

FEBRUARY 2012



We Need Your Help

If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2012, please call Arena Elementary (753-2361) to register your child for Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Please pass this information along to your neighbors and friends. Take note of the following events/dates:

- **Parent Orientation Meeting** - Tuesday, March 27, at 6:30pm at Arena Elementary
- **Kindergarten Screening** - Tuesday, April 17, at Arena Elementary
- **Kindergarten Round-Up** - Friday, May 25, at Arena Elementary

Keeping Important Information Up-To-Date



Please inform the school's office (753-2361) and the bus company's office (588-2222) if your home address and/or phone numbers have changed. Please also let the bus company know if your child's before-or-after-school plans have changed. This assures that all children will get to and from school safely.

Want your child to succeed in school? Give them a Head Start!

Head Start is a federally-funded comprehensive pre-school program for families in Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland counties. This program serves children ages 3-5 (must be 3 by September 1). Income verification is required. Families receiving Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance are considered income-eligible. All families are encouraged to apply. **CONTACT:** SWCAP Head Start, 1-800-494-8899, (608) 935-3379, swcaphs@mhtc.net, or Joanne Jackson at 583-2259.

Requesting Homework

Homework requested by parents for absent students will be ready by 3:00pm. This will allow enough time for the teacher to prepare your child's homework.



Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on **Monday, February 20, from 3:30-7:30 pm.** An information sheet was sent home on Friday, February 3, regarding conferences.

REMINDER to students: Please be prepared for gym class! Gym takes place on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Tennis shoes are required.



Friendly Reminders

If your child is missing any clothing items, please have him/her check our Lost and Found area (located in the hall across from the office).

If your child borrowed any clothing from the school, please be sure to wash it and return it to school. This will allow for other students to use the clothing item if the need arises.

Many students are forgetting to bring their shoes to school. We need students to wear their shoes in school and their boots for outdoor play.

Outdoor Play

Students can have a lot of fun with their friends outdoors playing in the snow! Please be sure your child dresses appropriately for outdoors. We are also asking you to send an extra set of clothing to school for your child to change into if he/she gets wet. The office does not have a supply of clothing to lend.



BUNNICULA

Upcoming Field Trip

Students and Staff will attend a live performance of the play **BUNNICULA** at the Overture Center in Madison on **Wednesday, February 15**. Cost of the play for students will be \$3.00 (cash only). Money is due back to school by **Wednesday, February 8**. We also need to know if your child is taking his/her own sack lunch along. Your child should have brought information home last Friday regarding this fieldtrip. This fieldtrip letter is posted on the Arena page of the River Valley Website as well.