

BEARPRINTS

Byron Intermediate School



Dear Intermediate Families,

It's hard to think that our school year is coming to a close. When the year started last fall there were a lot of unknowns and uncertainty as to how the school year would look. Maybe the one consistent thing we all agreed on is that it was going to be anything but "normal". Looking back that is fairly accurate. However, even with all the challenges, I believe a lot was learned as well. I know I've grown both personally & professionally through this experience and I hope you all have as well. We have all worked hard shaping the lives of our students and for that, I'm truly grateful. Your support, effort, and partnership along the way have been critical to the success we've experienced this year. The collaboration that began just nine months ago has been essential to this lifelong learning journey we've endured together.

Byron's Profile of a Graduate highlights the importance of shaping kids for their future. We have multiple examples of how we have embedded the 6 C's: collaboration, communication, citizenship, critical thinking, character, and creativity into our school community. This work has been magnified throughout this pandemic. We look forward to enhancing our Profile experiences over the next school year and connecting these concepts to our everyday learning.

This partnership will be renewed again in a few short months. Summer is a time to rest and reflect on all the wonderful experiences this year has offered even under challenging circumstances. In addition, it allows us all to reload, re-energize, and relax before a new, exciting school year begins. The summer also provides the opportunity to review some of the academic components of the school year. Each day this summer provides an opportunity for learning to take place. Here are a few low tech summertime ideas to keep the heart healthy and minds sharp:

- READ, READ, READ!
- Walk, bike, hike on the paths and trails throughout our city and county.
- Organize a family or neighborhood soccer or baseball game together.
- Plant a garden, a tree, pot a flower, or assist with landscaping.
- Have the kids invent or plan the menu for a family or BBQ.

We are putting the finishing touches on next school year already. Our hope and intent is to return in person next fall ready to LEARN. Our annual Party on the Playground event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 26th from 6:30-8:00pm at Byron Intermediate School. Both Primary and Intermediate schools will be continuing with our Before School Conference format also. Those are tentatively planned for August 30th, August 31st and, September 1st with the first official day of school on Thursday, September 2nd. These conferences serve a great purpose as our teachers are able to get an idea of what our students social/emotional needs are, along with who they are as learners, in addition to a one on one opportunity for you to ask your child's teachers questions and share important information that may assist with the school year. Childcare will be provided once again as an option through our community education Project Kids program. We wish you all a wonderful Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to all our Veterans for your service! Thank you again for a terrific year! Have a safe and exciting summer!

Be A STAR!
Abe Rodemeyer

End of Year Changes: As per the School Board, the last day of school has been changed to Thursday, May 27th.

Technology Turn In Information: Please make sure that your student returns their school-issued device, charging block, and cord on May 27th. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

5th Grade Clap Out: The 5th grade clap out will take place on Thursday, May 27 at 2:20pm. Parents are invited to attend. Please line up on the sidewalk that surrounds the Intermediate School by 2:15pm. As per MDH guidelines, all attendees must maintain social distancing and wear a mask.

Summer Band Lessons:

Summer band lessons are a great way to improve as a player over the long summer break! Lesson details:

- Monday - Friday, the weeks of June 7th and June 14th, 8:00am to 2:00pm.
- Individual lessons for \$20/half-hour lesson.
- Meet at Byron High School band room.
- One lesson per week is suggested, but you may sign up for more.

To sign up for summer lessons, please **follow this link**. I will use it to collect information in order to schedule your SPECIFIC lesson time

To PAY for summer lessons please **follow THIS link**. COMMUNITY ED will use it to collect your money.

For scheduling reasons, please fill out **BOTH** the Google Form AND the Community Ed webpage for you to successfully register for summer lessons. Feel free to email questions to jonathon.knutson@byron.k12.mn.us or call 507-775-2301 ext. 1129.

PLEASE COMPLETE REGISTRATION BY MONDAY, MAY 31ST IN ORDER TO GET A SCHEDULE OF LESSONS OUT TO YOU ALL DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

Have a great summer!

Mr. Knutson

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, May 27: Last Day of School

5th grade clap out, 2:20pm

Monday, August 30: Before School Conferences

Tuesday, August 31: Before School Conferences

Wednesday, September 1: Before School Conferences

Thursday, September 2: First Day of School



Engage Your Child Throughout the Summer

In a year filled with many challenges and uncertainty, it is important to monitor the social and emotional health of our children with intentionality to maintain positive growth throughout the summer.

We all want the same thing for our students and our children. We want them to be happy, to overcome challenges, to have positive emotions, meaningful relationships, to be engaged in life, and attain authentic accomplishments. The 7 Mindsets is a meaningful approach to doing so.

Join the Challenge

7 Mindsets is launching a 7-week Mindsets Challenge to encourage positive conversations, connections, and relationships at home and in the community. Each week they will share fun and engaging activities and resources to do with your child to empower their growth, happiness and success. The weekly challenges will be posted in the 7 Mindsets Parents' Corner on Facebook.



Connect with other Parents

We invite you to join the new 7 Mindsets Parents' Corner on Facebook!

This private community is a place for parents to connect, share ideas, learn, and grow together. You will find resources and activities to engage your child, foster conversation and connection, and help your child grow towards an authentic and happy life.



Join the Parents' Corner on Facebook by 5/17/2021 to get a FREE copy of the Amazon Best-Seller, 7 Mindsets to Live Your Ultimate Life book.



7 MINDSETS

The 7 Mindsets is a social emotional learning program that promotes self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. Students learn the mindsets each week through engaging lessons, activities, discussions, journaling, and reflective exercises.

The 7 Mindsets are Everything is Possible, Passion First, We are Connected, 100% Accountable, Attitude of Gratitude, Live to Give, and the Time is Now.

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Family Math at Home

Given recent circumstances, we wanted to put together a single place that pulls together all the **free resources and products** that we offer that can help parents and their children do math activities together.

