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#### August 28, 2014



# Sageville Elementary

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#### **Calendar Of Events**

<u>Friday, August 29</u> 9:45 a.m. Late Arrival Ssgeville apparel orders due

<u>Monday, September 1</u> No School Labor Day

<u>Thursday, September 4</u> School Picture by Siebe An envelope for orders will come home next week.

Friday, September 5 Scrip orders are due

Friday's Professional Learning

We are continuing the learning of collaborative inquiry. This process bridges the gap between data and results. Staff will be learning about predicting and making observations that are meaningful about data.

## From the Desk of Miss Mac

Greetings Sageville families & friends,

Due to number of students in Grade 1, our superintendent approved a third section. I'm pleased to announce that we have hired Mrs. Stacey Cervantes. She is a 2012 graduate of Clarke University in elementary education with an endorsement in special education. She has student-taught in grade 1. Please join us in welcoming her to our Sageville community. She is very excited to meet her new first graders and their families and to collaborate with our staff. Parents in grade 1 will be notified tomorrow and have an opportunity to meet with her next week. She will start with students on September 8th.

During the month of September all of our students in K-5 will be taking the DIBELS assessment. This reading test measures fluency, accuracy and comprehension. The results will be shared with you in October at conferences. If you haven't set a guideline of reading for your child for at least 20 minutes a night, please put that into place! It is very important.



Ms. Rachel Perry is a new special education teacher this year! She taught the last three years at Hempstead High School and is excited to be here!

We continue to collect Prairie Farm milk caps. Enter the information from the tab into the system. If you'd rather send them to school, we will get the information entered. Thank you!

September is traditionally a month for boy and girl scout recruitment. Sageville School has committed adults who organize our troops. Consider getting your child involved. They do great activities and service with the children.

#### Sageville Parent Teacher Club News

T-shirt order reminder. All orders must be turned in no later than Friday August 29th. The order will be getting turned in on Tuesday morning.

Attention students and parents! PTC is working on some fun, creative, and rewarding challenges for Box Tops this year so start saving up on them. The class with the most box tops will be rewarded a fun prize!

The first meeting is Monday, September 15th, 7:00 p.m. at school!



Mrs. Amy Rambousek and Miss Daniele Halfhill are sharing their fourth grade class. Miss Halfhill is a graduate of Clarke University and is a licensed teacher. They will co-teach this year and it also gives Mrs. Rambousek an opportunity to work on differentiated learning with technology with PreK through Gr. 5 teachers.

## **Counselor Corner-Mrs. Kaiser**

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! Over the summer the lead counselors worked on our new guidance curriculum for the DCSD. Our new curriculum has 9 topics that will be covered in classroom guidance; these include skills for learning, collaborative learning, communication skills, conflict resolution, protective behaviors, selfregulation, life changes loss/ transitions, and careers. I will be in your child's classroom once a month. The rest of the month I will be doing small groups on a topic that the teacher feels needs to be focused on. Every student will be in a small group at some time throughout the school

year; they may be a role model, developing or enhancing a new skill. As always, I will continue to do individual counseling and parent education upon request from the student's teacher or parent. I am looking forward to having your child in small group to get to know them better!

**Don't forget**: Your child may be nominated by their teacher for good character. They will be acknowledged at our celebration assemblies and in our newsletter.



### **Technology News**

The Dubuque Schools have started an exciting new initiative this school year. All students are getting a computer login, password and email address. Students in Grades 1-5 will receive a sticker that will be placed in their agenda. This sticker contains their login and password information. PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL. It should not be shared with other students. Your child's email address will be their username + @dbqschools.org

Students will have access to Office 365 with Microsoft features such as Word, Excel, Power Point, etc. Students can use these programs at school AND at home with their login information. You don't have to own a copy of Microsoft Office, because the features are all web-based. That way, school work can be started at school and continued at home (or vice versa) seamlessly.

Please know that your child's safety on the internet is a primary concern of the Dubuque Schools. Your child's new school email is "Closed Campus" which means your child can only send/receive emails from within the Dubuque Schools. I will be training all students to use these new features as part of my ongoing technology classes at Sageville School. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

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