



# Tiger Pride News and Notes

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### Superintendent of Schools

It's Back To School Time!

On Monday, August 28, we welcomed our staff to the 2023-2024 school year! It was so exciting to see familiar faces and to welcome new staff to our Tiger Family! The excitement and anticipation throughout the District is palpable!

Our Back-to-School Schedule is outlined below.

September 5	Meet the Teacher	PreSchool - Grade 12
September 6	First Day of School	Grade 6 and Grade 9 only
September 7	First Day of School	PreSchool - Grade 5, Grades 7-8 and Grades 10-12
		½ of Kindergarten - Maroon Group
September 8	First Day of School	½ of Kindergarten - Gold Group

Families are asked to complete an application for Educational Benefits. If families qualify, they will be eligible for discounts on Technology Fees, Activity Fees, etc. Additionally, for every family that qualifies, the District will receive funding that is directly used to provide increased academic support for children in all of our schools. If you would like help in filling out the application, please contact the counselor or social worker at your child's school.

This year, Olmsted County Public Health will be providing an Immunization Clinic at Bonner Elementary during Meet the Teacher on September 5 and September 6. The clinic is open to all students through Grade 12. Also, we will have free child car seat checks for any families who are interested!

We are excited to announce a partnership with Olmsted County Public Health this year to provide the My Backyard Project. On the third Wednesday of each month through December, we will have a multitude of services available at the Community Center at Northridge Place/Southern Hills and the Civic Center in Stewartville. These services are available to all residents of Olmsted County. If we have enough families participating in this opportunity, the dates will be extended into 2024.

September 20	Northridge Place/Southern Hills Community Center	4:00 -6:00 p.m.
October 18	Stewartville Civic Center	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
November 15	Northridge Place/Southern Hills Community Center	4:00 -6:00 p.m.
December 20	Stewartville Civic Center	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

My Backyard Project services that will be available include:

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Channel One Food Shelf Mobile Market
- Public Health Nurse
- Child and Teen Checkups
- Immunizations and Vaccinations
- SNAP, Energy Assistance, and MN Medical Assistance

Lastly, we ask all residents to drive extra cautiously and carefully as our children will be traveling to and from school. Please be patient as they cross the street. It is crucial that all drivers obey the law when approaching a school bus with the stop sign extended. Our children are our most precious resource and we appreciate the efforts of our communities to keep them safe!

If any of our families have questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school. We are here to support you!

We wish for all of our students and families a wonderful school year filled with many exciting learning opportunities!

**Go Tigers!**