

November Newsletter

Your child's attendance is the most important factor to their success in school. Please make sure your child is in school, on time, every day. We understand that illness happens. If your child has a temperature of 100 or higher, they should not be in school.

November can bring colder weather. Remember to send hats, gloves and coats. Please write your child's name on their winter gear. We ask that students bring snow pants and snow boots when there is snow on the ground.

In November, we count our blessings. I am so very thankful for your children. They make us laugh, smile and enjoy every day we come to work. Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Mrs. Hatton

Reminders

For the safety of your child, please make sure that they are leaving school grounds after school. There is no after school supervision on the playground, or on school grounds. Together we will strive to keep our kids safe!

If your child is ill, or is going to be gone for a doctor appointment, etc., please call the school office (882-6350) or send a Remind to Mrs. Lunde by 9:00 am. If you would like to pick up homework after school hours, please indicate that when you call.

Communication is the key to success – if your address, work place or phone numbers change, please communicate that with the office, or email Administrative Assistant Timberly Lunde, with your information (timberly.lunde@k12.sd.us).

Thanks for keeping the lines of communication open!

Upcoming Events

11/6/25 Parent Teacher Conferences

11/26–11/28 No school – Thanksgiving

Set your clocks back 1
hour on 11/2/25

Weather and School Updates

by Dr. Jeff Danielsen, Superintendent

As we get to the time of year when the winter weather is approaching. I am writing this column to remind everyone of how late starts, early dismissals, and no school day decisions are made. It is important that you know, as parents, that your child's safety is my utmost concern. I also want you to know that if you don't agree with my decision, you can keep your child home or come and pick your child up from school early. The best decision possible is made with the weather information that we have - we view several television stations, drive the roads, as well as talk with the National Weather Service.

Late starts - Late starts are called for two reasons. The main reason is that we need more time to get the busses out on the county roads and we need the daylight for the roads in town and out of town to begin the plowing process. On a normal day, our bus drivers are ready to head out about 6:30-6:45 AM. When we have a 10:30 late start, that delays that time until 8:30-8:45 AM. The second reason is to "buy time", to see if the weather is going to get better and improve to start at 10:30 AM. I know this sometimes causes concern because of day care situations for parents, but I do use the late start time to review the conditions and see if they are going to improve. If they are not improving, then a "no school" decision is made.

Early dismissals - Early dismissals in the winter are primarily called to get students home with inclement weather during daylight hours. We may use a 12:30, 1:30 or 2:30 early dismissal time.

No School - We call no school when either weather is too difficult to get children to school with our busses (typically in town roads are better), and /or the weather is predicted to become worse throughout the day. This decision begins about 4:30-5:00 AM with several of us driving the in town roads and country roads. It also includes talking with meteorologist in Aberdeen about their predictions for snowfall, winds, etc. We make the best decisions possible, and sometimes the predictions are not 100% accurate.

Regarding cold temperatures: We will not call school off for cold temperatures unless the air temperature gets to the 25 to 30 below mark. Our busses are well heated and will run fine unless it is in that range of air temperature (busses don't feel wind chill). We do keep our buildings open for students when it is cold. Students won't wait outside in the bus lines, playground, etc. on those days. Unfortunately, the television media sometimes plays into the hype of calling off school around the state. You can be assured that we will not bring students to school if we believe they are in danger. If they have to walk to school on those cold days, I would ask that you find neighbors and friends and ask if they can help give your child a ride (please plan ahead). If you believe it is too cold, you can keep your child home. Northeastern SD is one of the coldest parts of the state during the winter and if we called off for the two-three weeks of cold weather we wouldn't be in session any of those days - that is why we use the 25-30 air temperature mark decision. Remember to help your child(ren) dress appropriately for cold weather - hats, boots, mittens, coats.

I hope this article helps you understand the thought process that goes into late starts, early dismissals, no school calls, and cold weather. As your Superintendent, I take your child's safety very seriously. We do our best, barring problems with technology, to get information to all television stations, our radio stations, our district website, and our phone calls to your home or cell phone to get you the latest information. Please make sure that your information is kept up-to-date at the principal's office so that the communication reaches you. Thank you.

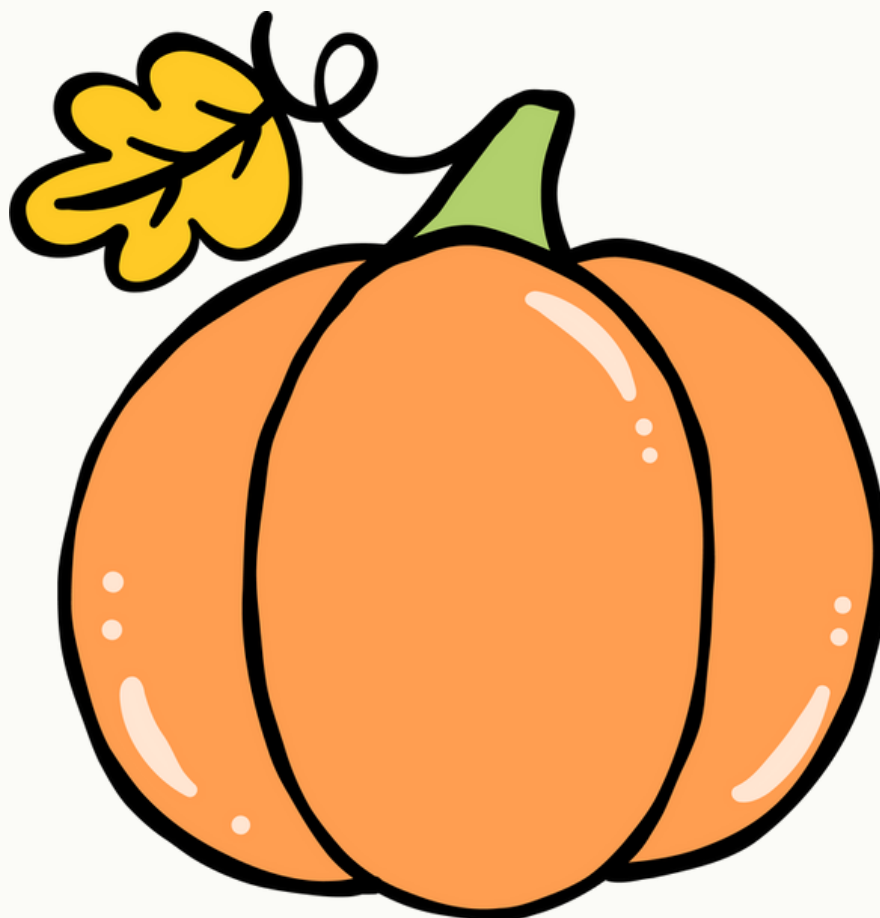


Conferences for all students will be held on Thursday, November 6th from 1pm-8pm.

Note: 11-6-25 is an early dismissal for JK-K students (12:20pm). No preschool this day; therefore PS conferences are 8am-8pm.



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EARLY Childhood

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS

For Children 3-5 years old
Must reside in the Watertown
School District

Screen students for potential
delays in speech/language,
motor, cognitive, and
social/emotional development

Screenings offered on:
September 19, 2025
October 24, 2025
November 21, 2025
January 30, 2026



Consistent with federal and state regulations, the Watertown School District engages in ongoing "Child Find" services to locate, identify and evaluate all students with disabilities residing within its jurisdiction, age birth through 21 inclusive

NOVEMBER 2025

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

FRUIT AND MILK IS OFFERED AT ALL BREAKFAST MEALS

VEGGIE BAR, FRUIT SELECTION AND MILK SELECTION ARE OFFERED AT ALL LUNCH MEALS.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
BREAKFAST: ³ WEEK 5 POPTARTS 33G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: MINI CORN DOGS 20G/30G BAKED BEANS 30G	BREAKFAST: ⁴ F. TOAST STICKS 38G SAUSAGE PATTY M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN <u>OR</u> CHEESE QUESIDILLA 33G H.B. COINS 21G	BREAKFAST: ⁵ BAGEL 31G <u>OR</u> BURRITO 29G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: ORANGE CHICKEN 26G FRIED RICE 27G FRUIT CUP 21G	BREAKFAST: ⁶ PANCAKE MINI 31G/MAX 36G OMELET 13G/26G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN TENDERS 12G/18G MASHED POT. 20G GRAVY 4G DINNER ROLL 23G	BREAKFAST: ⁷ BREAD LOAF 34G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: SPAGHETTI/MEAT 36G GREEN BEANS 4G GARLIC TOAST 12G
BREAKFAST: ¹⁰ WEEK 6 APPLE OR CHERRY FRUDEL 38G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: SLOPPY JOES 29G BAKED BEANS 30G	BREAKFAST: ¹¹ FUNNEL CAKE 38G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CRISPIITOS 23G/46G FRUIT CUP 21G	BREAKFAST: ¹² BKfst SANDWICH (B)24G/(C)34G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN NUGGETS K-4 DRUMSTICKS 6G 5-12 WEDGES 20G BISCUITS 24G	BREAKFAST: ¹³ MINI BAGELS 42G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: F.T. STICKS 38G H.B. PATTY 15G SAUSAGE PATTY	BREAKFAST: ¹⁴ OATMEAL ROUND 39G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: LASAGNA ROLLUP 22G MIXED VEGGIES 12G PLAIN BREADSTICK 14G
BREAKFAST: ¹⁷ WEEK 1 CEREAL 23G YOGURT CUP 15G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: BURGER FRIES 16G	BREAKFAST: ¹⁸ FRENCH TOAST MINIS 36G/37G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: SOFTSHELL TACO 12G/23G CILANTRO LIME RICE 19G	BREAKFAST: ¹⁹ BENEFIT BARS 47G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: CHICKEN TENDERS 12G/18G CARROTS 5G	BREAKFAST: ²⁰ CINNAMON ROLL 17G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: GOULASH 52G CORN 17G DINNER ROLL 23G	BREAKFAST: ²¹ MUFFIN 29G-31G M.S./H.S. VARIETY ITEMS LUNCH: PIZZA 26G GREEN BEANS 4G
COOKS CHOICE ²⁴ BREAKFAST: COOKS CHOICE H.S./M.S. VARIETY BREAKFAST LUNCH: COOKS CHOICE	²⁵ BREAKFAST: COOKS CHOICE H.S./M.S. VARIETY BREAKFAST LUNCH: COOKS CHOICE	²⁶ NO SCHOOL 	²⁷ NO SCHOOL 	²⁸ NO SCHOOL
				