

Scenic Elementary

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New Opportunities with Blended Learning

Several weeks ago Scenic two families in the community made donations for the purchase of 38 Chromebooks for our students. This gift with our two laptop carts will enable our school to have a 3 to 1 ratio of students to laptops. This ratio will also allow teachers to begin to explore blended learning models. Blended learning will help to accelerate the D51 learning model to personalize learning for each student. Blended learning is when a student learns through an online delivery system “with some element of student control over time, place, path, and/or pace. The modalities... are connected to provide an integrated learning experience” (Horn, Stacker). By using an online program such as DreamBox or Lexia students are also able to get instant feedback by using the online system which helps accelerate their learning.

Classroom teachers are able to analyze learning data in real time and strategically create small groups to teach specific skills to students. This year we are just beginning our journey in this new 21st century learning model and teachers will pilot different software to meet the needs of different students. Each month I will hold a Parent Tech boot camp to help parents learn more about how to support their child at home.

August Calendar & Upcoming Events

- Wed. Sept. 6th** - Early Release @ 1:50 & AM Kindergarten
- Mon. Sept. 11th** - Patriot Day (Extended Flag Ceremony)
- Mon. Sept. 11th** - WHBN Flag Contest Begins
- Mon. Sept. 11th** - PTO Meeting 4:15 in Scenic Library
- Tues. Sept. 12th** - Gifted & Talented Info. Night 6 - 6:45 PM Day Care Provided
- Wed. Sept. 13th** - Early Release @ 1:50 & PM Kindergarten
- Tues. Sept. 19th** - Parent Tech. Boot Camp and Blended Learning Information Night
- Wed. Sept. 20th** - Early Release @ 1:50 & AM Kindergarten
- Fri. Sept. 22nd** - PTO Back to School BBQ 5:00-7:00 PM
- Wed. Sept. 27th** - Early Release @ 1:50 & PM Kindergarten
- Tues. Oct. 10th** - Picture Day, envelopes sent home on Monday, Oct. 9th
- Wed. Oct. 11th** - Scenic Walk-a-thon at Connected Lakes State Park

A or B Week?

Week of:

- Sept. 6th: B Week
- Sept. 11th A Week
- Sept. 18th B Week
- Sept. 25th A Week



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PTO Walkathon

This Friday Sept. 8th after our Flag Ceremony we will have an Assembly in our Gym to discuss with students the PTO Walkathon. Students will also receive their Walkathon packets this Friday. The Walkathon is on Oct. 11th at Connected Lakes State Park. This fundraiser is one of primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our reading aides in the classroom. Last year we raised \$16,000, which was less than previous years.

Reading Aides Early reading is one of the foundational skills needed for success later in school. At Scenic Elementary, we believe in providing our youngest readers with reading support in the classroom in addition to the regular classroom teacher. Intervention funds provide funding for our 1st and 2nd grade reading aides for a portion of the year. With only minimal intervention fund support from the district, we have to raise the majority of the funds to pay our reading aides. In order to keep them in the classroom and supporting kids for the entire year, PTO generously donates money to make that possible. However, we need additional support. Please consider making a small donation to Scenic Elementary PTO to help support and fund our reading aides – such a valuable asset to our learners.

Thank you to those of you who have already provided donations and those of you who are working hard to collect Walk-a-thon pledges.

GoFundMe for iPads

We have set up a GoFundMe Crowdfunding site to raise money specifically for purchasing 6 iPads for our Kindergarten classroom. iPads serve the needs of Kindergarten students better than laptops or Chromebooks and as our school begins to explore Blended Learning iPads will serve them better. The link to the GoFundMe site is <https://www.gofundme.com/scenic-elementary-kindergarten-ipad>

Pick-up & Drop-off Routines

Picking up and dropping off students at any school can be a hectic and busy time. In order to make this time safe and efficient please pull up all the way to the front of our school to give those behind you the chance to pull up. **Please, give our school bus the right of way.** They have to drop off students at certain times, so please give them space and time.

Social & Emotional Learning

As our School and District become more personalized we will spend time with students teaching Social & Emotional Learning. The skills taught in Social Emotional learning include skills such as Self-awareness, understanding others, making responsible decisions, and building healthy relationships.

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Software Dues

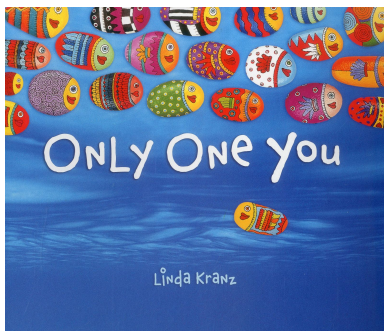
Last year, most of the students in the building used Dreambox as a supplemental math program both at home and at school. This year we are looking at several different programs for math and reading. However, the prices for programs are comparable to the costs for Dreambox, so we are asking parents to pay \$20 for software. Families that can not afford the \$20 will still be able to use the software and Scenic and the PTO will look for ways to cover the cost of the software.

Register to Vote

There are two ballot measures this November that will affect our school. If you have not registered to vote use the following URL to register to vote: <https://goo.gl/s44Pzt>

Art Grant

Last week our school was awarded a grant for \$957 to pay for an artist in residence to teach art classes during school. Our artist in residence is Nora Hughes. One of the projects that students will work on will focus on our book for the year "Only One You" by Linda Kranz.



PTO Back-to-School BBQ

Don't miss our annual Scenic BBQ to celebrate the start of the school year! This year's BBQ will be Friday, September 22nd from 5-7pm. There will be free family activities such as a bump-n-jump, yard games, and face painting. Special Events include teacher raffle and 5th grade cakewalk. Food will be available for purchase.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erica Ridgley at 970-210-7830.

Hope to see you there!!!

Teacher Raffle

We are once again selling raffle tickets for the annual teacher raffle to take place at the Scenic Family BBQ. Teachers are still submitting ideas for the raffle, so we will get that information out once we receive it. Raffle tickets will be on sale during the week of September 19th (Tues. Wed. Thurs) – more info to come!

Art Heritage Thanks!

A HUGE WHBN thank you to Erica Ridgley for volunteering to coordinate the Art Heritage program at Scenic We could not have continued this valuable program without her help.

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