



Novak News

Important Dates:

Aug. 7 – **Registration** 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 4:00-6:00 p.m.
(pay fees, add lunch money – only if you do not do it online)

Supply Fee \$50/student, Lunch \$2.60, Milk \$.50

Aug. 22 – **Meet & Greet** - drop in any time between 7:30-9:00 a.m.
(bring your supplies, visit your classroom, see friends!)

Aug. 23 – **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Sept. 3 – **NO SCHOOL – Labor Day**

E-Registration:

Starting Aug. 2, please log in to the Parent Portal to update your student's information. This needs to be done for all students each year so that we have current information and permissions.

You may use this link:

<https://ps-linnmar.gwaea.org/public/>

New students, including kindergarten, will not be able to register online. Those students will receive their sign-on information at conference time in October.

Emergency Card:

If you have not already done so, also complete and return the yellow emergency form to the Novak Office. These were sent home in April. If you need another form, you may pick one up at the Novak Office. These are needed if we would have an emergency and need to leave the building.

Have a wonderful summer! See you in August!

A Note from Mrs. O'Donnell:

Dear Families,

The school year is coming to a close, but the learning doesn't need to end. I encourage you to keep some fun reading activities as part of your summer routine. I am sure you have all heard of the "summer learning loss".

Research shows that: **Students' achievement scores declined over summer vacation by one month's worth of school-year learning.**

Here is an excerpt from an article that tells you what you can do about it.

The good news is that if children read just six books over summer vacation, they will likely avoid summer reading loss. Here are a few ideas for reaching--and going beyond--this six book goal:

- Take books with you and your child everywhere you go; to the doctor's office, on picnics, on road trips, etc.
- Let your child choose the books she wants to read (as long as they're age-appropriate and are written at the *just right* level of difficulty).
- Support his reading experience by talking about the books and helping him understand and interpret what he reads.
- Read aloud to your child, even if he can read on his own. It helps build vocabulary and listening comprehension skills.
- As you're reading aloud, be sure to interact with your child by asking what she thinks might happen next, what a certain character is likely to do, whether the story is real or make-believe, and so forth. Above all, have fun!
- If you are more comfortable reading to your child in a language other than English, by all means do so. What your child learns in his or her native language will help create a bridge to learning English.
- Encourage your child to participate in a summer reading program. Many libraries host them. Some bookstores do, too. You might also consider the [PBS KIDS & Parents Reading Challenges](#) which runs throughout the summer months.
- In addition to reading books, children can practice their reading skills by engaging in many different online reading experiences. Literacy-building sites such as [PBS KIDS Island](#) for children ages 3-5, and the [Great Word Quest](#) for ages 6-8 (both of which are free) are great examples.

This website offers literacy activities in addition to reading.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/10-weeks-summer-reading-adventures-you-and-your-kids>

Thanks for a great school year. We appreciate that trust us with your children every day. I hope you have a relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O'Donnell





**Free sack lunches served to children at the following sites
during the summer, June 4—August 22**

Monday—Friday 12:00 PM—12:30 PM

**Azure Apartments
Community Baptist Church
Squaw Creek Village
Marion Village
Chapel Ridge
Apartments
Emerson School
Starry Elementary
Valley View Apartments
Eagle Ridge**



For more information call
(319) 377-4856 or visit
www.marionmethodist.org/FLY

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