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September 2024 Superintendent Newsletter

I am finishing my first month at Young Public School. It has been a wonderful experience. The students and staff are amazing. The community has been very welcoming and it feels like home. I am excited to be here and look forward to the rest of the year. Dr. Knippen

Our preschool program has started for the year. We have multiple scholarships available to pay for the program. If your family has a need, please talk with Courtney Springer, the preschool director for more information. This opportunity is for current and potential students. We hope you will join us.

Prior to the start of the year, the community had a few power outages. These lasted between two and four hours. Fortunately, we haven't had any since school started. Should we have an extended power outage during school hours (longer than 25 minutes with an unknown restore time), we have a plan. Parents will be notified, all students will have a lunch prepared for them (unless it's after lunch time) and work will be sent home with the students. Students will then be driven home or parents may pick up the student. The reason students can't stay in school is we do not have water when the power goes out. If we don't have water, we have to close the school.

Young Public School has a great weight room. Our future hope is to open this to the community during non-school hours. In order to do this we will need to form a community group to oversee its use and membership. If you would like more information or have an interest in being part of the community group, please contact Chad Knippen at the school.

The community (After School) sports program led by Eric Lloyd, will kick off soon. Please be on the lookout for program information.

The daily flag meeting has changed this year. This time has been moved into the classroom. We do the Pledge of Allegiance, an excerpt from the Declaration of Independence, and announcements during this time. We will have a monthly flag ceremony starting at the end of September. This time will be used to honor the flag raising, and student recognition.

We will have a special Flag Ceremony on September 11 at 7:45 am. We hope you will join us.

We will be introducing the **6C's of Learning** starting in September. These are **Character, Citizenship, Communication, Collaboration, Creativity and Critical Thinking**. We will focus on one trait per month and if students are caught using the trait the teacher/staff member will document this and students will be recognized during the daily announcements and a few will be recognized at the monthly flag ceremony.

I would like to offer a special thank you to Starla Zimmerschied for applying and successfully obtaining free breakfast and lunch for all students this school year.

IMPORTANT DATES, INFORMATION, AND REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER 2024:

Labor Day is Monday, September 2nd. YPS Closed. No School.

First Quarter Progress Reports will be coming home in backpacks the week of Sept. 3rd-5th. Please watch for them.

Regular Board Meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 9th at 6pm in the red brick building on the YPS campus.

Patriot Day is on Wednesday, September 11th. We will be having a Flag Ceremony. More details to follow.

Skate Night will be Thursday, Sept. 19th 4:30pm-6:30pm. You will need to sign a waiver before dropping your child(ren) off. PTO will be selling snacks and drinks.