



“Go Maroons”
Menominee Area Public Schools
Central Elementary School

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Dear Families,

As we embark upon a new school year, the staff would like to express how excited we are to have your child enrolled with us at Central Elementary School. Your child’s health, safety, and academic needs are our top priorities, and we plan on doing everything we can to ensure that these needs are fulfilled to the best of our abilities.

Please read the following information carefully, which discusses important information about the school year:

Arrival/Dismissal: This school year, students will use the **courtyard entrances** (outside classroom doors) to enter and exit the building. This will help alleviate congestion and aid in social distancing. Each classroom has a colored dot painted on the exterior cement, and a sign on the door indicating the grade and teacher. **Use of our parking lot before and after school is FORBIDDEN unless you have a handicapped parking sticker on your vehicle.** We have students that will be lining up near the parking lot and this will help ensure the safety of all of our students here at Central.

Bussing: Any eligible student that will be riding the bus to or from school, will need to fill out the transportation form. **Please call the bus garage at (906) 863-3331** to ensure your child is registered for the bus before starting school.

Important Information: Your child will receive a purple communication folder. Any forms that we will need filled out and returned to school will be inside these purple folders. **Any information printed on purple paper means it must be returned to school.**

Dress Code/COVID-19 Protocol: All Staff and Students are to wear masks while at school. This is part of the new dress code during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, all students and staff will be wearing lanyards with their Identification badge attached. This is to help identify students at the start of the school year, but will also be used for students receiving breakfast or lunch, and also to help identify our bus students. ID badges and lanyards will remain at school and should not be worn home.

Breakfast/Lunch/Snacks: Breakfast will be provided in the classrooms this year as students arrive at school. If you would like your child to take breakfast at school, please be aware of this change. Lunch will be served as usual at school. Cold lunches can be brought to school and stored in your child’s locker each day. **We also ask all families to complete the free/reduced lunch application, even if your child doesn’t qualify or will be bringing cold lunch. We receive federal funding based on this information.** We are limiting the amount of class-wide treats/snacks this school year. Please pack your child a snack each day (one for the morning and

one for the afternoon). We suggest that you please be mindful of peanut allergies that your classroom may have.

Supplies: Please bring only the supplies that your child will need at the start of school. Our supply lists are meant for the entire school year, however, due to COVID-19 concerns, it would be best for your child to bring their labeled pencil box with the appropriate supplies inside since we will not be sharing any items this school year. **Please make sure to put your child's name on all items that can be labeled (this includes jackets, shoes, etc.)**

Parent/School Communication: We use Class Dojo at Central Elementary School. This is a positive behavior classroom app, as well as a great communication tool for our school families. You will be added to your child's classroom and will be able to receive/send instant messages, pictures, updates, and more. **We encourage all families to participate in this positive behavior and messaging tool to stay up-to-date on Central's happenings.**

Schedule for Arrival/Dismissal:

September 1st, 2020 - June 4, 2021

The Playground is CLOSED before the start of the school day.

School opens **7:40am** - Students enter the courtyard doors (**as listed above**) Tardy bell **7:55am** - Students need to be inside the school/classroom. Dismissal **3:10pm** - Students are dismissed and will exit via the courtyard doors.

We don't know what the rest of the year may look like. We don't know if we will have to be learning virtually again, or if we will remain in-person. What we DO know is that we will love, care for, and nurture your children while they are at Central. We will do our absolute best to keep every child safe, healthy, and happy. It truly takes a village, and this year more than ever, we will need to continue to support one another as we work through what might be the most memorable school year of our lives. We get the pleasure of starting your child's educational journey from the beginning, and we could not be more excited to start that journey this school year!

Sincerely,
Randi Ahrndt
Central Elementary Principal