

BREAKFAST

SERVED 8:00-8:20AM BREAKFAST BUS PICKS UP AT 7:45 & 7:50AM (At Sterling Estates)

Monday,October 2

- Concert Band Rehearsals 5/6 Grades 7:40-8:25am
- Cross Country Practice 3:15-5:00
- Girls Basketball vs Highlands-AWAY
- Jr. High Homework Club 3:13 4:13
- Boys Softball vs Park-AWAY
- Beginning Band Practice Woodwinds 3:15-4:15
- Yearbook Club 3:13-4:13

Tuesday, October 3

- Concert Band Rehearsals 7/8 Grades 7:40-8:25am
- 4th Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13
- Cross Country Practice 3:15-5:00
- Jr. High Homework Club 3:13 4:13
- Girls Basketball vs Gurrie-HOME* PACK THE HOUSE
- Boys Softball vs Highlands-AWAY
- No Beginning Band
- Concert Band Rehearsal (All Students) 3:20-4:10

Wednesday, October 4

- Early Dismissal Wednesday 2:13
- E/C and TK Dismissal 2:45
- Cross Country Study Hall/Practice 3:15-5:00
- Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00

Thursday,October 5

- Concert Band rehearsal all students 7:40-8:25
- Theme Thursday- World Teachers Day
- 5th Grade Art Club 3:13-4:13
- Jr. High Homework Club 3:13 4:!3
- Cross Country Meet-AWAY
- Girls Basketball Practice 3:15-5:00
- Beginning Band Brass/Percussion 3:15-4:15

Friday,October 6 and Monday,October 9

No School for Students

Principal's Message

Dear Willow Families,

Happy Friday! Today, your student went home with their Quarter 1 progress report. This provides families with an update on how their student is progressing in specific subject areas.

Download the <u>teacherease</u> app to stay up to date on grades, incomplete work and missing assignments.

If there are any questions or concerns about the progress report, please contact the teacher directly as they will be able to speak with you.

Sincerely, Dr. Alexandra Oreluk



Upcoming Dates!

Thurs,Oct 12- Harry Potter Day
Loyola Mobile Clinic
Fri, October 13-Popcorn Day
Wed, Oct 18-PFC Meeting 6:00 pm

School Board Meeting 6:30

Thurs, Oct 19- Flannel day

Fri, October 20- Fall Picture Retake Day

2nd Grade Field Trip to the Corn Maze

Mon, October 23- Kindergarten Field Trip

Thurs, October 26- Orange & Black Day

Bus Evacuation Drill

5th grade field trip to Planetarium

Tues, October 31- Halloween * Students in attendance Willow Fall Fest

Whats for Lunch?

Monday- Chicken Nuggets Tuesday- Cheeseburger Wednesday- Salisbury Steak Thursday- Hot Dog Friday- No School -No Lunch



Cell Phone / Smart Watch Policy

Student cell phones/smart watches should be turned off and out of sight during the regular school day from 8:30-3:13. This means that a student may carry a phone/smart watch during the school day, but it should not be seen by staff or other students. However, I strongly encourage students to leave their cell phones/smart watches in their locker and or backpack. Please see the cell phone/smart watch expectations/procedures listed below.

Cell Phone/Smart Watch Violation 1:

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use. A staff member will confiscate the phone/watch and turn it into the front office. The student will report to the front office at the end of the day to get their phone/watch.

Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone/smart watch violation.

• Cell Phone/ Smart Watch Violation 2:

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use. A staff member will confiscate the phone/watch and turn it into the front office. Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone/smart watch violation. Cell phone/Smart Watch will remain in the front office until it is picked up by the Guardian(s). The cell phone/smart watch will not go home with the student.

• Cell Phone/Smart Watch Violation 3:

A student has their cell phone/smart watch visible and/or it is in use.

A staff member will confiscate the phone and turn it into the front office.

Guardian(s) will be called and informed of the cell phone violation.

Cell phone/smart watch will remain in the front office until it is picked up by the Guardian(s). The cell phone/smart watch will not go home with the student.

Administration will work with the student and guardian to create an individualized plan regarding the cell phone/smart watch being present in school.

I thank you for your support as we make a more consistent effort to refocus on academics and limit the distractions of cell phones. Violations will start over every quarter. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely, Dr. Alexandra Oreluk



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

Transitional Kindergarten

09/22/23

ASK YOUR CHILD...

After reading the story, "Where Does the Brown Bear Go?" - what did you draw as your favorite part of the story??

Can you tell me about the apple science experiment?



We are working on reading comprehension, sequencing of events, characters in a story and setting as we read our new story, "The Three Bears". In Math we are working on large, medium and small. We are counting up to 30 and making patterns. We will begin graphing the weather for October.

Reminders

If you have not turned in the October pumpkin craft, please do so. We will have a Show and Tell with them this week.

Please talk with your child about the importance of using kind words and being a friend in school.

Please reinforce the importance of trying our best to be a good listener in school.



E A R L Y 09/29/23 C H I L D H O O D

Literacy:

This week we will continue The Three Bears.

- Vocabulary: big, large, medium, little, small, dot, red, blue, same, different
- Letter recognition of C,c, D,d
- Comprehension: Following directions and answering questions
 - Fine Motor Skills:
- Drawing lines over, under, across
- Coloring in
- Tracing a lice



Reminders

- → Theme Thursday 10/5 Dress like your favorite teacher
- → Please send a snack daily
- → Please practice hand over hand name tracing

Kindersarten A A A A

09/29/23

<u>SUPERKIDS</u>

We will continue with our Golly book this week. We will listen for the Gg sound at the beginning of words and also at the end of words. We will take a unit assessment on letter Cc Oo and Gg on Thursday.

MATH

We will discuss the meaning of zero, identify and make 10, and count to 20 by ones.

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

We will talk about things that fall off trees.

NEWS & REMINDERS

- October 13 is Popcorn day: Cost is \$1
- Please empty the Keep at Home side of the folder everyday
- Library Day for Mrs. Lydon's class is **Tuesdays** and for Mrs. Overzet's class is **Thursdays**. Your child must bring back their book back in order to check out a new one.

Mark your calendar:

- Children's Farm field trip on Oct. 23. -Cost for students is \$20. This includes, admission, bus, and a small pumpkin.
- Dress Theme Thursday, October 5: Dress like your teacher day
- School is dismissed at 2:13 on all Wednesdays.
- No school October 6 and 9 (Professional Learning Day and Columbus Day)



FIRST GRADE

Language Arts

We will begin Unit 2 in Superkids this week.

Word Work - Students will learn to read and write wh words such as where, when and why, and understand the function of question words. Reading - Students will read and discuss grade-level literary text and vocabulary. While we read, we will discuss characters and events, plot, and problem and solution.

Writing - Our writing this week focuses on questions and using question words. Students will generate questions and write answers.

There will be a spelling test on Friday. Your student should practice spelling and reading the words below every night for homework.

Pattern Words

cash

dash

crash

trash

Memory Words

where when what which who

why

Math

In math this week, students will learn to solve addition and subtraction stories. We will also begin Topic 3 which focuses on using number lines to understand the order and value of numbers.

***SAVE THE DATE! ***

First grade will be taking a field trip to Konow's Corn Maze in Homer Glen on Friday, October 20. Please be on the look-out for the permission slip in your child's folder next week. If you want to be a chaperone on the trip, please sign and return the separate chaperone form. All chaperones must have a background check on file prior to going on the field trip.

Contact Us:

Mrs. Haussy - shaussy@willowspringsschool.org Mrs. Theodoropoulos - ntheodor@willowspringsschool.org



2nd GRADE

09/29/23

Super Kids

This week we will have our spelling test on next Wednesday, 10/11. We have started our <u>Super Kids Hit Second Grade</u> Book and are starting unit 2. We are also starting our first book club. We will learn about nouns and verbs. We will begin personal narratives.

Spelling Words

handle ring come very middle want any new strong look some good

Clear Math

We will continue our Clear Math curriculum with Module 1.
Students are practicing composing and decomposing numbers, comparing with greater than and less than signs, and adding using different strategies.

Reminders

- *Please charge your Chromebook every night.
- *Make sure your child has headphones in class.
- *Please check gold folders every night.

3rd Grade

ELA

Students have been working hard on planning and writing their opinion paragraph regarding theme. As we near the end of Unit 1 - Classic Tales, we will review the foundation skills with the spelling patterns of 'g'>/j/ (gem), 'c'>/s/ (cent), 'kn', 'wr', 'wh', 'qu', and digraphs ch, sh, ph, and th. We are looking forward to Unit 2 (Animal Classification).

for homework.

class may be sent home

Work not finished in

Science

Students will continue with lesson 2.3 Students deepen their understanding of magnetic force by finding that a magnet can attract or repel another magnet, but can only attract and not repel the metal objects moved by magnetic force.

Math

We are finishing our introduction to multiplication unit and starting adding and subtracting within 1,000 this week.

We also finally received our logins for our Clearmath online (Mathia) program. We were using the Splashlearn site but will no longer be using it. Sorry for any inconvenience. Students are able to play on Mathia outside of school hours.

Social Studies

Third grade is studying Natural Resources.

Every student must have a water bottle at school. Students are able to fill up their water bottles at school if needed. This helps prevent long lines at the water fountain. We sometimes have all 3-5 students in the hallway during our water and bathroom breaks, making it hard to stay on schedule.



4th Grade

ELA

Students worked hard on their sensory paragraph/food narrative. Ask them to show you in their Google Classroom! Now students will write a personal memory narrative. We will touch on skills such as similes and metaphors, character traits, and cause and effect.

Work not finished in class may be sent home for homework.



Social Studies

We will be studying Natural Resources.

Math

We will be starting our next topic of fraction equivalence and comparisons.

We also finally received our logins for our Clearmath online (Mathia) program. We were using the Splashlearn site but will no longer be using it. Sorry for any inconvenience. Students are able to play on Mathia outside of school hours.

Science

Students are introduced to argumentation and gather evidence to support a claim about what happened to the electrical system the night of the Ergstown blackout. The lesson begins with an activity in which students look for and record evidence of different forms of energy.

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5th Grade

ELA

Students have been working hard on their Name Narrative Presentations. Now students will present them to the class. Ask them to show you their Google Slides in Classroom! We continue to read Rosa Parks: My Story, identifying and writing using tone, and plan a personal narrative by outlining a sequence of events.

Work not finished in class may be sent home for homework.

Social Studies

We will be comparing Native American cultures from long ago.

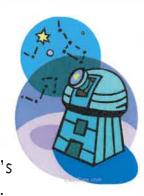
Math

This week we will be finishing up classifying shapes by their attributes.

We also finally received our logins for our Clearmath online (Mathia) program. We were using the Splashlearn site but will no longer be using it. Sorry for any inconvenience. Students are able to play on Mathia outside of school hours.

Science

Field Trip to the
Planetarium is on
Thursday Oct 26th.
Flyers were
sent home on
Thursday, The cost
is \$8.00. Please send
Money to your child's
Homeroom teacher.



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WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL 6th 7th 8th

WOLVERINES

ELA

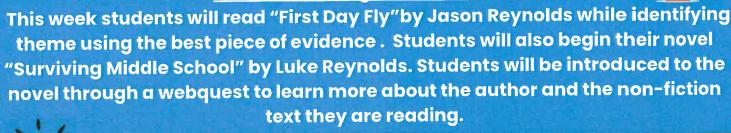
English Language Arts

Ms. Babcock, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Gilchrist, Ms. Haseltine, Ms. Kustak

Monday Tuesday MAP

6th Grade

Unit 2: "Surviving Middle School"



7th Grade Unit 2: "Restart"

This week students will apply their skills to identify context clues so that they can determine central idea as we read"Teens' Penchant for Risk-Taking May Help Them Learn Faster". Students were tested on Friday on their reading and will be starting their first novel "Restart" by Gordon Korman this week! Students will be starting the week with a webquest to become oriented with both their author and the novel they will be reading.

8th Grade Unit I: "The Art of Suspense"

This week students will continue with their unit on suspense by reading a new story called "The Landlady" by Roald Dahl. Students will identify theme and write an argumentative thematic essay to prove their understanding of the story and how the theme develops throughout the course of the story.

Reminders

All grade levels need to bring their charged chromebook, planner, gold folder, silent reading book binder and a writing utensil to class **EVERYDAY.**

Students need to have their I.D and lanyard on their person at all times.



6-8 Math with Carnegie Math

- 6-8 Math: Please encourage your student to complete MATHia workspaces at home to support their growth as a math learner.
- MATHia online Math practice is available 24/7. MATHia is a student-paced, personalized experience that supports their math learning. Students can access MATHia at home.

6 th Grade Area, Volume & Surface Area	6 th -graders will use formulas to calculate the area of parallelograms, triangles and trapezoids.
7 th Grade Proportionality	7 th -graders will solve problems with ratios of fractions. They will also explore proportional and non-proportional relationships.
<u>8th Grade</u> Dilations	8 th -graders will explore dilations on the coordinate plane. They will use scale factors greater than and less than 1 and explain how the vertices' coordinates are affected.



6-8 Science with Amplify Science

6th Grade

This week students will learned about how bacteria can be both beneficial and harmful to the human body. We will have a unit test next week friday to end our unit.

7th Grade

This week, students determined ways in which the Earth and Mars are similar by looking at similar structures and determining whether lava or water formed in different locations on Mars. We will be finishing up the unit with a test on Friday.

8th Grade

This week we discussed energy transfer between objects. Students designed a tool to use on an emergency mission and a way for them to supply power to the necessary devices. Next week we will finish up the unit with a test on Friday.

Reminders

Charge Chromebooks Nightly!!

Supplies needed for class:
Folder and Notebook
Writing Utensil
Coloring Utensils
Workbook



6-8 Social Studies with Savvas

6th Grade

This week students started their unit on Mesopotamia! They created a map of the region and read about life in ancient Sumeria. Next week, we will learn about the world's first empires!

7th Grade

This week 7th grade started a unit on European colonization of North America! They created a map of North America, and read about New Spain. Next week, students will learn about the first English colonies!

8th Grade

This week students read about southern society during Reconstruction, and the aftermath of Reconstruction! Next week, students will write a research paper about the Freedmen's Bureau!

Reminders



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

Physical Education

09/22/23

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

K-though 2nd will be participating in warm-ups that include numbers and fitness. The unit of focus will be hand eye coordination.

3rd-8th Grade

3rd through 8th will be participating in randomized fitness warm-ups targeting cardio and strength. The unit of focus this week will be team handball.

Reminders

 We will be focusing on school procedures and expectations in PE class. Student safety in PE class is achieved when all students are following the directions and expectations during class.

K-5 Music

<u>Kindergarten</u> is learning about how we create shapes with sound using directions like up and down with variations such as curves or separations to lengthen a melody

<u>Ist and 2nd Grade</u> have been reviewing the pitches "sol" and "mi" with hand signs and have been practicing identifying the pitches in familiar songs.

<u>3rd and 4th grade</u> 3rd and 4th grade are learning about the musical alphabet and the treble clef staff.

Junior High Music

Junior high students had their third playing test on Ukulele, utilizing the first three strings (6th grade) or the first 9 notes (7th Grade)

BAND HAS ITS OWN PAGE IN THE WILLOW WEEKLY NOW SEE NEXT PAGE

How to engage at home

Sound shapes: Draw lines on a piece of paper (diagonally going from top left, bottom right, bottom right to top left, lines with "U" shapes to them) and ask your student to follow along with their finger and sing what they see.

Sol/Mi: Ask your students to demonstrate the hand signs for so and mi.

Music Alphabet/Staff: Ask your student to show you their hand and how we use it as a model for the lines and spaces of a music staff. They may not recall where pitches are on the staff just yet.



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL VOLVERINES O9/29/23

Beginning Band

This week in beginning band, students practiced breathing and playing their first three notes as a group.

If your student needs help, you can read along with them in pages 2-6 of their Red "Standard of Excellence" book to help them. There are also youtube videos on setup and posture in the band google classroom students can access from their chromebooks.

The Band Syllabus agreement must be returned to Mr. Ortiz as soon as possible.

Concert Band

Concert Band Practice Material:

Practice Charts are due 10/5 (60 minute of practice)

Standard of Excellence #44-54 for 5th/6th Grade Students

Standard of Excellence #99-111 for 7th/8th Grade Students

All Students: Write in counts and be prepared to play the entire star Spangled Banner for next week.

The Band Syllabus agreement must be returned to Mr. Ortiz as soon as possible.

Reminders

Bus: If you are in concert band, the Bus picks up at 7:15 am in Sterling, see Mr. Ortiz for details if you are unsure.

Rehearsal Schedules

Beginning Band:

Beginning Band Rehearsals are as follows (subject to change):

Mondays: Woodwinds (3:20-4:10pm)

Tuesdays: Brass and Percussion (3:20-4:10pm)

Thursdays: All students (3:20-4:10pm)

Concert Band:

Concert Band Rehearsals are as follows (subject to change):

Mondays: Grade 5/6 (7:40-8:25 am) Tuesdays: Grade 7/8 (7:40-8:25 am) Thursdays: All students (7:40-8:25 am)



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL

WOLVERINES

<u>Art</u>

09/22/23

K-5 Art

Kindergarten: KO students are working on a cutting and guing project, making bats at night! **1st Grade:** Students in 1H are still working a project called Caiman, where we learn to draw a reptile called a caiman. We are "coloring" by printing colors using tin foil, marker and water!

2nd Grade: Students in 2/ are painting a project called "Little Owl at Night" We are learning to draw an owl, add texture with lines and paint with watercolor!

3rd Grade: Students in 3V are working ons a rainforest flower project. We are drawing a large flower and using different marker techniques to color the flower.

4th Grade: Students in 41 are working on a Jungle Jaguar project! We are drawing a jaguar with patterns!

5th grade: Students do not have art for this quarter rotation.







6-8th Art

6th Grade: 6G are working on a project where they are drawing a portrait in the style of Tim Burton!

7th Grade: 7C Students are taking a break from the Peace Poster Contest, and started working on a ceramics project where they are making animal sculptures!

8th Grade: 8th grade does not have ant cass for this first rotation.



6th



7th



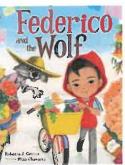
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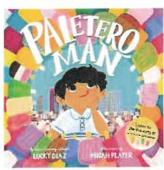
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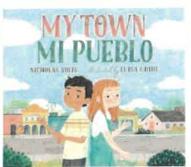
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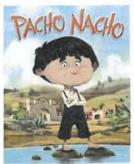
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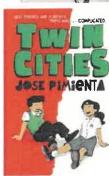












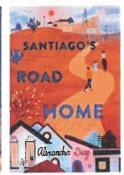




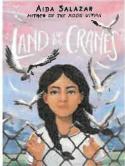
















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Contact us! Contàctenos



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What is the role of a School Social Worker?

School Social Work Services

RELATED SERVICES:

- Working with those problems in a child's living situation that affect the child
- Participating in special education assessment meetings as well as individual Educational Planning Meetings's adjust
- Mobilizing family, school, and community resources to enable the child to learn as effectively as possible in his or her educational program
- Assisting in devment in school. (home, school, and community)
- Preparing a social or developmental history on a child with a disability.
- Counseling (group, individual and/or family)eloping positive behavioral intervention strategies.

SERVICES TO STUDENTS:

- Providing crisis intervention.
- Developing intervention strategies to increase academic success.
- Assisting with conflict resolution and anger management.
- Helping the child develop appropriate social interaction skills.
- Assisting the child in understanding and accepting self and others.

SERVICES TO PARENT/FAMILIES:

- Working with parents to facilitate their support in their children's school adjustment.
- Alleviating family stress to enable the child to function more effectively in school &community.
- Assisting parents to access programs available to students with special needs.
- Assisting parents in accessing and utilizing school and community resources.

SERVICES TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL:

- Providing staff with essential information to better understand factors (cultural, societal, economic, familial, health, etc.) affecting a student's performance and behavior.
- Assessing students with mental health concerns.
- Developing staff in-service training programs.
- Assisting teachers with behavior management.
- Providing direct support to staff.

SCHOOL-COMMUNITY LIAISON:

- Obtaining and coordinating community resources to meet students' needs.
- Helping school districts receive adequate support from social and mental health agencies.
- Advocating for new and improved community/school service to meet the needs of students and families.
- Helping the system respond effectively to each child's needs.

SERVICES TO DISTRICTS:

- Assist in developing and implementing educational programs for children for exceptional children.
- Developing alternative programs for students with attendance concerns or involvement with the law.
- Identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect.
- Providing consultation regarding school law and school policy including IDEA and Section 504.
- Providing case management for students and families requiring multiple resources.

The School Social Work Team for the 2023-24 academic school year:

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Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding your students social and emotional growth within the school environment.



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

Mrs. Strauch's Classes

09/29/23

S.I. K-2 ELA with Superkids

KINDERGARTEN

This week we will finish our book on Oswald and we will meet a new Superkid. This Superkid lives at the gas station with Gus and Gert. He loves to smell things with his nose like gum, gardenias, grass and grapefruit.

This week we will learn about the letter Gg and its sound.

FIRST GRADE

We will continue our work in Unit 1 in Superkids this week. Students will decode and encode sh words. We will continue practicing using personal and possessive pronouns. Please have your student practice reading and spelling the words below each night for homework.

Spelling Words: my she her he his

SECOND GRADE

This week we will continue our work on contractions. We will work on identifying nouns and verbs and we will decode and encode le and ng words.

Please have your student practice their spelling words each night.

Spelling Words: ring want look good come some

Reminders:

When homework is assigned, please return it the next day.



WILLOW SPRINGS SCHOOL WOLVERINES

09/29/23

Ms. Baricovich S.I. K-2 & 4th Grade Classes with ClearMath

Kindergarten-We will be working on identifying, writing and counting numbers 1-9, and counting by ones to 10. We will continue Module 2.

1st Grade-We will continue Topic 2 which focuses on addition and subtraction strategies to 20.

2nd Grade-We are continuing ClearMath curriculum Module 1 Topic 1, focusing on composing and decomposing numbers in various ways in order to practice addition, subtraction and number ordering skills.

4th Grade-We began Topic 2-compare, order and round numbers beyond 1,000 and will continue to work on it next week.

S.I. Math Reminders

-Please join Remind If you have not done so. Text @17math2324 to the number 81010

-When homework is assigned, please return it the next day, unless stated otherwise.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me via email at lbaricov@willowspringsschool.org or via Remind.

Thank you!

Message from Nurse Drogosz

**IMPORTANT REMINDER

The child health exam is required for entrance into Preschool, Kindergarten and 6th grade and/or transferring from an out of state school. The health history portion of the physical exam form must be completed and signed by the parent in order for the physical to be valid. The State of Illinois requires that all student health exams be submitted before October 15 of the year of the required exam or within 30 days of enrollment for new students from out of state.

The State of Illinois requires that all students entering Kindergarten or entering school for the first time from out of state shall have an eye exam before by October 15, 2023 of the year of the required exam or within 30 days of enrollment for new students from out of state.

The State of Illinois requires that all students in Kindergarten, second and sixth grades have an oral health exam performed by a licensed dentist.

Illinois requirement is the sports physical must be completed each year and returned to the coaches before the student is allowed to participate in practice or interscholastic sports.

Please schedule an appointment if the exam has not been done and submit as soon as possible.

Loyola Mobile Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, October 12th.

*Note Health exam forms are available on the school website.

Thank you,

Norene Drogosz

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School Nurse

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