# THE PULSE ON THE PLAYGROUND

#### The latest news and updates from Superior Elementary School

Our first quarter was a success! Everyone was busy teaching and learning, and we had some fun along the way. Thank you to everyone who participated in our family events (Open House, Lunch Buddy Picnic, P/T conferences). We have other family activities planned for the 2nd quarter and hope to see everyone there!

Strengthening our PLC (Professional Learning Community) process is a focus for our building this year. Our goal is to answer the 4 guiding PLC questions:

- 1. What do we want our students to know and do?
- 2. How will we know if they have learned it?
- 3. How will we respond if they didn't learn it?
- 4. How will we respond if they already know it?

To reach this goal our staff has been spending countless hours developing our local curriculum and planning instruction using research-based resources. We are participating in some intensive professional development in the area of reading. Formative and summative assessments, along with proficiency scales, are being developed and utilized so we know exactly what our students have learned or still need to learn. Grade level teams are meeting regularly to review academic and behavior data to guide our instruction. As with any new learning, this process can be challenging at times but I am so proud of our staff's dedication to this challenge! Next time you see your child's teacher please consider thanking them for their efforts.

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#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 12 - CELEBRATE WORLD KINDNESS DAY NOVEMBER 16 - PK-5 FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT 6:00PM NOVEMBER 17 - EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:15PM NOVEMBER 24-26 - NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Reminder: The "Elementary Events" calendar is now posted on our school website or you can subscribe/add the calendar to your own calendar with the following link: https://bit.ly/37lcrQf

#### PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!

Family Fun Night was originally scheduled for Monday, Nov. 15th (as listed on the 2021-2022 Elementary Calendar). However, <u>it has been moved to Tuesday, Nov. 16th.</u>



Thank you to the families who have made adjustments to their child's sack lunch options. We were previously having a large number of uncooked items (macaroni and cheese cups, rice cups, noodle cups) which take a long time to microwave. However, we are now reheating items in less than 90 seconds each and the students are having more time to eat their sack lunch.



## Meet the Author!

We are excited to announce that Julia Cook, a former elementary guidance counselor and now award-winning children's author from Nebraska, will be visiting our school!

On the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 17th Julia will spend time with our PK-5 students. She will also be sharing her keynote session "Joy: It's an Inside Job" with our staff during the afternoon inservice. We are so lucky to be able to meet the author of these books in person!



### Family Fun Night with Julie Cook!



November 16th - 6:00 - 7:30pm

Our 2nd quarter Family Fun Night will be focused on literacy and social-emotional development. All PK-5 students and their families are invited to experience a classroom circle, school-wide DEAR time, and a parent's night with Julia Cook. Also, please bring a few of your child's favorite books to Family Fun Night!



Please send a jacket, coat, and hats/mittens with your child as the weather gets cooler. If you need assistance purchasing these items for your child please contact the school office.





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