

November



Information Can Be Found on the Arena Web site...

You can find monthly newsletters, calendars, lunch menus, miscellaneous event happenings on the Arena School Web site. Go to www.rvschools.org, scroll to School, down to Arena Elem. and then on the left-hand side scroll to monthly news or miscellaneous info by month.

Parent-Teacher Conferences



Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on November 8 and November 11. Please be sure to ask your child for the confirmation slip that was sent home. Send the bottom portion of the slip back informing your child's teacher if you can attend the conference. If you have a conflict with your time, please call your child's teacher to reschedule.

Testing Time is Fast Approaching

Grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the WKCE Test during the next few weeks. The dates your child will be testing are included on a separate letter being sent home. A good night's rest and breakfast can help prepare your child for testing days.



Attendance Reminder

If you're taking your child(ren) to see a doctor, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, etc., please be sure to bring back to school a note from the health care provider stating your child was seen. **Without a note, your child could be marked unexcused on his/her attendance.**



B-r-r-r

Cooler weather has returned. Please be sure your child dresses appropriately for outdoor recess by coming to school with the following items: coat, mittens or gloves, hat, boots and snow pants (when there's snow), and an extra pair of socks and mittens. Let's keep our kids dry and healthy.



REMINDER

- Daylight Saving Time Ends soon: Turn your clock back 1 hour on 11/6.
- There is no school on Friday, November 4, due to teachers' inservice/workshop.
- Thanksgiving Vacation - **There is one extra day this year:** 11/23, 11/24, & 11/25
- Our holiday program will take place on Friday, December 9, at 1:00pm. All relatives and friends are welcome.

Need Winter Clothing...

Parents—if you're in need of winter clothing items (coats, boots, snow pants, etc.) for your children, please contact Lynn Breunig, Elementary School Social Worker, at Plain Elementary School, 608/546-2228 Ext. 20.



Health Screening

Health Screening took place on October 10. If your child was absent, he/she will be screened at another time. Distance vision, strabismus (ocular alignment), height and weight, and hearing are the assessments that were made. The 5th graders also had their blood pressure taken. Children experiencing difficulties will be re-screened. Referral letters are mailed to parents if further evaluation is required.

A BIG thank you goes to our parent helpers: Courtney Norton, Gail Forseth, Kari Marks, and Jessica Gilbert.

Inclement Weather School Delays and Closings

Bad winter weather sometimes forces River Valley to cancel school. Every effort is made to circulate the closing information by 6:30 am. Information is broadcast on the following stations:

WMMM	Madison	105.5 FM
WOLX	Madison	94.9 FM
WTSO	Madison	1070 AM
Z104	Madison	104.1 FM
WMGN	Madison	Magic 98 FM
WTDY	Baraboo	1480 AM
WDMP	Dodgeville	99.3 FM or 810 AM
WRDB	Reedsburg	105 FM or 1400 AM
WRCO	Richland Center	100.9 FM or 1450 AM



WISC-TV	Channel 3
WMTV-TV	Channel 15
WKOW-TV	Channel 27

When weather conditions deteriorate on regular school days, parents should listen for early closing information on these stations. You may also call the school office if you have any concerns about a delayed start or early dismissal.

Absentee Surveillance Program

The Iowa County Health Department is initiating an absentee surveillance program in all Iowa County schools. This program will track symptoms of students who call in sick for school. This information will improve the health of the community by identifying disease outbreaks. Information will be kept confidential and no names will be used in gathering surveillance information.





Beginning Wednesday, October 26, 2011 when you call the school to report that your child is absent, please give the following information:

- Your child's name and grade level
- Reason for absence
- If your child is ill, report the main symptoms

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting the health of our children and our community. Any questions and/or concerns, please contact me at 930-9875.

--Kim Horst, Iowa County Health Dept.—(608) 930 -0975—kim.horst @iowacounty.org

Now is the time to join 4-H

-  Would you like to learn how to care for animals or how to grow food and flowers?
-  Are you interested in photography or arts and crafts or woodworking or robotics?
-  Would you like to help others and get involved in your community?
-  Would you like to travel across Wisconsin and the United States with other youth?

If any of these things appeal to you, then 4-H is for you. There is a 4-H club in your community enrolling members right now.

Visit <http://iowa.uwex.edu> or call the Iowa County Extension Office at 608-930-9850 for more information.



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