



Grant Elementary School
425 West Upham Street
Marshfield, WI 54449

Grant Gazette

*At Grant Elementary **WE** Learn the Way, To Know the Way, To Show the Way!*

September 2019

Grant Elementary Starts the new school year in FANTASTIC fashion!

On behalf of the Grant Elementary staff, I would like to offer a BIG THANKS to everyone for your contributions, assistance, patience, and awesome positive attitudes as we begin the 2019 – 2020 school year! The first day of school was terrific! All students are doing a commendable job interacting with their new classmates, forming relationships with their peers and teachers, and in learning new classroom and school procedures.

Working together with all of our families, Grant Elementary encourages parents and family members to be involved in taking an active role in our school and in their child(ren)'s education. The teachers and staff look forward to partnering with our parents/families in teaching and modeling respectful behavior, a strong work ethic, and to instill a love of learning. Our PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) involvement and support of enrichment activities and events in our school is highly beneficial to all students. In order to keep everyone informed of important information, upcoming events, and key dates occurring at Grant Elementary throughout the school year, a school newsletter will be published once a month, and posted to the Grant Elementary Web-Page (<https://www.marshfieldschools.org/domain/61>) in addition to being sent to all families using the school district Skyward Message Center. It is the hope of the Grant Elementary staff that this will assist everyone in keeping well informed of all the wonderful activities planned at our school!

As the Grant Elementary School Motto signifies, our goal is to have every one of our students “Learn the way, to know the way, to show the way!” With everyone working together as we embark on the 2019 – 2020 journey into learning, I am confident this goal can be achieved!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns that may arise. My door is always open, and I would be happy to meet. I can be contacted by calling (715) 384-4747, ext. 2102, or by email: damrauj@marshfieldschools.org

Sincerely,
Jeff Damrau
Principal, Grant Elementary



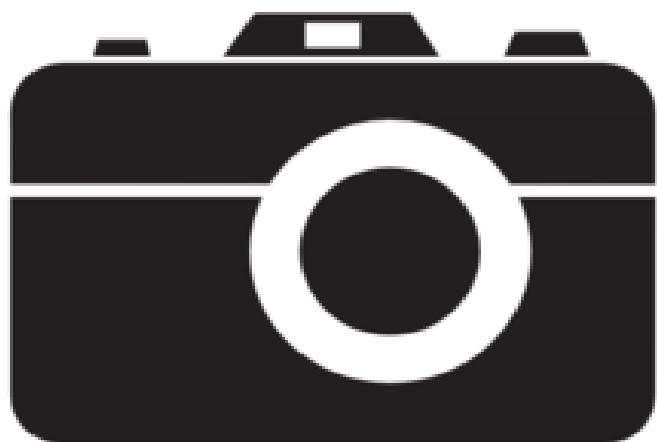
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 2—NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY
- September 12—Picture Day
- September 17 & 18—Vision & Hearing Screenings
- September 21—11 am PTO Color Run, Frey Field
- September 30—4-7 pm PTO Dinner Night, McDonalds

PICTURE DAY



Lifetouch will be taking student photos **September 12th, 2019.** Picture information was sent home at Open House. If you are in need of more order forms please contact the office.

Payment for pictures is only accepted through Lifetouch. Payments will not be taken in the school office for pictures.

Welcome Back!

Grant Elementary is very excited to welcome everyone back to school! We have a few new staff that we would like to introduce:

Frank Akey—School Psychologist

Jessica Herkert—6th Grade Teacher

Paige Thornton—Special Education Teacher

Riley Gebelein—Physical Education Teacher

* Please extend well wishes to Mrs. Carrol as she continues to heal from her accident. Long-term substitute, Kristine Johaneck will be filling in for her during this time.

We are so excited to welcome our new staff to our Grant School community!

I am positive we will have a GREAT school year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Banser

Assistant Principal, Grant Elementary



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PBIS – Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports

School Expectations of Marshfield Elementary Students

- I will be **RESPECTFUL**.
- I will be **RESPONSIBLE**.
- I will be **SAFE**.

Why PBIS works?

- Prevents unwanted behaviors
- Teaches new behaviors step-by-step
- Uses data to track behaviors and meet goals
- Proactive not Reactive
- Consistency throughout the school
- Lesson plans that incorporate expected behaviors

What Is PBIS

PBIS stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports.

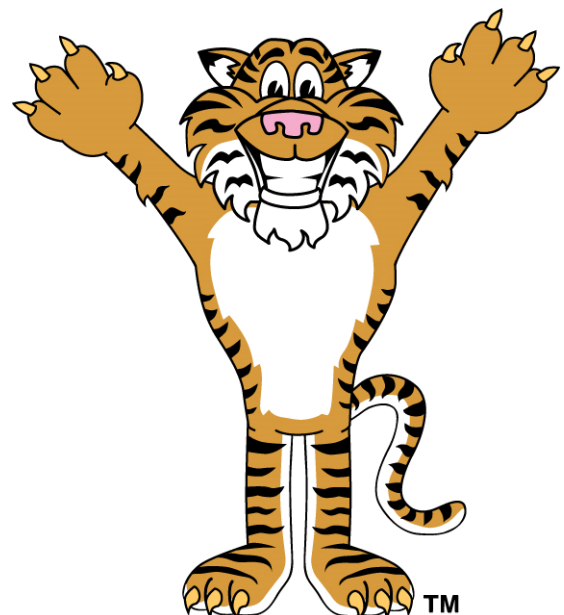
PBIS gives schools a framework for community-based learning that addresses student behavior. There are understandable practices embedded in the system using a three-tiered support system.

To achieve academic success PBIS integrates three elements to support the outcomes for social behavior success. When students disrupt the class and spend a lot of time out of the classroom they are not learning. Expected behaviors are modeled and taught and students are given time to practice the behaviors with feedback for reinforcement of these skills. Students and teachers will feel less frustrated on how to handle these behaviors and allow students to be successful academically.

The PBIS model recognizes that not all problem behavior is the same, nor do all students respond to the same types of interventions. The PBIS framework guides schools in meeting the need of students at all tiers through a continuum of interventions.

Walk to School Day Coming Soon

City of Marshfield, Marshfield Clinic and the Healthy Lifestyles-Marshfield Area Coalition will hold a month-long walk/bike to school contest. Students in grades K-6 are encouraged to participate. The challenge takes place in October and encourages students to walk or bike to school during the month. More details, and the flier, will come as we get closer to October.



Grant Elementary School Hours for the 2019–2020 School Year

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The Importance of Regular Attendance

Our # 1 Goal at Grant Elementary is for all students to achieve their very BEST! Parents/Guardians, you play a critical role in achieving this goal. **Starting each day on the right foot is the important first step. To be successful, students must arrive at school on time and be prepared for the day. Learning begins at 7:55 AM every day, so it is vital that students arrive at school no later than 7:50 AM.** If your student participates in the breakfast program, they should arrive at school no later than 7:35. The school day ends at **2:45 PM**.

If students must miss school due to illness or appointments, **District policy requires that you call the school or send a signed note that excuses your child when s/he is absent.** Please direct these notes and calls to the school office rather than to individual teachers. The number to call to excuse your child is 715-384-4747 and prompt 0 (zero) to leave a message about attendance. Even in the middle of the night, calls to school can be made to school to report that s/he will not be in attendance the next day. If you forget to call or send a note, your child will be counted as unexcused. In cases of absences for medical reasons, please provide the school a statement from a physician so that these days are not used in calculating the 10 excused absences. Thank you for your cooperation.

As a point of reference, parents & students should make every attempt not to miss more than 2 days of school per quarter. Specifically, as written in Wisconsin Statutes:

“A child cannot be excused for more than 10 days in a school year.”^s 118.15(3)(c)

In addition:

“If a student misses part or all of five (5) or more days without an acceptable excuse in a school semester, the student is “habitually truant.”^s 118.16(1)(a)

We want **every student** to achieve at his or her highest level, and by working together we can make this happen for all of the students at Grant Elementary. Thank you for all that you do to assist the staff members of Grant Elementary in our goal of providing the very best for your child.

FREE/REDUCED MEALS APPLICATION FORM

We encourage you to consider applying for the “Free and Reduced Price School Meals Program” that is available in our school. Many parents do not take advantage of the fact that they might qualify for free or reduced priced meals – both breakfast and lunch – at school. This program is beneficial to you if you qualify and it is also beneficial to the school district if you qualify. You may apply for Free and Reduced Lunches online electronically through your Family Skyward Access or you can pick up an application in the office. Please contact the school office if you have any questions about completing this form. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Households that are receiving Food Share or W-2 benefits DO NOT have to fill out an application for free meals this year. Those households are directly certified and automatically qualify for free meals. School officials will notify you of your child’s eligibility and your child will be provided free meals unless you tell the school that you do not want that benefit. If you have not been notified, submit an application. The application must contain the child’s name, the Food Share or W-2 cash benefits case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE!

Available for those with Skyward Family Access online food payments can be made Students Grade K-12 at this time.

For your convenience, the Marshfield Area School District has contracted with RevTrak, a national credit card payment processor, to provide you a simple, secure, and convenient way of making online payments for lunch payments. Parents sign in through the Skyward Family Access parent portal, then pay online with VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit or debit cards. Our Web Store accepts payments over the internet 24/7. **Please note:** There will be a transaction fee charged for processing at checkout.

Pay the Following Fees Online:

- ☐ Food Service (Skyward)
- ☐ New Student Registration \$15 (Skyward)
- ☐ Material Use Fee \$15 (Skyward)

Parents can make payments online while on their home or work computer, any time of the day. It only takes a few minutes to make a payment using a VISA, MasterCard, or Discover credit or debit card.

To make an online payment follow these simple steps:

- ☐ Visit our district site at **<http://www.marshfieldschools.org>**
- ☐ From the Parents tab, log on to **Skyward Family Access**
- ☐ Click on the Food Service tab
- ☐ Click on the Make a Payment link next to your student’s name
- ☐ Make payment using a **VISA, MasterCard, or Discover** debit or credit card

If you have any questions, please contact your school office.

BREAKFAST /LUNCH PRICES 2019-2020

Meal Prices

Breakfast:

Paid (Elementary) \$1.35

Paid (MS/HS) \$1.50

Reduced: \$0.25

Adult/Seconds: \$2.00

Milk \$0.40

Lunch:

Paid (Elementary): \$2.70

Paid (MS): \$2.80

Paid (HS): \$3.00

Reduced: \$0.40

Second Entrée: \$2.25

Adult/Seconds: \$3.75

Breakfast Program:

The National Breakfast Program is available in **ALL** schools to each student every morning. You do not have to register your child in advance and you receive the same meal benefit category that you also qualify for in the lunch program. Your child can eat breakfast at school every day or occasionally. The breakfast program provides $\frac{1}{4}$ of your child's nutritional needs, meets Dietary Guideline recommendations, and offers children a chance to eat breakfast with their friends.

School Breakfast is an ideal solution for those busy mornings when children are running late or parents have to be to work early. Whatever the reason, if breakfast at home is not convenient, please have your child take advantage of breakfast here at school. Research has shown that starting the day with a nutritious breakfast helps students stay alert and perform better in school.

Negative Balance Policy

For elementary students, no more than **three (3) charges** are allowed per student. If the family cannot be contacted by phone, a letter will be sent. After the 3rd charge, elementary students will be served a sandwich and water until the account is paid in full. The appropriate cost for the sandwich will be added to the family account. Negative balances that are unpaid throughout the year transfer to the next school year.

Featured Recipe

The featured recipe was started last April with the new design of the lunch menu and will appear again in late October/early November. These recipes are made from scratch and include a unique ingredient. It is a great way to educate and expose students to nontraditional grains. The recipes are available on the school website under Food and Nutrition. We can't wait to share what is coming up this fall!

Farm to School

Each month, Food Service try to incorporate local food into the menus. This year we will focus on adding in fresh, local produce when it comes available.

Food Service Website

Please take some time to look through the district's Food Service website.

www.marshfieldschools.org (Click "Administrative Departments" on the bottom row and select "Food & Nutrition")

Here you will find Farm to School information, menus, free & reduced applications, nutritionals & special dietary needs information, featured recipes, and school wellness information.

Lunch Pins

The students will be using a 4 digit pin instead of a lunch card. The pins are located on your Skyward Family Access account. The assistants and teachers will have the pins at the lunch computer for Elementary students. Please practice these pins to help us get students through their lunch lines as quickly as possible.



BREAKFAST

Elementary

September 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
No School Labor Day!	3 Breakfast Kit <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	4 HOT Mini Waffles Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	5 Whole Grain Muffin String Cheese Fruit Cup Milk	6 HOT Fruit Strudel 100% Fruit Juice Fruit Cup Milk
9 Breakfast Kit <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	10 Yogurt Cup w/ Scooby Crackers Fresh Fruit Milk	11 HOT Pancake/Stick Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	12 Purple Daze Smoothie String Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk	13 HOT Breakfast Wrap Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
16 Whole Grain Cereal String Cheese Fruit Cup Milk	17 Zucchini Bread Slice String Cheese Fresh Fruit Milk	18 HOT Mini Cinis Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	19 Yogurt Parfait w/ Homemade Granola Dried Cranberries Strawberries/Blueberries Milk	20 HOT Omelet with Homemade Bread Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk
23 Breakfast Kit <i>(includes cereal, crackers and 100% Juice)</i> Fruit Cup Milk	24 Mini Cream Cheese Filled Bagels Fruit Cup 100% Fruit Juice Milk	25 HOT Soft Filled Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Raisins Milk	26 HOMEMADE COFFEECAKE Nasonville Dairy Cheese Fruit Cup Milk	27 HOT Pancake Bites Fresh Fruit 100% Fruit Juice Milk
30 Whole Grain Cereal String Cheese Fruit Cup Milk	<div> <p>FREE/REDUCED MEALS: If you would like to receive free or reduced priced meals, please complete a Free and Reduced meal application. One application will cover the entire household. You can also apply online under your Skyward Family Access account.</p> </div>			
<p>Farm to School</p>	<p>See website for a food allergen/pork listing</p>			

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ICE COLD MILK

OPTIONS:

Fat Free White

Low Fat White

Fat Free Chocolate

*All Meals Include

All grain and bread products are 100% whole grain



Menus are subject to change.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



LUNCH

Elementary

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9 Cheese Omelet w/ Ham & Homemade Bread Applesauce Mixed Fruit Wisc. Vegetable Blend Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes	3 Chicken Nuggets Fresh Apple Peaches Fresh Carrots Steamed Green Beans	4 Mini Corn Dogs Strawberries Mandarin Oranges Fresh Broccoli Baked Beans	5 Spaghetti w/ Meatballs Garlic Toast Orange Wedges Pears Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Mixed Vegetables	6 Hot Cheesy Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Fresh Grapes Pineapple Fresh Carrots Steamed Corn
16 Chicken Snack Wrap Fresh Apples Peaches Lettuce, Tomato Shredded Cheese Mixed Vegetables	10 Soft Shell Taco Fiesta Beans Pears Orange Wedges Lettuce & Tomatoes Shredded Cheese	11 Pepperoni Pizza Apple Slices Mandarin Oranges Fresh Carrots Steamed Corn V-Blend Juice	12 Cheeseburger on a Bun Orange Wedges Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Green Beans Strawberry Milk	13 French Toast Sticks w/ Little Smokies Fresh Grapes Pineapple Fresh Carrots Cucumber Slices
23 Chicken Strips Apple Slices Pears Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli	17 Taco Salad Orange Wedges Pears Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Fiesta Beans	18 Mini Sub Sandwich w/ Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Strawberries Apple Slices Fresh Carrots and Broccoli Mini Rice Krispy Treat	19 Popcorn Chicken Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Steamed Corn	20 Hewitt Meat Hot Dog/Bun Fresh Watermelon Dried Cranberries Potato Salad Baked Beans
30 Chicken Nuggets Apple Slices Pears Fresh Carrots Brussel Sprouts	24 BBQ Pork on a Bun Orange Wedges Mixed Fruit Fresh Carrots Baked Beans	25 Mini Corn Dogs Fresh Apple Pineapple Cucumbers Mixed Vegetables	26 Creamed Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes & T-Bun Orange Wedges Peaches Garden Salad w/ Tomatoes Fresh Broccoli	27 Cheese Pizza Fresh Grapes Strawberries Fresh Carrots Green Beans Orange Sorbet



Farm to School



Meatless Entree



Featured Recipe

See website for food allergens, carbohydrate counts, pork product list and all featured recipes. www.marshfieldschools.org

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

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Online Meal Payments

Online meal payments are now available. Payments can be made through your Family Skyward Access. If you do not have your username/password, please stop into your school office.



All of our homemade breads and buns are 100% whole grain and baked fresh daily.



Ice cold milk options available daily: fat free white, low fat white, and fat free chocolate.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT NURSES

As a new school year begins, we ask that you take the time to talk with your children's teachers, building principal, and the district nurse to alert them to any health problems your child may have. In the event that a health concern should arise during the school day, this allows school staff to anticipate the student's needs and gives parents the opportunity to share with school personnel those strategies that you know to be effective in handling any medical emergencies. In addition, be sure to indicate any medications, allergies, and restrictions in activity or diet that you feel are important.

Please keep school staff informed of any changes in your children's health status as well. We encourage parents to have an open line of communication with all those involved with your child during the school day. It is only with your help that we can do our best to ensure the safety of each student while they are in school.

Please do not hesitate to contact Judy Akin, RN,MS or Tammy Voss, RN, District Nurses at 389-6718 (Pager) if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

Dispensing Medication at School

The student handbook contains detailed information regarding the dispensing of medication at school, so we ask that you read this information very carefully.

We would like to highlight the fact that written authorization from a physician is required for prescription medications to be dispensed by school personnel. Also, parents are required to bring the medications to school Medication authorization forms are available at the school office. Nonprescription medications will only be dispensed upon written authorization from a parent or guardian.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Akin if you have any questions regarding the school district's medication policy.

Handbook & Newsletters Online

The Student Handbook and monthly newsletters are posted online. All parents will get a hard copy of the first newsletter, but after that you will receive an email alert to link to our online monthly newsletter

To access the Student Handbook and newsletters, go to the District website at:
www.marshfieldschools.org

Put your cursor on the word "Schools" and then scroll down to Grant Elementary. Click on our school webpage and find the Handbook and monthly newsletters along the left hand side of the page. Just click on them to open them up and read online or run a hard copy for yourself. Please contact the office to request a hard copy of these items if you'd prefer one.

Drug & Weapon Free Zone

Parents, please talk to your children about what is and is not OK to bring to school. It is **not OK** to bring toy guns or knives, live or spent shells, or any other item that may remotely resemble a weapon. If a student realizes he/she has a knife, toy weapon, or anything that might resemble a weapon in their backpack, they **MUST** immediately tell their bus driver or adult ASAP and report to the office to have the item locked in a safe place until it can be retrieved by an adult.

This law also applies to adults carrying a knife or multi-use utility knife in a belt holder, purse, or pocket. Help keep our schools totally safe by leaving any potentially dangerous devices out of our school and off school grounds.

While the State of Wisconsin has passed a Concealed and Carry Law, restrictions to this apply while on school grounds. (It is a **felony** for a person to knowingly **possess** a **firearm** (concealed or otherwise) on the **grounds** of a school. *Wis. Stat. § 948.605(2)(a) unless you meet the criteria for exception under state law.*)

Directory Data

The School Board has developed a policy regarding the dissemination of Student Directory Data. Student Directory Data refers to the following items: student name, address, phone number and the name of parents and/or guardians. If you wish to keep all or part of this information private, you need to contact the school office within 14 days to inform us of this.

We should point out that in the past we have not had requests for this type of information with the exception of names and addresses for articles or pictures that may have appeared in the News Herald. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Mr. Damrau.

Student Nondiscrimination

The School District of Marshfield is an equal opportunity education institution and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, sex (including transgender status, change of sex or gender identity), or physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability ("Protected Classes") in any of its student programs, activities, or employment practices.

To reference the full policy, please visit www.marshfieldschools.org. District policies (2260, 3122, 4122) can be found under District/Board of Education/Policies.

For information regarding civil rights or grievance procedures, contact the Director of Student Services, Tracey Kelz at 1010 East 4th Street, Marshfield, WI 54449 (715-387-1101). For information regarding services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by handicapped persons, contact Ron Sturomski, Director of Building and Grounds at 1010 East 4th Street, Marshfield, WI 54449 (715-387-1101).

Student Religious Accommodations

The School District of Marshfield will provide reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements.

Dress Code Reminders

Please review with your student the following excerpts from the Student Handbook. **Students who violate the guidelines of school**

attire will need to call home to have a parent bring in appropriate clothing.

- clothing should always completely cover the torso from above chest cleavage to **mid-thigh**; no midribs showing
- clothing items such as backless tops, halter-tops, strapless tops, and tube tops are not allowed
- tank tops with approximately a 2-inch strap will be allowed
- shoes or sturdy sandals must be worn at all times **flip flops not allowed**



Have you moved? Has your phone number changed? Do you have a new job? Are you not attending public school in Marshfield next year?

If you can answer **YES** to any of the above questions, please be sure that you have provided your new information to the school office.

Nearly every day we have difficulty reaching a parent or guardian regarding a student illness, injury, etc., due to outdated information. It is extremely important that we have accurate parent/guardian information on file, as well as current emergency contact/pick up information in the event that we are unable to reach a parent/guardian.

Thank you for helping us keep your students safe!

Volunteering

Parents who would like to volunteer at the school in the classroom or for a field trip need to complete the volunteer application. These can be found on the district website in the family section. **Please allow two weeks for processing.**

Visits During School Hours

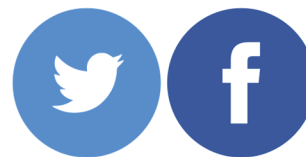
If you need to get a message to your student, or deliver something to your student during school hours, please call or stop in the office. Mrs. Lenz or Mrs. Heiman will make sure your request is processed. In order to preserve valuable instruction time, parents/guardians are not allowed to proceed to classroom areas unless previous arrangements have been made at least 24 hours in advance with the classroom teacher. We appreciate your cooperation and support to ensure each child at Grant is receiving the highest quality education!

A reminder to parents/guardians/adults and community members:

Smoking, use of tobacco products and/or use of products such as e-cigarettes is not allowed on any school property. This includes inside your personal vehicles while on school property, in parking lots, in school driveways, drop-off areas, and so forth. Any adult doing so may be asked to extinguish and discard such products or leave school district property immediately. Please assist us by abiding by this health and safety policy for our children, and thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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