



STEELE SCHOOL

December 2012



Steele School

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Attendance Information:

Tardy Students:

Be reminded that students may be at school at 8:20 a.m. Students entering the classroom after 8:45 a.m. are considered tardy and are subject to our tardy policies which include loss of recess and after school detentions.

When your child is absent or late...

Please, it is the parent's responsibility to call the office to report your child's absence each day they are gone from school. It is Illinois State Law. An absent child, with no call or notice from you is a major concern for the school staff – Did the child leave for school but did not make it? Please, call 343-0516 by 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence.

Doctor/Medical Appointments:

It is District #205's policy that if a student is absent from school because of a medical appointment they will need to have a physician's note turned in to the school in order for the student to receive an excused absence. If a physician's note is not received, the student will be marked for an unexcused absence. Thank You.

Steele School Musical needs your help!

Mrs. Fox is in need of the following items to make the musical possible:

Parkas/Outerwear Coats with fur trim around the hoods (Could even be adult sizes), Rubber boots or waders, Light blue shirts (that Postal workers would wear), Navy blue pants (Kids sizes or small adult – male or female), Ski pants, Ski jackets, Ski gloves, Ski poles, Skis, Ski goggles, Snowboard pants, Snowboard coats, Snowboard gloves, Snowboards, "Loud" plaid or striped pants or Sport coats, Wool scarves, Wool mittens, Fake fruit and vegetables, Hockey sticks, Snowmen (Free standing), Anything that would be "snow" related clothing (Scarves, etc.)

Mrs. Fox needs these items immediately following Winter Break at the latest. If it would be possible to borrow them before that, that would be great. She would need them until the end of January. Please clearly label anything that is brought in with your child's name.

Emergency Phone Numbers

Please insure that we have at least two contact numbers for you in case of an emergency. This is very important that we always have current phone/ cell phone numbers throughout the school year. If you are unsure about your emergency contact information or have made changes to your number please contact us at 343-0516 as soon as possible.



Snow Biz!

Presented by
Steele 4th & 5th Grades

January 28, 2013

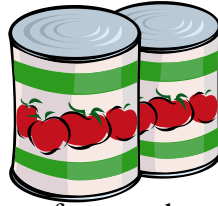
2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

in the Steele gym

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Canned Food Drive

Student Council is having a canned food drive running from December 3rd through December 11th. All the food collected will be donated to the FISH Food Pantry. One classroom from each pod with the most food collected will get a popcorn party. Thank you for helping us with this charitable cause!



Student Council Members Elected

We now have new student council members representing third through fifth grades. Student Council will be making decisions that benefit all the students at Steele and also establish charitable events for our students to participate in. Mrs. Zimmerman is the Student Council sponsor if you have any suggestions. Representatives that were nominated from the classes are:

- A-3** Nayana Foshay and (alternate) Isabella Stewart
- A-5** Kaitlyn Smith and (alternate) Abby Lipinski
- C-3** Azaria Foshay and (alternate) Kannon Kleine
- C-1** Kylie Randolph and (alternate) Tristan Hovind
- C-2** Alex Harvey and (alternate) Vicki Johnson
- C-4** Adam Stewart and (alternate) Catherine Maurizi
- C-5** Addi Hensley and (alternate) Kira Percy Wall

Congratulations to those that were voted as being the representatives or alternates of each class!!!

Construction Project:

Our construction is progressing very nicely at this time. The good weather that we have had has allowed all the foundation and floor to be poured for the addition. The iron came Friday, November 30th, and they should begin erecting the shell of the building during the first week in December.



The block layers have moved into our front hallway and have built the backside of the admin area. With this work being done visitors must walk down the gym and follow the signs to the office area.

The Geothermal Company has completed the drilling of all the wells. If you look at the geothermal field running adjacent to McClure Street you will notice many plastic pipes sticking up out of the ground. The company must now dig down by each set of pipes, connect the pipes together, and then cover them back up. Once completed our building will be heated and cooled through this “green” technology.



Steele Parking Lot

Child Safety Concerns:

Student safety is our biggest concern with our parking lot. For your child’s safety we have made it mandatory for cars to park both before and after school in a parking space. This allows your child to use the marked crosswalks to and from your vehicle. If parked along the North side of the parking lot your child can use the sidewalk that goes around our parking lot. We have already had some close calls with students walking behind cars. Please remind your children of the importance of walking down the crosswalks for their safety.

Bus Lane:

Please be reminded that the driving lane along the south side of the parking lot is for buses only. Our buses run on very tight schedules district wide and they must be able to use the bus lane without other vehicles blocking it.

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Steele School Winter Playground Policy

We will go outside under these guidelines:

- If the temperature is 20 degrees or higher, or if the wind chill factor is not below 20 degrees
- When we have snow cover, students without boots will not be allowed off the blacktop area
- If your child should remain indoors due to an illness, you may send a note. If it is for an extended period of time, we reserve the right to ask for a doctor's note.
- Remember to wear your coat!

PTO Meeting:

The next PTO meeting is being held Monday, December 3rd at 5:30 in the Steele School library.

Box Tops:

Our PTO collects Box Tops for education. During the month please submit your Box Top's with your child's name and classroom teacher labeled. The student who submits the most box tops each month earns a \$5 Wal-mart gift card. The class that turns in the most box tops for the year will receive a grand pizza party.

Early Dismissal:

Wednesday, December 12th is the only early out day for the month of December. Please be reminded that students will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m on December 12th.

Holiday Parties:

Holiday parties will be held Thursday, December 20th. We will begin our party activities with a sing along in the gym from 1:55 – 2:15, and then the students will go back to their classrooms for their party from 2:15 – 3:15.

Winter Break:

December 21st is the first day of Winter Break. This is a day for Teacher's Institute. Students will remain on break until school resumes Monday, January 7th, 2013.



A note from our School Nurse:

If your child requires prescribed medicine to be taken at lunch time, a school medical form signed by the student's doctor and you, must accompany the medicine (which needs to be in the proper bottle/box, this also includes inhalers). For over-the-counter medicines, the form only needs to be signed by the parent. Medical forms are kept in the office. We are **not allowed to given any medicine to students without signed forms.**

Snack and Treat Policy:

Due to health concerns and scheduling, treats and snacks for any occasion must be arranged in advance with the classroom teacher. All treats and snacks must be store bought and prepackaged with nutritional information listed. Treats and snacks must not require refrigeration and must have a clearly printed list of ingredients on the packaging. **No homemade treats, snacks or items from bakeries are allowed for distribution at school.** We strongly encourage you to select a treat or snack with nutritional value. Snacks brought to school, that do not comply with this policy, will not be distributed to students. If you need to know how many students are in a classroom, please call the office at 343 0516. Also, remember that teachers do not have plates, plastic-ware or cups, so please keep it simple.

Changes to ISAT cut scores:

ISBE has released new information regarding the upcoming ISAT tests in March. ISBE plans to significantly raise cut scores for the reading, math, and science test scores. These changes will make it more difficult for our students to be identified in the "Exceeds Standards" or "Meets Standards" category. This shift is to help us realize the rigor that is going to be necessary as we transition from the ISAT test to the new PARCC assessment.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2	3 Rising Star 12:00 – 3:30 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 PTO Mtg. 5:30	4 Geography Club 3:15 – 4:00 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 Cub Scouts 6 - 8	5 4 th to Civic Ctr. 9:10 – 11:15	6 4 th & 5 th Gr. Girls Choir Rehearsal Project Excel 3:30 - 4:30 Cub Scouts 6 - 8	7 4 th & 5 th Boys Choir Rehearsal	8
9	10 Geography Club 3:15 – 4:00 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 Board Mtg. 7:00	11 Star Student 11:30 – 12:30 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 Brownies 3:15 – 4:30 Cub Scouts 6 - 8	12 4 th & 5 th Gr. Girls Choir Rehearsal Early Dismissal @ 2:20	13 4 th & 5 th Gr. Boys Choir Rehearsal Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 Cub Scouts 6 - 8	14 PTO Book Grab Bag 10:30 – 12:00 Cub Scouts 6 – 8:30	15
16	17 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30	18 Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 Cub Scouts 6 - 8	19	20 Holiday Party 2 - 3 Turn in Box Tops Last Project Excel 3:30 – 4:30 2 nd Quarter Ends	21 Teacher Institute No School Winter Break	22
23	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break	29
30	31 Winter Break	1 Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4 Winter Break	5



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