

**Miss Shelly’s September School News**

UPCOMING DATES

September 15 & 16 – Developmental screenings

September 26th – Open School closed – (district wide closure)

October 2 – Pumpkin Patch field trip

October 29 -Halloween parties in classrooms, costume parade at 11:00 a.m.

October 29 – 11:30 dismissal all students

October 30 & 31 – Open School closed – (district wide closure)

October – family/teacher conferences (to be scheduled)

Developmental Screenings

Screenings will take place on the mornings of September 15 and 16. Paperwork was placed in cubbies, please return to the office or your child’s teacher by September 10th. If your child is on an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) already, they will not be screened at this time. If your child is not here to receive a screening, you can schedule a screening directly with Developmental. Results will be placed in cubbies, or you may receive a phone call with more information. If you have any questions after receiving information, you can contact Developmental Early Intervention as well:

307-742-3571. <https://albany.wyokids.org/developmental-services.html>

Fall-Winter Weather & Recess

Please remember to send your child coats/jackets for our chilly mornings. We will continue to play outdoors all year, so layers and warm clothing are essential. Lost and found is in the office if your child has misplaced anything. Labeling items will help us get them back in the proper cubby as well. We go outside for recess unless it is below zero with the windchill factor, or very heavy rain/snow.

Scholastic Bookfairs and Classroom Orders

We will have a Scholastic bookfair in the office in October. You will be able to select books to purchase and take home from the fair. The Bookfair purchases give the school points to purchase items from Scholastic – like our circle time carpets, bookshelves, and new learning materials. Teachers will also send home flyers for classroom orders. Orders through the flyers benefit each classroom with points to purchase class items as well. Thank you for supporting reading and the school with your Scholastic purchases!

Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Please remember to check your child in/out with the ProCare app each day. If you forget, let us know so we can check them in/out for you. The children are checked in on clipboards with teachers in the classrooms when they arrive as well, so we know they are present, and the teacher keeps an accurate classroom count at all times. Please walk your child to/from to the playground or classroom. This will make sure that we have marked your child in/out on the teacher’s attendance clipboard and that they are staying safe at all times.

Please do not allow or teach children to operate the black gate safety latches. We do not allow children to push the black latches to go through the gates. Please watch your children on the street while loading/unloading and walking to your vehicles. It is our number one job to keep the children safe.



\*Monday &Thursday afternoons 9/22-11/14 –UW PE class (here and gyms once weather changes)

 PreK and TK classes only

\*Monday afternoons – Sign Language with Miss Savannah all classes

\*Tuesday afternoons - with Megan Goodner all classes

\*Wednesday afternoons – swimming (PreK and TK starting in October)

\*Thursday afternoon – Spanish with Miss Brea all students

\*Thursday afternoon – PE (see above Monday)

\*Fridays – cooking, science, classroom enrichments, UW Art Museum visits, story time with Miss Margaret

\*Other offerings like field trips, guest readers, Science Kitchen are scheduled in individual classrooms as well

\*Visits to library (classes schedule independently)

Swim Lessons

PreK and TK lessons will start in October (Miss Laura/Miss Joni). The Rec Center is currently changing out the filtration systems, so the pool isn’t available for lessons until then. More info on lessons as we get closer.

Water/Snacks

Please remember to bring your child a water bottle each day and then take the water bottle home regularly to wash. Alternatively, we do have dish soap in the kitchen, and you can wash it out here and refill it if that is easier. Also remember snacks for the day (morning snacks, after school if they stay). You can leave bulk snacks in their cubby if that is easier as well. We prefer that water bottles are spill proof, so they don’t tip over and get cubbies wet, and that they just contain water, so they don’t spoil if they have milk or other liquids. Please label water bottles, lunch boxes, and snack containers so we don’t have mix-ups or lost bottles. Thank you!

Schedule Add-ons/Changes

If you need an occasional add-on session, we are happy to accommodate additional add-on sessions if at all possible. Talk to me or send a message ahead of time and we will look at our ratios. Typically, before and after school sessions are never an issue, but we like to give staff heads up if additional children are attending. Some enrichment sessions do not allow for add-ons, and some allow add-ons with notice ahead of time. Just check with me and we will do the best we can to accommodate your schedule. Any extra sessions will be billed the following month. Rates are listed in the parent handbook.

Communication

We have many methods to reach us – phone, app, email, etc. We do prefer that concerns, issues, classroom questions, etc. go through the lead teachers and director as much as possible, just to avoid miscommunication of information. Please let us know if you need to visit outside of conference time – we are always here to listen, problem solve, and work together as a team for your child. You are always welcome in the front office – stop by and see me if I can be of any assistance. I respond quickly to emails as well.

Family Night

Family night on September 18th  from 6-7 p.m. This is an open house style family night, a chance to visit the classrooms, playground, ask any questions that may have come up, have your child show you around their school now that everyone has settled in more. Optional, but we would love to see you there!

Illness Policy

Just a reminder of our general illness policy: Return to school is 24 hours symptom free without the use of medications (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) or 24 hours after starting antibiotics, AND if your child is feeling well enough to participate. We can administer medications as needed here, just check-in any medications (prescription or over the counter) with your child’s teacher or the office. All the details of our illness policy can be found in the parent handbook (sent via email, or available on our website). You can always check with us if you are unsure as well. Thanks for helping everyone keep healthy!

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

A separate packet with information about our October family field trip is in cubbies. Please return the permission slip by September 19th, whether you are attending or not, so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Halloween

We will have classroom parties on the morning of October 29, followed by a costume parade at 11:00 a.m. on the bike path (weather permitting). Families are invited to watch the costume parade. School will then be dismissed at 11:30 for the day (district wide). Costumes guidelines - nothing too scary or any play weapons please. Your child is welcome to attend the parade and party without a costume as well.

Family/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held in October and a link to schedule will be sent out closer to the conferences. If

More Information: www.laramieopenschool.org

Our website has a lot of information and is a great resource. Parent handbook, class lesson plans, newsletters, calendars, fundraising and more! Lesson Plans are posted weekly on the website under the Lesson Plans tab, where you can take a look at all of the fun and educational activities your child is doing each week.

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