



Around the Round!

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December 2025

Important Dates

December:

12/1 4th grade Mackinaw Payment
12/4 PTO Meeting 4pm
12/8-12/12 Santa Shop
12/15 School Board Meeting
12/19 Cookie Walk
12/22- 1/5 No School for students
Holiday Break

January:

1/6 School resumes
1/13 PTO Meeting 4:00pm
1/9 Report cards go home
1/19 No School – MLK Day
1/23 Family Fun Night –
Glow Dance
1/26- 2/6 Yearbook Sales

School Hours

Monday -Thursday
8:50 – 3:50pm

Fridays 8:50 – 2:50

Students may enter at 8:45am

We are Merry and Bright at Round!

A big thank you to the PTO for providing dinner on conference night! It is a long day with little time for dinner.

The weather was so nice we enjoyed the band outside. We were able to have our Halloween Parade outside as well!

Please remember to label everything! Our lost and found is overflowing and we will have to donate these items before our Holiday Break.

K Kids are collecting boxes of mashed potatoes, pasta, rice and stuffing in December for the Optimist Club's Adopt a Family program. All donations can be dropped off in the office by December 10th. Please check the expiration date/s. We can not donate items that expire before January 1st.



We have many things to be thankful for including our supportive and caring community. We wish everyone great joy, rest and relaxation with family and friends during the holiday break. It is a wonderful time to reconnect and enjoy family.

I have encouraged staff to unplug and wait until the New Year to respond to emails, etc. Thank you for your understanding!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Dorothy Hottum

Bundle Up! It's Getting Cold Outside!



Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather with warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots. Children go outside for recess 3 times a day for fresh air, frequent breaks and exercise.

The district cold weather policy is as follows:

- Wind chill 15 degrees or above = regular outdoor recess
- Wind chill between 0 and 15 degrees = a short recess 5 to 15 minutes long
- Wind chill below 0 degrees = inside recess

Please be aware that children need a doctor's note to stay in for recess.

Home & School Tip: Good Consequences

Behaving well and working hard pay off! Help your child see the results of his/her efforts or good behavior in a positive way.

For example, if your child is quiet while you are on the phone then reward him/her with your attention through game time or reading. If your child goes to bed without a fuss, then point out how rested they are in the morning due to the extra sleep.

You can set up positive rewards too. If your child keeps their room clean for a month, then you could redecorate or rearrange the room. By then the habit will be established and the hard work will have resulted in their appreciation of the new space.

You may notice that you scold less and celebrate success more often. *Tip: try not to use rewards like toys or food. You will train your child to expect a reward for being well behaved.*

Safety in the Parking Lot!

The morning “drop off” time before school and afternoon “pick up” times have students and parents negotiating a very busy parking lot. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY and put the safety of our students first. This is particularly important during the winter.

The drop off lane is a “kiss and go lane”, please stay in your car, give them a kiss and a hug, send them out to the sidewalk on the right side of your car. Children exiting cars on the left hand side could be stepping out into traffic. If you need to help your child out of the car or they must exit on the left, then you need to park in the lot to ensure everyone’s safety. Please pull all the way forward, this allows more children to exit at the same time. We need the line to move quickly so parents with other morning commitments can be on time.

Please remember to save the parking spaces labeled ‘handicapped’ for those with the appropriate legal designation. Please save the auction winner spaces for those families that purchased them at the auction. Thank you for your cooperation.

End of the day pick up reminder!

We want to thank you for all you have done this fall to ensure we had a great start to the school year. We need to clarify the ‘end of the day procedures’ because there has been some confusion.

Please be aware that half of the office staff go to the gym for end of the day pick up at 3:40. At the same time, teachers send students being picked up go to their lockers to get their things and head to the gym. Parents can pick students up in the gym at 3:45. Please park.

If you want to pick your child up between 3:30 and 3:50 you have 2 options:

1. Pick them up in the gym beginning at 3:45
2. Wait on the sidewalk, under the awning for your child to exit the building at 3:50

We do not like to release students from the office between 3:00 and 3:50 unless it is an emergency. Please help us to make the end of the day an efficient and safe experience for everyone between 3:40 and 3:50 by choosing one of the above options.

Websites to encourage reading

Here are some other great websites for parents K-12:

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-families#online>

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2015#age_screener/cleanup

<http://imaginationsoup.net/2015/05/summer-reading-list-for-kids/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/>

<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570/>

The cumulative effects of reading loss: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ahhj3wxxkdM>

Math Resources for Parents

<http://homeworkunlocked.com>

Free math homework

<http://www.engageny.org/mathematics>

Math Modules EngagedNY

<http://www.eduplace.com/math/mhm/>

Help with math homework

Preschool and Kindergarten Websites

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/reading-writing/personal-stories-help-children-get-ready-school>

Personal Stories to Help Children Get Ready For School

<http://families.naeyc.org/child-development/school-ready-your-kindergartner>

Is The School Ready for Your Kindergartner?

<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/music-math-more/13-tips-starting-preschool> 13 Tips for Starting Preschool

8 Powerful Ways to Mold Your Children Into Leaders

We can mold our children into leaders, but only if we work at it. Few things in life are as worth your time and effort as this.

Travis Bradberry

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We all want our children to become leaders. We want them to be courageous, passionate and authentic. We want their actions to inspire other people to be their best. Dr. Travis Bradberry shows you how in this article, originally published on [LinkedIn Pulse](#).

As parents and caretakers of children, their path to leadership is in our hands. We can model and teach the skills that will equip them to lead themselves and others in this hyper-competitive world, or we can allow them to fall victim to the kind of thinking that makes them slaves to the status quo.

It's a big responsibility—but when is being a parent not?

The beauty of building children into leaders is that the little things we do every day are the ones that mold them into the people they'll become. Focus on the eight actions below, and you'll build leadership in your children and yourself.

1. Model emotional intelligence (EQ).

[Emotional intelligence](#) is that “something” in each of us that is a bit intangible; it affects how we manage behavior, navigate social complexities and make personal decisions that achieve positive results.

Children learn emotional intelligence from their parents. As your children watch you every day, they absorb your behavior like a sponge. Children are particularly attuned to your awareness of emotions, the behavior you demonstrate in response to strong emotions, and how you react and respond to their emotions.

EQ is one of the biggest drivers of success in leadership positions. [TalentSmart](#) has tested more than 1 million people and found that EQ is responsible for 58 percent of a leader's job performance. Likewise, 90 percent of top-performing leaders have high EQs.

Most people do very little to develop their EQ growing up. Just 36 percent of the people we tested are able to identify their emotions accurately as they happen. Children who develop a high level of EQ carry these skills into adulthood, and this gives them a leg up in leadership and in life.

2. Don't obsess about achievement.

Parents are sucked into obsessing about achievement because they believe this will make their children high achievers. Fixating on achievement creates all sorts of problems for kids. This is especially true when it

comes to leadership, where focusing on individual achievement gives kids the wrong idea about how work is done.

Simply put, [the best leaders surround themselves with great people](#) because they know they can't do it alone. Achievement-obsessed children are so focused on awards and outcomes that they never fully understand this. All they can see is the player who's handed the MVP trophy and the celebrity CEO who makes the news—they assume it's all about the individual. It's a rude awakening once they discover how real life works.

3. Don't praise too much.

Children need praise to build a healthy sense of self-esteem. Unfortunately, piling on the praise doesn't give them extra self-esteem. Children need to believe in themselves and to [develop the self-confidence](#) required to become successful leaders. But if you gush every time they put pen to paper or kick a ball (the “everyone gets a trophy” mentality), this creates confusion and false confidence. Always show your children how proud you are of their passion and effort; just don't paint them as superstars when you know it isn't true.

4. Allow them to experience risk and failure.

Success in business and in life is driven by risk. When parents go overboard protecting their children, they don't allow them to [take risks](#) and reap the consequences. When you aren't allowed to fail, you don't understand risk. A leader can't take appropriate risks until he or she knows the bitter taste of failure that comes with risking it all and coming up short.

The road to success is paved with failure. When you try to shield your children from failure in order to boost their self-esteem, they have trouble tolerating the failure required to succeed as a leader. Don't rub their face in failure, either. Children need your support when they fail. They need to know you care. They need to know that you know how much failure stings. Your support allows them to embrace the intensity of the experience and to know that they'll make it through it all right. That is [solid character building](#) for future leaders.

5. Say no.

Overindulging children is a surefire way to limit their development as leaders. To succeed as a leader, one must be able to delay gratification and work hard for important things. Children need to [develop this patience](#). They need to set goals and experience the joy that comes with working diligently toward them. Saying no to your children will disappoint them momentarily, but they'll get over that. They'll never get over being spoiled.

6. Let children solve their own problems.

A certain self-sufficiency comes with being a leader. When you're the one making the calls, you should also be the one who needs to stay behind and clean up the mess these create. When parents constantly solve their

children's problems for them, children never develop the critical ability to stand on their own two feet. Children who always have someone swooping in to rescue them and clean up their mess spend their whole lives waiting for this to happen. [Leaders take action.](#) They take charge. They're responsible and accountable. Make certain your children are as well.

7. Walk your talk.

[Authentic leaders](#) are transparent and forthcoming. They aren't perfect, but they earn people's respect by walking their talk. Your children can develop this quality naturally, but only if it's something they see you demonstrate. To be authentic, you must be honest in all things, not just in what you say and do but also in who you are. When you walk your talk, your words and actions will align with who you claim to be. Your children will see this and aspire to do the same.

8. Show your humanity.

No matter how indignant and defiant your children are at any moment, you're still their hero and their model for the future. This can make you want to hide your past mistakes for fear they'll be enticed to repeat them. The opposite is true. When you don't show any vulnerability, your children develop intense guilt about every failure because they believe that they're the only ones to make such terrible mistakes.

To develop as leaders, children need to know that the people they look up to aren't infallible. Leaders must be able to process their mistakes, learn from them and move forward to be better people. Children can't do this when they're overcome by guilt. They need someone—[a real, vulnerable person](#)—to teach them how to process mistakes and learn from them. When you show them how you've done this in the past, you're doing just that.

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Third Grade
has been
working hard!

We Need Your Help to earn money for our school programs.

Please bring your recyclable papers to our
Green & Yellow Paper Retriever® Bin.

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Shopping Catalogs
- Mail
- School Papers
- Office Papers
- Envelopes

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- **NO** Cardboard
- **NO** Cereal/Soda Cartons
- **NO** Food wrap/containers
- **NO** Tissue Products
- **NO** Phone Books
- **NO** Plastic
- **NO** Glass

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60 Lbs less Green House Gases

7,000 gallons less of Water

390 gallons of oil



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