athletic schedules, and the access links to the student system where you may check lunch accounts (all), and grades & schedules (middle/high school).

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The Open House will be Monday, August 16 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in all of our buildings. Students are encouraged to bring in their supplies during this time and meet their teachers. The middle school and high school students may also pick up their schedules from their advisor during this time. The high school students and their parents are also being asked to attend a mandatory meeting from 5:00-7:00 p.m. regarding the 1:1 Laptop Initiative. Information will be provided, paperwork filed, and fees will need to be paid in order for the laptop to be issued to the student that evening. Students who attend and complete these actions will be allowed to take their laptop home that evening. If parents are not wanting their child to have the school issue laptop at home, they will be stored in their child's advisor's classroom where they will pick it up daily for the school day and return it prior to leaving.

The State will have a Sales Tax Holiday on August 6 & 7. On those two days there will be no sales tax charged on most clothing/footwear purchases. Please go to the following website for more information:
<http://www.iowa.gov/tax/educate/holiday1.html>.

There are a few events that will happen shortly after school begins—MAP testing will begin Monday, August 23rd, school pictures are currently set for Thursday, August 26, and the elementary fundraiser kick-off will be on Friday, August 27. High school students who are also interested in taking college level courses must take the COMPASS test BEFORE school starts. Please contact the Western Outreach Center for scheduling options.

We look forward to sharing a wonderful year of learning with you and your child! If you have any questions, please contact the office. Enjoy the last month of summer break!

Very sincerely,



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