



MIO AUSABLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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A Year of Resilience: Celebrating Our Staff and Students



As we enter the second half of this school year, it's impossible to ignore the incredible journey we've all been on—staff, students, and everyone in between. The challenges we have faced together are numerous, but so are the triumphs we've experienced as a community. Looking back at all we've overcome, we can truly say that this year has been one of resilience, perseverance, and strength.

The start of the year wasn't without its hurdles. Many of us were confronted with unexpected obstacles, from adjusting to new schedules and learning environments to adapting to the ever-changing realities of the world around us. But what has truly stood out is the unwavering dedication shown by both our students and staff in facing these challenges head-on.

Our teachers have gone above and beyond, not just in delivering lessons but in finding creative ways to engage and support every student. Whether it's the extra time spent answering questions after class, the innovative learning methods introduced to accommodate all learning styles, or the emotional support offered to help students feel secure, our educators have continued to show up with unmatched enthusiasm and care. They've proven that teaching goes far beyond textbooks—it's about nurturing young minds, fostering growth, and adapting to meet the needs of each individual.

At the same time, our students have shown an extraordinary amount of resilience. From dealing with setbacks in academics to adjusting to new routines, our students have consistently risen to the occasion. They've embraced change, found new ways to connect with their peers, and continue to demonstrate an inspiring commitment to their personal and academic growth. Each day, they remind us all of the power of perseverance and determination.

It's important to acknowledge that we've all faced challenges—whether in the classroom, at home, or within ourselves. But through it all, we've leaned on one another. This school community has proven that when we come together, we can overcome anything. It's a reminder that success isn't just about the grades we earn or the tests we pass—it's about the relationships we build, the obstacles we navigate, and the resilience we display.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize the efforts of our support staff, from administrative teams to custodians, counselors, and everyone who plays an essential role behind the scenes. Their hard work, dedication, and care ensure that the school runs smoothly and that students and staff alike have the resources they need to succeed.

As we move forward, let's remember the lessons we've learned from these experiences: resilience, adaptability, and the importance of community. While there will undoubtedly be more challenges ahead, we have proven time and time again that we are more than capable of overcoming them.



So, as we continue this school year, let's take a moment to be proud of everything we've accomplished together. We've faced the storm, and we've come out stronger. Here's to the rest of the year—and to continuing to show just how proud we are of every single member of this amazing school community.

Together, we rise.

WE ARE MIO!



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12:00 p.m.

DISMISSAL

January 16 & 17

NO SCHOOL

**February 14 &
February 17**

12:00 p.m.

DISMISSAL

February 27 & 28

SPRING BREAK

March 21-31

WHY SLEEP IS SO IMPORTANT



Sleep is like a magic reset button for your body and brain. When you get enough sleep, you wake up feeling refreshed and ready to start the day. For elementary students, you need between 9 to 12 hours of sleep each night to stay at your best. During sleep, your brain and body rest, recover, and get ready for another busy day of learning and growing.

Without enough sleep, it can be harder to concentrate in class, remember what you've learned, and even stay in a good mood. You might feel cranky, tired, or slow, and that can make it harder to do your best in school. But when you get enough rest, you'll be able to focus better, solve problems more easily, and enjoy the day!



Celebrating Exceptional Self-Control

We are so proud of how well our students have been demonstrating self-control this school year! Every day, they show responsibility, focus, and respect, helping to create a positive learning environment for everyone. While all our students are doing a great job, there are a few who have truly exceeded expectations and gone above and beyond in showing incredible self-control.

These students have earned themselves the Spark Award, a recognition given to those who consistently display outstanding behavior, leadership, and maturity. Their ability to make thoughtful choices, stay focused, and set a positive example for others has truly stood out. We are so proud of their efforts!

Please join us in congratulating these amazing students for their hard work and dedication. They have set a wonderful example for everyone in our school, and we can't wait to see all the great things they will continue to achieve. Keep shining brightly!

Popcorn Friday: An Elementary Tradition!

The first Friday of every month is Popcorn Friday here at school! On this special day, every elementary student gets a tasty serving of freshly made popcorn, thanks to the help of our dedicated volunteers. It's a fun tradition that brings our school community together and adds a little extra excitement to the day!

We're always looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you're interested in donating your time to pop popcorn and serve it to the students, we would love to have you join us! Your support helps make Popcorn Friday a fun and enjoyable experience for all.



If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out to Misty deGuzman at (989)826-2430.

We look forward to another fantastic Popcorn Friday with your help!



Ages 0-4 Welcome

Free

Mio Early On Playgroup

Starting October 17, 2024



Mio Elementary- Room 4
Thursday's 11:00am -12:00pm

Playgroup will not be offered on:
 Nov 14, Nov 28, Dec 26, Jan 2, and March 27

Cancelled if Mio School is closed

Activities:

- Free Play
- Music
- Singing/Dancing
- Arts & Crafts
- Meet other families
- Snack
- Service Provider Support

Registration not required.
 Please sign in at Elementary office when you arrive

COOR PLAYGROUP

COOR holds a playgroup throughout the year for children 0-4. We are lucky to have this held right here in our school. Should you have young children that could benefit from this here is the information.

Coffee & Connect

Drink coffee and connect with other adults from the area.



Location:
 Mio AuSable Schools
 Library/Media Center

Time:
 8:10 a.m.—9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:
 February 5th & 19th

We look forward to seeing you!

SLEDDING FUN CONTINUES, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our school's sledding tradition is still going strong, and the students have been absolutely loving it! With the snow on the ground, it's the perfect opportunity for everyone to enjoy some outdoor fun and stay active during recess. The hills are full of laughter and excitement as students race down together, making the most of the winter weather.

Unfortunately, despite all the fun, we've encountered a little setback. Over the past few weeks, we've lost **four sleds** due to them breaking from regular use. While we've done our best to make do, we're asking for your help so our students can continue enjoying this wonderful tradition.

If you are able and willing to donate a sled or two, we would be extremely grateful. Your donation would help ensure that the students can keep sledding, making memories and enjoying their winter days to the fullest.

If you would like to donate a sled or have any questions, please contact the Elementary office at (989)826-2430.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to more fun on the slopes with your generous help!





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VOICES OF THUNDER—WINTER CONCERT

