

# MEAD MUSTANG MONTHLY UPDATES

## **FALL CONFERENCE SIGN UP**

On November 4th, teachers will be sending out sign ups for conferences through ParentSquare. Please take advantage of this amazing opportunity to learn more about how your child is doing in school!

## **BEGINNING & END OF DAY**

Some students are getting dropped off at school before 8:25. There is no outdoor supervision before school in the morning, so this is a very big safety concern. Please help us keep everyone safe by not sending students onto school grounds before 8:25 unless they are enrolled in Jumpstart.

Also, if you need to make changes to end of day plans, please call the office before 2:00pm to ensure we can communicate those plans to your child's teacher in time.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- November 3: Daylight Savings- Set your clocks back 1 hour!
- November 12: Fundraiser Pick Up
- November 18: Next PTC Meeting @ 4pm in Mead Cafe
- November 21 & 25: Fall Conferences from 4pm to 7pm; sign up for a time with your child's teacher
- November 27-29: No School; Thanksgiving Break

**CHECK OUT WHAT ELSE IS  
HAPPENING THIS MONTH  
ON OUR COMMUNITY  
EVENTS PAGE**



# Help Our Patrols Help Our Students

We want to take a moment to thank our safety patrol members. They are 5th graders who have demonstrated respect and responsibility throughout the school environment and who donate their time to help keep our students safe.

They have been trained to watch for safe gaps in traffic prior to letting both students and adults cross the street. I know at times it may seem like they are holding you back forever, but please know they take their safety responsibilities seriously and only want to do a good job. If you feel like they are holding people back longer than necessary you may give a gentle suggestion on when it is safe to cross. Crossing at 16th and Alton at the exit of the parking lot can take a long time as well as crossing at 14th and Alton. To help speed up crossing, you may want to consider parking in the parking lot and cross at the coned off section of Alton or parking in the parking lot by the water tower and simply walking along the sidewalk by the school. Also, Safety Patrols are not allowed to let students cross if a car stops and motions to the patrol to let the students go.

This is a great learning opportunity for these students. Please help make this an enjoyable experience for them. If you have any questions regarding Safety Patrol, please reach out to Andrew Miller, our Safety Patrol Coordinator.

## Too Much Tech?

Watch for these signs



Complaints about being bored without screens



Problems with sleep, school, or face-to-face interaction



Harsh resistance to screen time limits

Are you seeing these signs?

It's time to talk about tech.

[TalkHeart2Heart.org](http://TalkHeart2Heart.org)



## **MEAD SCHOOL** **TITLE I SERVICES**

Mead Elementary School offers school-wide Title I services to all students. Title I is a federal program providing funding to support intervention to students who are struggling to reach grade level standards. At Mead, intervention teachers work with small groups of students in need of additional support in reading and math. Our intervention teachers also work in classrooms with the classroom teachers. If you do not want your child to receive these services, please contact the office for a form to fill out to opt your child out of these learning opportunities.



# November Newsletter From the Nurse



Colder weather seasons are coming upon us along with other viruses and illnesses. Please make sure you are sending appropriate outside clothing with your student (hats, gloves, winter jackets). Below are some ways to protect yourself and others from severe respiratory viruses.

CDC recommends that all people use core prevention strategies. These are important steps you can take to protect yourself and others: more information by clicking on the links below.

- Stay up to date with [immunizations](#)
- Practice good [hygiene](#) (practices that improve cleanliness)
- Take [steps for cleaner air](#)
- When you may have a respiratory virus:
  - Use [precautions to prevent spread](#)
  - Seek health care promptly for testing and/or treatment if you have [risk factors for severe illness; treatment](#) may help lower your risk of severe illness
  - People with asthma may notice worsening symptoms: talk to your health care provider if your symptoms are not controlled (STUDENTS/PARENTS:remember to send inhalers to school with a doctor's order)

## Immunizations—prepare for next school year:

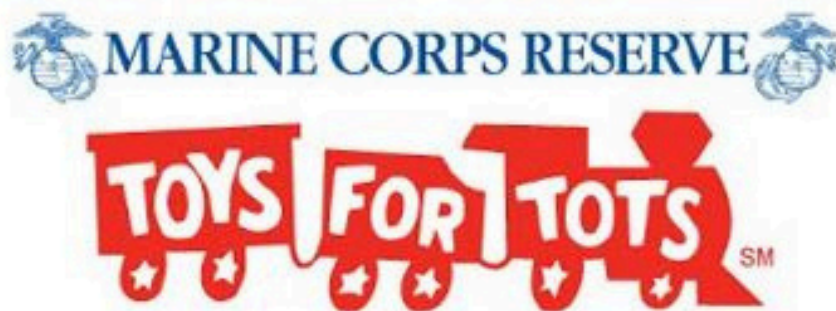
If your child received any immunizations recently, please call/report that to your school nurse, so they can update accordingly. See below for **\*NEW\*** immunization requirements that went into effect starting the 2024-2025 school year. A parent may call the clinics to make a “nurse-only” appointment for vaccinations as long as they are up to date with their pediatrician visits. Be prepared for next school year! If your child should not receive immunizations for any reason, please fill out a waiver by clicking on this link [Immunization Form](#). Return the completed paperwork to the nurse. If you have updated immunizations throughout the school year, please turn those into the nurse to be updated in our system.

### For entry to kindergarten through seventh grades, students need:

- 4 doses of polio vaccine • 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox)\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B • 2 doses of MMR
- 4 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/TD • 1 Tdap at seventh grade
- \*NEW\* • 1 MenACWY-containing vaccine at seventh grade\*\*\***

### For entry to 12th grade

All of the above AND **\*NEW\* • 1 MenACWY-containing booster(2nd dose in series)\*\*\***



Dear Mom, Dad, or Caregiver;

The people of South Wood County have historically been very generous during the holiday season to help assist families in need. One such generosity is the Marine Corps Reserve, "Toys for Tots" (TFT) Christmas for Children program. During the 2024 holiday season, "Toys for Tots" will be jointly operated by the Grand Rapids Lions and FOCUS ("Feeding Our Communities with United Services").

If your family is in need this holiday season, please follow the below steps:



1. Register your family:

- a. On or after **October 15, 2024** please complete the online referral form at
- b. **OR** fill out the referral form (please print) and make sure to include age and gender and a cell phone number
- c. Return the referral form to the main office of your child's school by **December 02, 2024.**
- d. **Please only complete one referral form.**

2. If you filled out the online referral form, you will receive an email acknowledging that your application has been received.

3. Toy pickup will be on 12/14/2024 from 9 am-12:30 pm at Mariani Cold Storage located at **1909 32nd St N, Wisconsin Rapids. There are no assigned times. Please bring your acknowledgment letter with you**

4. **This will be the only opportunity to pick up your toys. In the event you cannot attend the pickup, please send an authorized individual, with your acknowledgment letter, to the pickup on your behalf**

If you are a FOCUS Client and are in need of a holiday food basket please contact FOCUS at 715-422-2050 after November 1, 2024.

Please do not indicate you want a holiday food basket on the TFT referral form.

Sincerely;

The Grand Rapids Lions Club and FOCUS





## 2024 REFERRAL FOR TOYS FOR TOTS

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

PLEASE PRINT

FIRST NAME	MID. INTL.	LAST NAME	
STREET ADDRESS			Apt./Lot #
CITY	STATE		ZIP CODE
CELL PHONE	EMAIL ADDRESS		

PLEASE PRINT

HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION LIST ALL CHILDREN LIVING IN THE HOUSEHOLD

First and Last name (Mandatory)	SCHOOL	Age	Gender
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

Note: This information may be shared with school staff and other agencies offering holiday assistance. HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ - SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*If you are in need of a Christmas Food Basket please contact the FOCUS Food Pantry at: (715) 422-2050 \*\***

