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always enjoy the opportunity to spend the last day with students in this fun learning experience.

The 2018-2019 school year brought changes with the establishment of the K-3 building. We said goodbye to previous staff and welcomed new staff. Next year will bring implementation and strengthening of the educational program. I believe that there are good things in place for next year.

I hope you all have a great summer. Again, thank you for the memories.

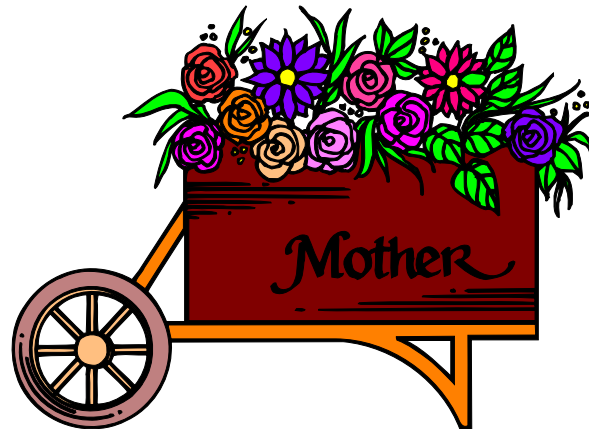
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It is with a heavy heart that I announce to you that I will be retiring at the end of the school year. It has been a difficult decision because Solway School has become a part of who I am. I have had the pleasure of getting to know many amazing people over the past 12 years. I will continue to have a place in my heart for all of the students I have known from our school. Seeing how they mature and become happy adults brings me joy. Thank you for all your support in my 12 years at Solway and making me a part of your great community. Brian Stefanich has been appointed to replace me as the principal and I am confident that Brian will do a great job for our school and students.

The school year is coming to a close quickly. We will be having many events so please watch for information from teachers in your child's backpack. Classroom are planning field trips before the end of the year. We will be having an end of the year picnic and activity afternoon on May 30. Parents are invited to join us for a picnic lunch. Following the lunch, there will activities set up for students including bounce houses. We are finalizing the plans for the day and will keep you informed. I hope you can join us.

The last day of school is May 31. The entire school will be going to Itasca State Park. Students and staff



MRS. WRIGHT'S & MS. KELLER'S KINDERGARTEN

Hello Kindergarten families!

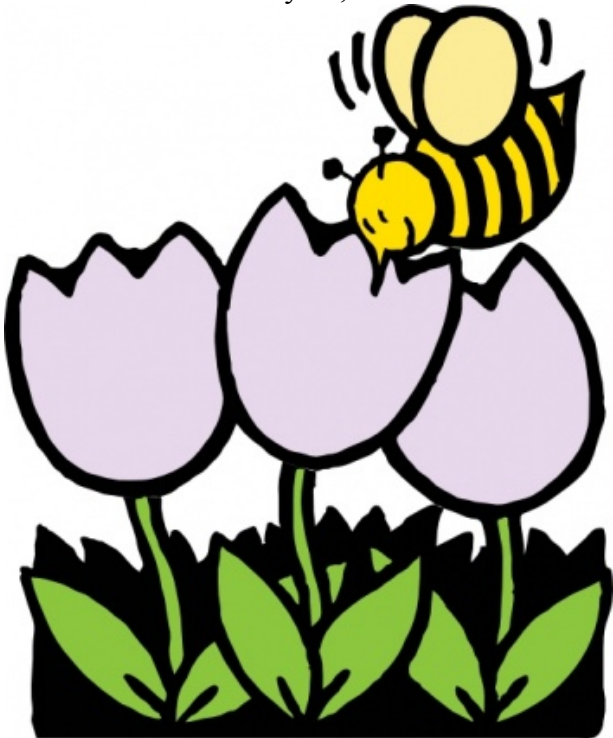
It's impossible to believe that we are already in our final month of school. Where did the last 9 months go? This has been a fantastic year full of learning, excitement, and fun, and this last month is no exception.

In April, we kept rolling on our sight words, letters and alpha friends, addition and subtraction equations, and teen number recognition. We also talked quite a bit about the changing weather of Spring, plants and their needs, and we got to plant some seeds as well! Moving into May, we are starting off these first two weeks with our final MAPP test for the year. These scores will show how much growth these kiddos have made throughout

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this year, and they will serve as a baseline that they can build on when they get to first grade. As we get further into the month we will introduce those last sight words and letters, then our focus will shift to reviewing what we have learned this year in both Reading and Math so we can start off the summer with it fresh in our minds!

May can be a challenging month for our kiddos as well. With the excitement of summer, the sadness of preparing to say goodbye, and the general antsy-ness of the end of the year, there are a LOT of



emotions going on. Keep reminding your child about their breathing and problem solving tools that they have learned this year, and try to utilize them when possible. Also, please continue to keep your eye on the weather and dress your child accordingly! Minnesota loves to throw us curveballs this time of year, and we don't want any chilly Kinders on those cold days!

We would like to extend a thank you for all of the support we have received from our Kindergarten families this year. We so appreciate all that you've done to help these kids grow from brand new

Kindergarteners to these big almost-first-graders. It's been a privilege to be their teachers!

Sincerely,
Emily Keller and Carisa Wright

MRS. SHERWOOD'S & MRS. JOHNSON'S FIRST GRADE



Dear Parents,

HAPPY SPRING!

We are on the count down to the end of the 2018-2019 school year. It's hard to believe it's already May. The weather doesn't seem to want to warm up though. Please have your child dress in layers as it's cooler in the mornings and warmer in the afternoons.

Mothers, please remember Muffins for Mom's on May 10th. Come and enjoy a muffin breakfast with your son/daughter.

On May 3 & 6th the first graders will be taking their MAP tests. Please encourage your child to do their best.

Upcoming field trips include a trip to the zoo in Brainerd on May 15th, and a field trip to Itasca State Park on May 31st. On May 30th the "All School Picnic" will held at Solway Elementary.

Please remember to check backpacks for spelling lists and upcoming field trip permission slips. Also, please remind your child to bring his/her library

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books back by Thursday so they can check out new ones.

Please encourage your son/daughter to read at least 15 minutes a day. This is one way of becoming a better reader.

Feel free to stop by and look at the "Life Cycle of a Butterfly" in the showcase by the office. Mrs. Johnson's class has their work on display.

Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Sherwood



MRS BERG'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Parents,

Hello! I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy the spring weather soon! We have been very busy in the 2nd grade!

This month we're going to be learning all about animals and different habitats. In a couple weeks, the 1st and 2nd graders are going to be going to Brainerd to the Safari North Zoo to study the animals up close!

We're continuing to work on learning our math facts and reading. Over the summer PLEASE take a little time to keep your child practicing these basic

skills. The kids who read over the summer come to 3rd grade far more prepared than the kids who don't.

Just another reminder... The end of the year will get pretty crazy with fun field trips and activities.

Thanks to the PTO, we will be able to provide your child with more out of the classroom learning experiences this year! Keep checking your child's backpack so you'll know what they're up to and what they need to bring to school.

I have truly enjoyed having your children in my class. They have been such hard workers and it's been a joy to watch them learn and grow. I'm so proud of them! I hope your family has a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Berg



MR. BLUMHAGEN'S 2ND & 3RD GRADERS

Hello Solway families,

Can you believe we are already down to our last few weeks of school? What an amazing year we have had in second and third grade. Your kids have grown so much and learned so much over these past 8 months.

Right now in third grade your students have just finishing up their very first year of MCA tests.

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Every student worked very hard and the progress we were able to make, as a class was amazing. Make sure to give your third grader of big hug of congratulations for all the work they put in!

Our second graders has been able to benefit of some wonderful community field trips as of late, going to different places and getting to see how they operate.

Also in class 2/3 with the weather warming up we are going to have some fun opportunities to get outside and do some learning outside of the classroom. We recently had an amazing time on our field trip to Deep Portage. The courage your kids displayed up on the rock wall, throwing tomahawks, and climbing the observation tower was such a fun experience to be apart of.

Lastly I want to so thank you to all the Solway families for all the help and work they do inside and outside of our school. It has been such a blessing getting to know your kids this year. All the help and positive communication from families this year has really helped make this 2018-2019 school year such a success. From all the volunteering to sending special treats we certainly have a great supporting cast here at Solway Elementary!

Have a great summer!
Mr. Blumhagen



THIRD GRADE

Dear Parents,

MR.
SLOUGH'S

We are excited to finally feel warm weather and get out those spring coats. After a long year of studying the students are seeing the results of their hard work on the mca and map tests. You will receive official information form the state during the summer about their mca scores and we will send home Spring MAP scores with the report card.

In reading, we will continue to work through our stories and spelling for the next two weeks or so. For the rest of the year, in math we will continue to push through our X facts and study some of the foundational things needed in fourth grade.

Here are some dates and things coming up before the end of the year.

- *May 6th – Deep Portage Field Trip
- *May 14th 0 Visit to Gene Dillon
- *May 22nd – Science Center Visit
- *May 30th – All School Picnic
- *May 31st – All school trip to Itasca State Park
- *May 31st – Last day of School

(we will notify you as other events get scheduled)

Thank you for an awesome year and all your support.

Mr. Slough



ED. NEWS

PHY.

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Happy May!!

The month of April was another busy time in Physical Education. The weather was very nice a couple weeks ago, so we were able to get outside earlier than usual for activities. We were then hampered by the weather and had to return inside the last week or so.

If the weather cooperates we will be going back outside for some more outdoor games and activities.

Have a great month of May!!

Rich Morehouse



MUSIC NEWS

Kindergartners are singing and moving like trains, tugboats, and airplanes. Last month we were moving to music as animals, playing instruments, and exploring with our voices. Now we will learn about bird calls this month.

In first grade music class, we are singing and playing music games that review our first grade skills for melody and rhythm.

Second graders have been working hard on their music to share with Bagley Nursing Home

Residents. We will sing familiar songs with the residents and play some of our classroom instruments.

Third graders were studying rhythms or instruments last month to accompany their singing. Also, we have been working on singing rounds. Now we will end the year with mini-lessons reading, listening maps and exploring our books. It is Spring, birds now sing...

As a family, go outside and explore the sounds of spring! This summer, visit the library and read, read, read together. Act out characters with vocal expression, read poems to a beat, learn nursery rhymes for fun, create a dance, have a show!

Happy Summer!

Mrs. Larson



TITLE I NEWS

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We are excited to be able to offer the Summer SPARKS (Solway Parents And Reading Kids Succeed) Reading Program again this summer! We want our students to continue to keep practicing good reading skills between June and September.

Research shows that reading at least six books over the summer significantly reduces a child's loss of reading skills.

The summer SPARKS program is offered FREE to Solway students who will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students the 2019/2020 school year.

Here is how our Summer SPARKS Home Reading Program works: Our Title 1 Para, Bonnie Wentzel, will manage the program. Solway students who sign up, will visit our Title 1 Library to choose books in their interest and reading levels. Books will be mailed to participants over the summer.

ALL BOOKS ARE TO BE RETURNED TO THE TITLE 1 ROOM AT SOLWAY ELEMENTARY IN THE FALL WHEN SCHOOL BEGINS.

Please watch for a sign-up form and additional information about the Summer SPARKS Reading Program in the coming weeks.

Happy Spring and Summer from the Title 1 Staff!

Jennie Johnson, Title 1 Teacher
Bonnie Wentzel, Title 1 Paraprofessional



LIBRARY/TECH NEWS

Hello from the Solway Library Media Center!

We hope you are having lots of reading fun with Solway library books!

Solway Elementary Library May/June Calendar:

May : 13-16 Last week of student check out. All students may have 1 item checked out. Students are welcome to read and return items all week. Book stays at school. *If students reading longer chapter books need to take them home to finish, they must bring them back to school each day.

May 17: **All student library items are due.**
Staff: **please bring back items as you finish using them.**

All staff items are due May 24.



The Scholastic Wild West Book Fair:
“Saddle Up and Read!”

Thank you for making the bookfair such a success! We earned \$1,500 as a library fundraiser. Next year the fair will take place Nov. 7-15, 2019. We will have a Title 1 Round Up Family Night on Nov. 14. The theme will continue to be a Wild West Book Fair!

Students must bring all books back to renew or return on the following days:

Tuesdays:
Mr. Blumhagen

Thursdays:
Mrs. Johnson

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Mr. Slough
Ms. Keller

Mrs. Sherwood
Mrs. Berg
Mrs. Wright

Ceremony. Thank you Solway PTO for sponsoring this award.

Mackin Via is our ebooks website available for your reading pleasure! To get to it log into the Solway website at: <http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us> Now go to Student and click on the Mackin Via icon.

School: SOLWAY ELEMENTARY, BEMIDJI, MN

User ID: solway

Password: ebooks

Enjoy reading our 38 ebooks from any internet-connected computer.

We are excited to share our online Solway Library catalog called Destiny. You can access the catalog from any web-based computer.



Log in to Solway's website at:
<http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us>

Click on the left side of the website under "Browse Library".

Millionaire Club Party:

Students that read over a million words in the Accelerated Reading program by the end of May will be invited to join the Millionaire Club. They will pick a hardcover book of their choice and receive a certificate at the End of Year Award

Book, DVD & Magazine Donations:

Do you have gently used Kindergarten-5th grade books, DVDs or magazines that you are no longer in need of?

Please consider donating them to the Solway Library. We will use them for gifts, incentives, and library check out.

Thank you to all who have donated items in the past ~ **we really appreciate your generosity!!**

Just label as "donation" and send in care of Julia Simons/Solway Library. Thanks for your support!

Thank you to so many families who have donated books and magazines over the year. You have made such a difference!

We collect used laser and inkjet cartridges as a library recycling fundraiser for our school. Turn them in at the Ink Collection box at our library. We receive money to buy resources for our school.

We hope you have an excellent summer!

Remember...

Have Fun Reading Together! Remember the Public Library!

Explore Your Local Public Library:

Bemidji Public Library

Bagley Public Library

509 America Ave NW

79 Spencer Ave SW

Bemidji, MN 56601

Bagley, MN 56621

(218) 751-3963

(218) 694-6201

Mrs. Simons
Solway Media Specialist
Assistant

Mrs. Bolte
Solway Media

"We Succeed When Our Tigers Read! "

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Muffins with Mom
Friday, May 10th
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Solway Cafeteria**

**All School Picnic
Thursday, May 30st
11:00 am**

**More details to follow at a later
date**

If you are excusing your child from school with a note, phone call, text message or personal contact, please make sure that message goes to the office so it can get recorded in our Skylert System. Otherwise you may receive a message from the Skylert system indicating that your child is absent. The office will notify the classroom teacher of the reason for the absence.

Please remember to use schoolstore.com when doing your online shopping.

From the Cooks: No Charging Lunches. Make sure Lunch Accounts are up to date.

If you are picking your child up after school, please wait in the lobby area by the office. Please do not go to your child's room.

