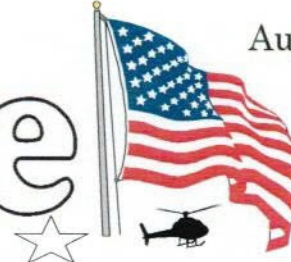




Star...line

September Newsletter



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Dear Starline Parents,

As a Principal for a number of years now, parents voice concerns about their child “falling through the cracks” or “being challenged” in school.

I would like to address the “best practices” we use to make sure that we are meeting the learning needs of **ALL** our students. We have been working hard K-6, the past couple of years at putting the Response to Intervention (RTI) model in place. Sometimes it is called the “Three Tier Model”. This is how it looks!

- **ALL** students receive “standards based instruction” at their grade level. The instruction is called “tier one” or the universal tier, because it includes ALL students. Instruction in this tier may consist of **whole group, small group and intervention or challenge groups** directed by the teacher. This is the first “layer” in the RTI model.
- “Tier two” instruction in the RTI model is **targeted instruction**. It is the second “layer” of instruction that students receive in the same day. In tier two instruction, **skill stations and small, targeted skill based groups (1-7) are used to re-teach, reinforce or extend instruction from Tier 1**, the universal tier. In Tier two, **reading in the content area and reading informational text is integrated**. Leveled science readers and social studies are often incorporated in this area, because it is a natural connection. Because we continuously monitor the progress of each student, the groups are flexible and students move on to new skills more quickly and are regrouped.
- “Tier Three” is **individual instruction**. This instruction is provided by specialists. The reading interventionist is one of the people who work with **skill based groups of 1-3** students. At times the ration may be 1:5, but we try to keep it as small as possible. One of our goals this year is to increase the rigor and collaborate more as grade levels to addressing the “challenge” level more effectively. This is the “third layer” of instruction each school day.

Our teachers meet **weekly to plan instruction**, and we meet **monthly** with the **Principal and Academic Coach to review data and provide resources and strategies to help both students and teachers continue to move forward with their learning!**

As you can see, we strive to identify, meet and support each student’s learning level, and help them progress so they stay motivated, challenged and excited about school!

If you have further questions about the RTI model, or meeting your child’s learning needs...please contact your child’s teacher or me! We are happy to help with any questions or concerns you may have!

Sincerely,

Shaun Goodwin, Principal



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Starline Elementary Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 LABOR DAY No School	6	7	8 EARLY RELEASE 1:00pm Otter Pop Sales 1:00-1:30pm (front of school)	9 Purple Shirt Day! Grandparents Day 8:00am-1:30 pm (gym)	10
11	12	13 Snack Recess Popcorn Sale - \$1 9:30-10:55am (outside)	14 PICTURE DAY 	15 Volunteer Training 4:00	16 Purple Shirt Day!	17
18 	19 BOOK FAIR WEEK 	20	21 All School OPEN HOUSE 6:00-7:30pm	22	23 Purple Shirt Day!	24
25	26	27	28 Domino's Pizza Dough Raiser (all day fundraiser- see newsletter)	29 EARLY RELEASE 1:00pm Otter Pop Sales 1:00-1:30pm (front of school)	30 Purple Shirt Day!	

A Note from the PTA

Technology is a crucial link in our children's success for the future. This can be tied to the fact that technology offers an experience to students similar to the working environment seen in offices. Classroom technology not only increases students' motivation and allows them to actively participate in lessons, but prepares our students to work in business organizations of the future.

Therefore, the PTA has developed the SMARTboard Sponsorship program here at Starline to help us achieve our goal of having a SMARTboard in every classroom. Since Starline is not a Title 1 school, the PTA has raised all of the money for the SMARTboards we currently have. Unfortunately, many more are still needed!

The Starline SMARTboard Sponsorship Program was designed with many levels of giving. With your participation, we are hoping that this program will fill our classrooms with SMARTboards. Accelerating our childrens' learning experience today and preparing them for the future.

Informational brochures will be coming home with your children this week and additional copies can be found in the office. Please consider donating (as a family, business, or organization) to this very worthy cause. Any donation amount is gladly accepted and truly appreciated!!

If you have additional questions, please email us:

starlinePTA@gmail.com or contact Kristin at 453-3337

Thank you ~ The Starline PTA



PLEASE USE OUR CROSSWALKS AT ALL TIMES

We understand our parking and drop off areas are not as convenient as we would like them to be. This is the only disadvantage of having a neighborhood school. Please use the crosswalk each and every time when crossing the street.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Please make sure your child has everything they will need for school when they come in the morning including, backpacks, lunch money, homework, **after school arrangements**, jackets, sweaters etc... We try very hard to limit classroom disruptions. The Starline Starblazers appreciate your help and cooperation with this.

HUGE STARLINE SHOUT OUT

A huge Starline THANK YOU goes out to the American Legion for collecting all the pull tabs and to Mr. Haugen for bringing them to Starline!! Thank you very much for all the pull tabs and the Ronald McDonald house THANKS you too!!

HOMEMADE FOOD ITEMS

We want to remind everyone, all party food items that are brought to school, must be store bought. Please do not send homemade items. As much as we all love a good homemade cupcake or cookie, we have a lot of students with food allergies and it is important that we are able to read all the ingredients that are in the items. Thank you for your understanding.

