

# Scenic Elementary

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W.H.B.N. – *Pass It Forward*

## Calendar & Upcoming Events

Monday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Open House – 5:30-6:30
Wednesday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back! Flag Ceremony @ 8:50 am
Wednesday, August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kinder Camp
	AM class: 9-10:15 am
	PM class: 10:30-11:45 am
Thursday, August 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Meeting – 4:15 pm
Monday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	First day for Kinders
Monday, August 15 <sup>th</sup>	D51 GT info night @ MCPLD
	5:30-6:30
Tuesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Fire Drill – 11 am
Tuesday, August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Info Night – see below for more info
Wednesday, August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Info Night – see below for more info
Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fire Drill – 2:30 pm
Friday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Scenic Shirt Orders due
Friday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No School – Educator Effectiveness day for teachers

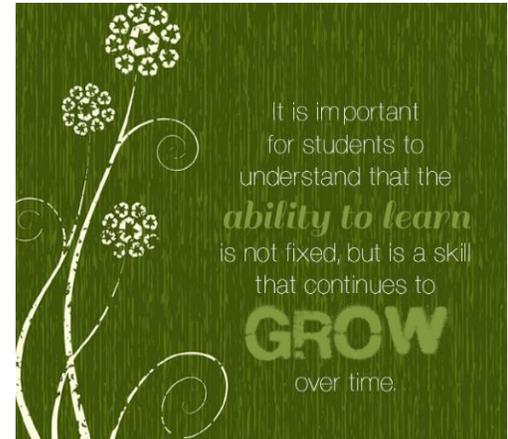
### A or B Week?

Week of:

August 7<sup>th</sup>: A Week  
August 14<sup>th</sup>: B Week  
August 21<sup>st</sup>: A Week  
August 28<sup>th</sup>: B Week

### Welcome Learners from Mrs. Landman!

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you to the 2016-17 school year. Teachers and staff have been hard at work preparing learning environments for our children. Not only have Scenic teachers been setting up their classrooms, but they have also been collaborating to grow deeper understandings of instruction and meeting the needs of every child. Teachers are laying the foundation for the PBL vision by embracing foundational concepts such as fostering a growth mindset, building Habits of Mind and



21<sup>st</sup> century skills and creating learner-centered environments. Throughout the year you will have several opportunities to learn more about these concepts and how you can support your child at home in his/her growth as a 21<sup>st</sup> century learner.

### School Hours

8:20 Breakfast begins  
8:35 Earliest arrival time for students

8:50 First Bell  
8:55 Tardy Bell  
3:50 Dismissal Bell

(1:50 dismissal on Wednesdays)

4:00 All students picked up by this time  
(2:00 on Wednesdays)

\*\*\* Please make note that the first day of school is early release. Students will be released at 1:50.



### **Morning Drop Off**

We love seeing your child in the morning, but please remember that drop off begins at 8:35 (unless students are attending breakfast). We do not have adult supervision on the playground before 8:35. Please drop your children off in the loop in front of the school\*\*. Pull as far forward as possible and have your child exit from the passenger side of the car. If your child needs a great deal of assistance unloading, please park in the parking lot and walk him/her to the side walk or playground. Also, students should proceed directly to the playground unless they are eating breakfast or have made prior arrangements with a teacher. \*\*PM Kinders should drop off on the east side of the building by the gym.

### **Afternoon Pick Up**

Pick up is one of the busiest times during the day at Scenic. Sometimes when we are in a rush to get to piano lessons or dance class, we might forget the importance of safety and courtesy. We will continue to work with law enforcement to make pick up safer and more efficient. Please remember the following when picking up your child:

- If using the pickup loop, pull up as far forward as possible *even if you see your child waiting*. We will send your child to you once you have stopped. This helps with the flow of traffic.
- Once your child has loaded, you may pull out in front of the other cars and proceed to the exit.
- If you park in the upper or lower lot, please exit your car, meet your child, and escort them to your vehicle.
- Please obey other traffic laws. Only drive on the right side of the road – including in the driveway into Scenic.
- Be patient – the goal is for pick up and drop off to be as safe as possible.
- Show W.H.B.N.

Students who are waiting on the hill that are not picked up (or have a parent present) by 4:00 (2:00 on Wednesdays) will be escorted to the pick up loop in front of the school. All students will then be escorted into the office to wait for their vehicle to arrive.

### **Lunch Times and Lunch Visitors**

We love having friends and families join learners during lunch. Please be sure to check in at the office first.

### **Lunch Times (con't.)**

Lunch times are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> grade: A week – 11:55; B week – 12:10  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade: A week – 12:10; B week – 11:55  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade: 12:20  
4<sup>th</sup> grade: 12:40  
5<sup>th</sup> grade: 12:30

### **Other Lunchroom News and Info**

Lunch menus will be direct mailed from Nutrition Services to your home address during the first week of school. Many improvements have been made to school lunches with students having a variety of healthy food choices that are made from scratch. An improved salad bar has been added as well. The salad bar includes several protein choices such as grilled chicken, hard boiled eggs, and quinoa. A link to the daily lunch menu can be found at <https://connect.d51schools.org/sites/shared/food/Pages/googletest.aspx> Prices are as follows:

Breakfast: \$1.60 Adult \$2.00  
Lunch \$2.60 Adult \$3.75 Milk \$.70

Please let the office know if you need information regarding free/reduced lunch.

### **Find us on Facebook**



Scenic Elementary has its very own Facebook page! Be sure to Like and Follow us to get updates on upcoming events, links to videos and articles and posts highlighting our learners. The media release you signed with your registration paperwork gives us permission to post your child's picture on our Facebook page. If you signed a media release, but do not want your child's photo included on our Facebook page, please let us know. We will never post your child's name without your express permission.

### **Farwell to Scenic Staff**

Over the summer, some members of the Scenic staff decided to pursue other directions in life. Miss Gigi (counselor) is cutting back on her hours so that she can spend time with her children and grandchildren. She continues to help families and children in the Grand Valley. Katie Finholm (Special Education) has moved to Broadway to work full-time. We wish both Miss Gigi and Mrs. Finholm the best of luck and all of our love!

### **New Staff**

We have two new dynamic staff members joining the Scenic team.

Welcome:

Autumn Sorensen – Counselor

Jami Ascherman – Special Education

### **Visitors and Volunteers**

Scenic is a wonderfully inviting community and we welcome parents and visitors here at school. However, we do ask that you follow some general guidelines when visiting and volunteering at Scenic.

- Sign in at the office and get a visitor badge.
- If you would like to visit or volunteer in your child's classroom, please make prior arrangements with your child's teacher to find out when would be the best, most appropriate time to visit and/or help.
- Visits during special activities (i.e. assemblies, class parties, etc.) are welcomed without prior arrangements with the classroom teachers.
- Siblings can sometimes be a distraction in the classroom and at class events such as field trips. Please check with your child's teacher as to whether or not it is appropriate for the student's sibling to attend.

### **Parent Information Nights**

Teachers will share general information about the year at Parent Information Night. You will have the opportunity to get to know your child's learning expectations and goals for the year. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the school year. Parent information nights will take place in your child's classroom on:

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>:

1st grade: 6-7pm

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades: 7-8pm

Mrs. Landman will share school information in the library from 5:45-6 and 6:45-7.

Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: 6-7 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> grade 7-8 pm

Mrs. Landman will share school information in the library from 5:45-6 and 6:45-7.

*Child care will be provided for all sessions.*

### **Scenic T-Shirts**

Show your Scenic pride by ordering a Scenic Chipmunks shirt. Orders are due by *Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>*. Please stop by the office for an order form. There will be other opportunities to order throughout the year.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading aides for a portion of the year. 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.

### **Attendance**

Thank you in advance for notifying our office if you child will be absent from school. If the office is not notified, the absence will be considered "unexcused." After four unexcused absences, a meeting with the parent, student and the principal will be required in order to complete an attendance plan.

### **Flag Ceremony**

Please join us for our Flag Ceremony and Principal's Awards every Friday at 8:50 am.



### **School Safety**

Student safety is a priority at Scenic Elementary. The unique design of the building requires different measures than a traditionally designed school building. We are working closely with law enforcement and D51 Safety & Security to ensure a safe environment for all students and adults and Scenic. We will have monthly fire drills as well as periodic "lockdown", "shelter-in-place", "evacuation" and "reunification" drills.

### **Emergency Contacts**

Please be sure we have updated and accurate information on how we can contact you in case of an emergency. Please be sure your

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child's additional contacts are updated as well.

### **Scenic Directory and FERPA**

Due to new FERPA regulations, we will no longer be distributing a student directory. If you are trying to obtain another student's address and/or phone number, please work directly with the other child's parent/guardian as our staff cannot provide that information to you.

### **Reunification Procedures**

Family reunification is a functional protocol that outlines the redirection of a school's occupants to a secured site that is removed from the scene of the crisis and supports the effort to reunite students with their families.

Should the need for a reunification arise, parents will be asked to park in the upper and lower parking lots and enter the building through the cafeteria door on the west side of the building.

### **Dress Code**

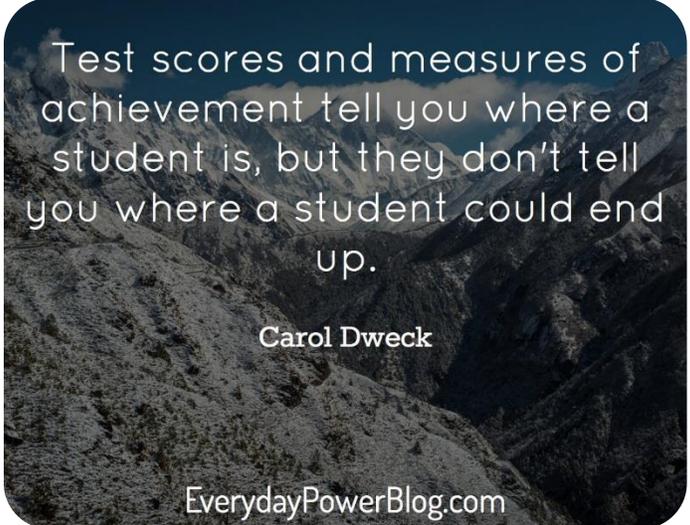
With and August start to the school year, temperatures are very warm. We realize the need for kids to be cool and comfortable at school, but please also dress them appropriately for a learning environment. It is essential that your child and other children can fully focus on learning during the school day. If students are dressed in a manner that distracts from learning, we will ask an adult to bring a change of clothes. Thank you in advance for your support!

### **Assessment Information**

Assessment is an ongoing process that gives us information about where a child is as a learner. It helps inform the teacher of next steps with a learner. Different types of assessments are given for different purposes. You child will be assessed both informally and formally throughout the school year. A new assessment, DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy) will be administered all K-3 students. The assessment is quick and provides teachers with information about students who may need additional reading support. The DIBELS assessment is given orally to the child, but the information is collected on a laptop or electronic device (such as a phone.) You may see our primary teachers collecting testing information with a

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cell phone or tablet throughout the school day. Teachers will share assessment information at conferences and/or as the need arises.



Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is, but they don't tell you where a student could end up.

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