

## Extended Times: After School Care News: August 2011

We would like welcome back all of our returning Extended Time Students as well as extend a warm welcome to our new "ET" students. We are looking forward to another great year. Our extended time staff will remain the same, Mrs. Rosemary Burzynski, as well as Mrs. Kathy Danczyk and Connor Burzynski.

ET students will meet in classroom 3B, promptly after school. Please note that we will meet our younger and new students in their classrooms at the end of the school day to assist them in getting to where they need to be. Please make sure you take a moment each morning to discuss with your child his or her afterschool schedule ("Don't forget you have "ET today"). A child knowing what to expect at the end of his or her school day will help eliminate undue stress. It also helps us maintain student safety. It is **very important** that if your child is not going to follow his or her **regular ET schedule** that a note, stating the change, be sent to the office with "**ATTENTION ET**" clearly written on the top. Your child's safety is extremely important to us, so we want to make sure your child is where he or she needs to be.

Parents, you can pick your child up from the back of the school in the teachers' parking lot, off of Pierson St. We will hold ET in room 1A ( Mrs. Striedl's Room) this year. Look for the blue "EXTENDED TIME" sign. Please note that after the students check-in, our ET staff will bring them outside (weather permitting) or into our school gym, every day until 3:00. Should you arrive before they return to the classroom you may have to retrieve them or wait until they return to the room.

Daily snack will be provided but the students are always welcome to bring in their own snack if they do not like what we are offering. Following snack there is a 30 min. quiet homework time. Please note that every child regardless of whether or not they have homework will be required to maintain a quiet environment during this "Homework" time. We suggest each child bring a book to read.

We feel blessed to have this opportunity to spend time with your child(ren) and look forward to a magnificent year.

## Important ET Information

- Extended time will be held in Mrs. Striedl's room, 1A. For those new to our program, you can access this room from the teacher's parking lot off of Pierson Street.
- **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** send the office a note with Attention ET on it, if your child will not be attending his or her regular scheduled ET day. This helps us know where the children need to be and helps insure their safety.
- It is equally important that ET is notified of any schedule change including late arrival to ET, due to after school activities.
- Please give your child daily reminders of his or her daily ET attendance. We don't want them getting on the school bus if they are suppose to be in ET.
- Should you need to make a last minute ET change it should be made by calling the school office 815-459-0496. For additional assistance you can contact Mrs. Burzynski at extension 227 or send an email to [rburzynski@stthomascl.org](mailto:rburzynski@stthomascl.org).

Mrs. Danczyk can be contacted from 3-6:15 at extension 222, but please **do not** leave a message on this extension.

- There will be no video games or cell phone usage allowed during ET
- ET is only offered on **full school days**
- ET will not be offered on the following Early Dismissal and No School Days
  - Tues. August 30, 2011 - Early Dismissal
  - Mon. September 5, 2011- No School, Labor Day
  - Thur. September 15, 2011- Early Dismissal
  - Fri. October 7-10, 2011- No School
  - Thur. November 3, 2011- Early Dismissal
  - Wed. November 23-25, 2011 - No School, Happy Thanksgiving!
  - Wed. December 21, 2011- Early Dismissal
  - Thur. December 22-Jan. 3, 2012- No School, Merry Christmas!
  - Mon. January 16, 2012. - No School, Martin Luther King Holiday
  - Mon. February 20, 2012- No School, Presidents Day (UNLESS USED TO MAKEUP A SNOW DAY)
  - Mon. March 26-30, 2012- No School, Spring Break
  - Fri. April 6, 2012- No School, Good Friday
  - Mon. April 9, 2012 - No School, Easter Monday Day (UNLESS USED TO MAKEUP A SNOW DAY)
  - Fri. May 25, 2012- No School
  - Mon. May 28, 2012 - NO School, Memorial Day
  - June 5, 2012 - Tentative Last Day of School- Early Dismissal