

Shell Rock Elementary ~ End of the Year Newsletter ~ 23-24

A Message from Micky Bahlmann ~

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to express my great appreciation for having the opportunity to serve Shell Rock Elementary School students, staff, and families as I will be retiring at the end of the school year. It has been such an honor and privilege to be part of this great school, and I will miss everyone greatly. There are many exciting adventures that lie ahead ~ the future is bright! Wishing you a healthy, safe, sunny, and fun-filled summer.



End of the year details~

- **Last Day of School...** The last day of school will be **Thursday, June 1st**, there will be an **early dismissal time of 12:25** that day.
- **Lunch & Milk Account Reminder...** The Waverly-Shell Rock food service staff is requesting that all **lunch and milk accounts are paid in full** by **Tuesday, May 30th**. If you have a balance left in your family's account, it will remain in the account to be used next year. Thank you for your assistance!
- **Report Cards...** This year, we will be mailing report cards home on **Thursday June 8th**. Your child's teacher for next year will be identified, and a copy of the supply list from your child's upcoming teacher will be included. If you are out and about shopping this summer, you can pick up supplies!



A Reminder from the Office~

If your student takes medication at school, please make sure to make arrangements with Mrs. Borrett, to pick up the excess medication prior to Friday June 2nd. This would include "as needed" medication. A reminder will be sent out the week of May 29th - June 2nd via Email.

Saying Farewell ~

We want to give a heartfelt goodbye to the following, **Teachers:** Miss Gerk, Mrs. Kuntz, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Miner **Associates:** Teri Neal
We will miss them greatly, and we wish them all the best!

Shell Rock Elementary is so Thankful for our Parents and Students!

*We are excited about next year and all of the things that await us.
Thank you for supporting us in the 2023-2024 school year.
Your continued support of Shell Rock Elementary is greatly appreciated!*



A Warm Welcome to ~

Suz Smolkhagen ~ Principal:

Mrs. Smolkhagen will serve as the new Shell Rock Elementary Principal. She has been a AEA Team Rep for the past 24 years serving Southeast and Shell Rock Schools in W-SR where she has supported special education services. She is very excited to begin her new role as principal and looks forward to getting to know Shell Rock students and families in 2023-24!

Christine Jacobs: Mrs. Jacobs has been hired to fill the new elementary teacher librarian position. She will be serving all 4 elementary schools in W-SR and will work closely with the library associates in each building to provide media and library services for our students. She previously served as a shared K-12 teacher librarian in the Hampton-Dumont and CAL School Districts.

Alicia Phillips - 1st Grade: Mrs. Phillips has been hired to teach the second section of 1st grade next year. She has been teaching in the Clarksville School District for the past 3 years. Mrs. Phillips has numerous connections to W-SR - she has subbed in the district in the past, lives in Shell Rock, and her children currently attend W-SR High School.

Jessica Harrington ~ Preschool: Mrs. Harrington has been hired as the new Preschool Teacher for the M/W/F 4 year old program and the T/TH am 3 year old program. She completed her student teaching this spring and has had past experiences as a preschool special education associate and a co-teacher at Head Start. We've also been fortunate that she has subbed in the Shell Rock preschool this spring! She and her family live in Nashua.

New School Counselor - Position will be filled soon.

Classrooms and Staff at Shell Rock Elementary School for School Year 2023-2024...

Here are the grade level sections and teachers who will be serving Shell Rock Students in 2023-2024.

Classroom Teachers:

- Spec Ed Preschool- Mrs. Vincent
- Preschool- Mrs. Harrington
- Kindergarten - Mrs. Bruns
- 1st grade - Mrs. Johnston
- 2nd grade - Mrs. Phillips
- 2nd grade - Mrs. Pierce
- 3rd grade - New 2nd Grade
- 3rd grade - Mrs. Hermsen
- 4th grade - Mrs. Sherburne
- 4th grade - Mr. McGrane

Special Education/Title I Teachers:

Mrs. Molstead and Ms Smith will serve as the special education teachers and Mrs. Steiert will continue to serve students in Title Reading.

Specials Teachers: Mrs. Benschoter (music), New Guidance Counselor), Mrs. Luck (Media), Christine Jacobs (Media), Mrs. Steuer (Art), Mrs. Wilkinson(PE) will serve as our specials teachers in 23-24.

Getting Ready for 2023-2024.

All 2023-2024 school year registrations will take place on-line. The instructions for this will be emailed out approximately mid-July. If you do not have email, please check the WSR website, wsr.k12.ia.us, for registration information starting mid-July. The traditional walk-in registration will be on Thursday, **August 3rd** from 8:30AM-3PM at Shell Rock Elementary. Kiosks will be available to use that day to complete the online registration.



Registration Fees (Due in August 2023) will be able to be paid in one of the three ways:

1. Credit Card on-line (credit card fees will be charged for this option.)
2. Cash or Check—Take to the Business Office during the summer, or bring to Shell Rock Elementary August 3rd or after.
3. Check—Mailed to the WSR Business Office before July 31st

Mail To: Registration Payment
Waverly— Shell Rock Community Schools
1415 4th Avenue SW
Waverly, IA 50677

Open House...

We will be hosting an **Open House on Monday, August 21st, from 11:30-12:30 p.m.**, the day before school starts. All PK-4th grade students and their families may come to school and bring their supplies, see the classroom, and meet the teacher.

First Day of School...

The first day of school for the 2022-2023 school year will be **Tuesday, August 23rd beginning at 8:05 a.m.**



Intake Conferences...

During the first week of school, we will again hold Intake Conferences with parents. This is a Parent/Teacher Conference that will be a 15 minute scheduled conference with the goal of having parents share information about their child, and to have the opportunity to visit with your child's teacher and learn about the classroom as the new school year is beginning.

New Building, New Hours...

The Shell Rock school hours will change next year to allow time for students to be transported to Waverly and to be aligned with the Waverly elementary school schedules. School will **start at 8:25 a.m.** each day, and we will **dismiss on M/T/TH/F at 3:10 p.m.** and on **Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.**

Early Dismissal Times the first week back to school...

There will be early dismissals held during the first week of school to accommodate the conferences ~ more details will be sent to families regarding conference sign-up and information sharing this summer.

The schedule for the first week of school follows:

- Aug 23, 2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal - K-12 Intake Conferences (2:30 – 3:45)
 - Aug 24, 2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal - K-12 Intake Conferences (2:30 – 3:45)
 - Aug 25, 2:00 p.m. Early Dismissal - K-12 Intake Conferences (2:30 – 6:30)
 - **Sept 1, 12:40 p.m. **Special Dismissal – Compensatory**
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Shell Rock Elementary Renovation Details ~

We are very excited about the future renovation of Shell Rock Elementary! The details are really coming together and we wanted to update you on what that means for students and families for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year.

1. The plan is for all PK-4 grade Shell Rock Elementary students to move to the new NE Waverly building (along Horton Rd, south of St. Mary's Church) for the 23-24 school year. We anticipate that our students will be able to begin the school year in that building. If that changes, we will communicate with families as soon as possible.
 2. All Shell Rock Elementary students will be bussed to the NE Waverly building next year. Once the logistics - routes, times, locations, bus numbers - have been determined, that will be communicated to families. There will be a bus stop and parent drop-off location in Shell Rock as well as rural pick-up routes. We anticipate that Shell Rock Elementary students will be transported directly to the NE building for drop-off and will not stop at the High School for the bus exchange.
 3. We will plan to remain at the NE site for the whole school year, even if the renovations are completed before the end of the 23-24 school year.
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A Message from our guidance Counselor Amber Kuntz~

I wanted to let you know that my family will be relocating to the Cedar Rapids area this summer, as my husband and I have accepted positions in the College Community School District. It is hard to leave W-SR after 8 years of getting to know students, families, and staff, though we know it is the right choice for our family at this time. Thank you all for your support of me and the school counseling program as we worked together to help your kiddos succeed! W-SR will always hold a special place in my heart! Take Care!



Parent Resources

<https://foundation2.org/>

<https://www.askresource.org/>

<https://yourlifeiowa.org/>

<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/bremer/>

<https://www.mycountyparks.com/Event/County/Bremer/Default.aspx?action=back>

<http://www.waverlyia.com/public-library/programs/summer-reading-challenge/default.aspx>

FREE MEALS



TO-GO

FOR KIDS IN NEED

Breakfast and Lunch

Pick up Tuesday & Thursday 11a-12p

June 6 - August 10

Trinity United Methodist Church

1400 West Bremer Ave

Waverly, IA 50677

Must be 18 or younger to receive a meal, parent or guardian
can pick up meals for all children in the house.

REGISTER AT:

www.wsrUnitedWay.org/summerlunch