Dear Mill Creek Families:

Please know that there is still some summer left and I do not want to shock anyone with back to school communication; however, it is getting close and we are gearing up for an incredible year at Mill Creek Elementary!

Open House: We are looking forward to seeing our returning students and meeting our new students! It is always a fun and exciting time and this year we are excited to add a cookout to the agenda! Our incredible PTO is supplying hot dogs and beverages. Please note that teachers will be available until 5:45. Our open house will take place on Thursday, September 1st. The details:

- 5:00 to 5:45: Meet your teacher, see your classroom, and scavenger hunt.
- 5:45 to 6:30: Cookout, activities, and music at the playground.

Daily Schedule:

- 8:30 to 8:45 Outdoor recess and/or breakfast.
    - Students can be dropped off starting at 8:30. They can go directly to the playground or to the cafeteria.
- 8:50 School Starts
- 3:48 Dismissal Time. (½ Day Dismissal Time is 12:10)CLICK
- HERE FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

New Staff: We are very excited to be adding a fantastic group of educators to our team! Please be sure to say hello and introduce yourself when you see them.

- Brooke Spaulding: 5th grade teacher.
- Carrie Anderson: Physical education teacher.
- Lindsey McCarty: Music teacher.

Food Service Information: We are extremely lucky to have such an outstanding food service staff. Rob Payne, Ruth Challender, and Briton Cobb are the best and provide our students with delicious and healthy meals. The federally funded program that provided free meals to all students has ended. However, free or reduced-priced meals are available to qualified students. To apply for the free/reduced program click the following link (https://elkrapids.familyportal.cloud), click on 'guest', click on 'application' and follow the prompts. In addition to helping to provide meals to students, ***these applications are tied directly to several reports that the government uses to help fund our schools.*** Thus, even if you don't think you would qualify or you don't plan to use the program, we encourage you to take the time to fill out the application.

- Breakfast costs $1.00.
- Lunch costs $2.95.
- Questions: Please contact Robert Payne at 231-264-6077 or rpayne@erschools.com.
- Lunch Menu: You will be able to click This Lunch Menu Link During The Year
- Click Here for a Letter From Rob Payne, Food Service Director

Transportation Request Form: If you have not requested bussing for your child/children and would like to do so, please use the following link to register: Transportation Request Form (scroll down to the middle of the page). Please be sure to complete one survey for each of your child/children. For other questions regarding bussing please contact Karen Sniegowski at ksniegowski@erschools.com or 264-9321.

Class Supply Lists: Class rosters will be mailed out by August 29th. You can find class supply lists by clicking the following link. The lists for grade level teachers are very similar.

- CLICK HERE FOR CLASS SUPPLY LISTS

Kids' Club: CLICK HERE FOR KIDS' CLUB INFORMATION

Spirit Wear: Please click the following link to view this year's spirit wear choices. We will also send home hard copies the first week of school. Spirit Wear Flyer

Important Dates:

- Class rosters will be mailed out by August 29th so that students know their teacher prior to our open house.
- Thursday, September 1st: Open House. This will be held in the evening. We will be getting you details as they become available.
- Tuesday, September 6th: 1st day of school. ½ day for students. 12:10 Dismissal
- Wednesday, September 7th: 1st full day of school.
- Monday, September 26th: No school for students. Teacher PD day.
- CLICK HERE FOR THE 22-23 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Respectfully,

Brett Graham, Principal