



**CHILDREN'S
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Around the House

September 2010

Deconstruction of the first week

Despite the construction zone outside the school (perfect timing, huh?), the first week went by without any cause for concern. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we deal with the chaos in front of the school. (FYI: they are installing a new hydrant out front and abandoning the old line out back in the parking lot.) Please continue to use extreme caution when exiting the school lot and remember to keep your children by your side as you walk through the obstacle course, I mean, parking lot.



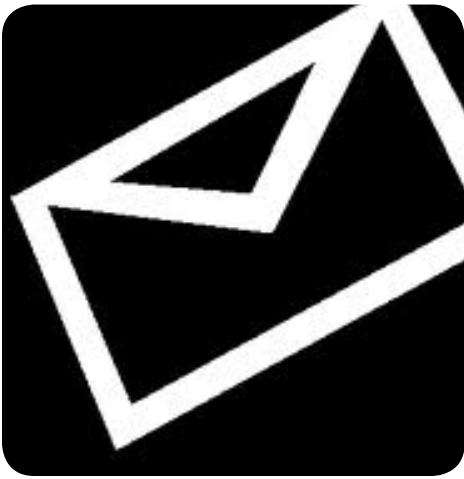
THANK YOU for your help at the School Clean Up!

What a great success! It was one of the hottest days of the summer and yet you showed up and kept asking for more work! Here is an abbreviated list of the work that was done that morning: weeds removed from the playground, branches trimmed in the "forest", trees trimmed up in the front yard, light boxes removed and washed, light bulbs replaced, courtyard fence painted, wipe boards hung, windows washed inside & outside, planter and sign painted, rocks swept back into the playground, and the lawn was mowed. And that is truly the shortened list. I could keep going, but I have so many other things to share and space is limited. Just know that I deeply appreciated your help that day. The school looked great!



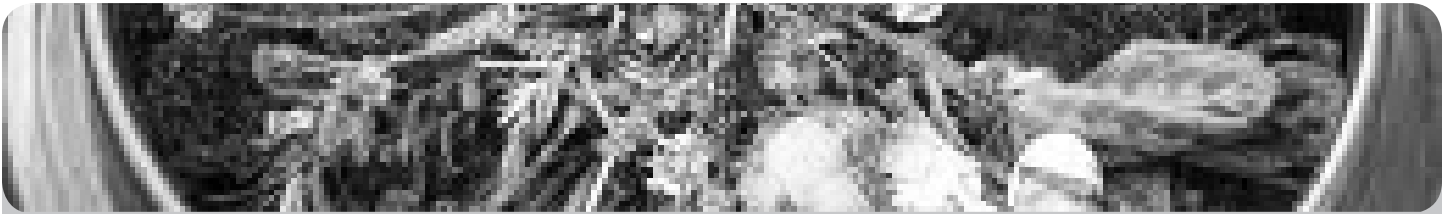
Making \$ense

Part of my job, now that we are a non-profit organization, is to seek funding from outside sources to better enhance our school. We are thrilled to have received funding from Black Hills Power and MidContinent Media Foundation so far. Black Hills Power funds will be used to support an Artist-in-Residence program this year. (I can't wait to see what the students will create!) New doors for the office and the 8:30/12:15 classroom, with windows!., will be purchased with the MidContinent Media Foundation monies. A big thank you to both of these companies for supporting our school!



Attention non-custodial parents:

If you are feeling left-out and would like to stay informed of school happenings, simply provide us with 15-20 Self Addressed, Stamped Envelopes and we will be sure you get added to the mailing list. We will also try to use email and the Website to share information, however, some items are simply better sent through the mail. It is for these items that we will use your SASE to keep you informed. Thanks for being a part of your child's life!



TRASH TALK...

Did you know we have a compost? Feel free to bring your fruit and vegetable remains (uncooked) and we will add it to our compost!

Kindergarten and Elementary Preliminary Assessments have begun. Miss Handshue and Mrs. Pokorski have been gathering base line data on their students so that they can provide the best educational experience for them this year. The information collected this month will be part of what is shared at the first parent-teacher conference in October.



SAVE the DATE!

PTO Ice Cream Social @ CHM
Thursday, September 16
5:00-7:00pm

School Pictures
Thursday, September 23
(during regular class time,
weather permitting)

Volunteer Training @ CHM
Tuesday, September 21
6:00pm

WISH LIST:

Safeway gift cards • Target gift cards • Box Tops • UPS copy cards
Sam's gift cards • Bunny food • A BIGGER PARKING LOT!