

Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community School Newsletter

Sent to Parents, Friends and Employees of the Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community School August 1, 2014

First Day of School

School will start on Thursday, August 14. **The first day (Aug. 14), school will be dismissed two hours early.**

School start times:

MV&AO Elem.	8:15 AM
Middle school	8:30 AM
High school	8:30 AM

Regular school will be dismissing at the following times:

Middle school	3:30 PM
High school	3:30 PM
MV & AO Elem.	3:25 PM

Students may eat breakfast at 7:30 AM in the high school or middle school commons. Breakfast is planned beginning with the first day of school for those who wish to participate.

Elementary parents that bring your children to school, we ask that you drop off your students on the west side of your elementary building.

2014-2015 Registration Fees

In order to make registration more convenient for parents, all registration materials will be on the Maple Valley-Anthon Oto web page.

The address for this site is: www.mvaoschool.com

Under each school building on the webpage is a "registration materials" icon. Please click on the "registration materials" icon to access all the forms and information you need for registration.

If you cannot access this website, please contact the school at (712) 881-1315 or (712) 373-5244.

This year MVAO will hold a registration day on Monday, August 4th from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Each building secretary will be available in their office to assist with the registration process from 1:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

All registration materials should be sent or returned to either attendance center by August 4th.

NOTE: Parents can pay for registration and meals with one check for all family members.

Registration Secretary 110 West Division Anthon, IA 51004	OR	Registration Secretary 501 South 7 th Street Mapleton, IA 51034
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Please send:

- 1) A completed 2014-2015 Registration Fee Receipt and check or pay on-line for the fees & lunch/ breakfast costs.
- 2) A completed 2014-2015 Student Registration and Medical Information Form.
- 3) A signed parent/ student acknowledgment form with both parent and student signatures.
- 4) A signed Computer Network User Agreement, if parent grants permission.
- 5) A completed Parentlink phone number form.

Please complete by August 4, 2014.

(more information on reverse)

Open House – August 11th, 12th & 13th

The 9-12 open house will be Monday, August 11th starting at 7:00 PM

The 6-8 open house will be Tuesday, August 12th starting at 7:00 PM
The 6th grade I-Pad meeting will begin at 7:30 PM

The MV & A-O K-5 open house will be Wednesday, August 13th starting at 7:00 PM.

Free/Reduced Meals, Insurance, Schedules and Handbooks

Income guidelines and application forms for **free or reduced price breakfasts and lunches** are included in this mailing. Remember, if you qualify for free/reduced meals, you also qualify for free/reduced breakfasts. You should also know that the names of those who apply for free/reduced meals are kept confidential.

Also included with this mailing is a **Standard Fee Waiver Application form** that may be completed and returned with your registration materials. Students whose families meet the income guidelines for free and reduced price meals, the Family Investment Program (FIP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), transportation assistance under open enrollment, or who are in foster care are eligible to have their student fees waived or partially waived. Students whose families are experiencing a temporary financial difficulty may be eligible for a temporary waiver of student fees.

Student insurance application forms may be picked up at your principal's office and will be provided by the Security National Bank in Mapleton.

Middle School and High School schedules will be given to the students the first day of school or open house.

Parent-Student Handbooks will be sent home with each student the first week of classes.

Attention: Free & Reduced Recipients

If you have children under the age of 5, there is a pregnant woman in your household, or you are breast-feeding your child, your family may qualify for the Special Supplemental Foods Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). Women who have recently had a baby and are under the age of 18 also qualify for six months after the baby is born. The income guidelines for the program are the same as those for reduced-price school lunches.

This program provides vouchers for nutritious foods such as cereal, juice, milk, eggs, peanut butter, dried beans, and infant formula each month. Participants are given a simple health screening every six months and nutrition education is provided.

Clinics to certify clients for the program are held monthly in each county. For more information, or to make an appointment, contact the West Central Development Corporation Office in Onawa, 806 Iowa Ave. (423-2603) or in Denison, 201 1/2 S. Main (263-3538).

School Lunch/Breakfast Prices

K-12 breakfast single day ticket cost **\$1.90**

K-12 student lunch single day ticket cost **\$2.60**

Pre-School and Kdg. Snack Milk: Year - **\$120.00/\$60 Sem**

Individual Picture Day

Individual pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 4th. Life Touch will again take the pictures. Parents who wish to have pictures taken of preschool children are asked to be at the school by 8:00 A.M.

Remember you can pay for all your students by one check or online through PayPal.

New Bus Routes --- Again!

The new bus routes and shuttle route lists are included on the website pages. . Just as in past years, these lists will be used to start the year, and will be monitored for efficiency. As conditions change, or as improvements are recognized, the route listings will be changed. All busses have two-way radios. If your child is not riding the bus, call the school and the message will be relayed to the driver.

Practice Times/Activity Shuttles

An after school activity shuttle is provided for the middle school and high school activities. Under usual circumstances, the activity shuttle will leave Anthon with the middle school students between 5:15-5:45 and return with the high school students between 6:30-6:45. This will vary between sporting seasons Stops are made in Danbury and Oto.

Fall high school practice time will be 3:30-6:15 p.m. for August 11-13. (see fall transportation schedule for bus times) August 14 practice time is 2:30-6:15 p.m. and August 18-29 practice time it is 3:30-6:15 p.m. Starting September 2, the bus will be picking up players at 6:00 p.m.

Middle school practice starts August 14. August 14-29 the shuttle leaves Anthon at 5:45 p.m. After August 29 the shuttle leaves at 5:15 p.m.

Other shuttles, such as morning shuttles and after game shuttles are organized as the need dictates. Parents and students need to contact the school office to sign up for or to make sure that a shuttle has been organized. Other students may ride these shuttles if there is room, however, shuttles are not run specifically for detentions, social activities, and other non-extra-curricular reasons.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Student supervision is available every day in the Anthon cafeteria and Mapleton Elementary Gym starting at 7:45 a.m. Preschool supervision is available every day at 7:45 a.m. in the preschool classrooms. This 7:45 a.m. supervision includes all late start Wednesdays. The cafeteria is open for breakfast everyday starting at 7:45 a.m.

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Excusing Students

Parents are reminded to call the school to excuse their student(s) from school for illnesses and other reasons. Parents may call any building in the MVAO District to excuse their child and the message will be relayed to the correct building.

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JMC Access for Parents

Parents can access on line several important pieces of information through the school's JMC student information program. Parents can access the following pieces of information:

K-12 Parents – student information

K-12 Parents - lunch account balances

K-12 Parents – deposit money in lunch accounts

K-12 Parents – student attendance record

6-12 Parents – student grades and assignments

To access this information please contact your building secretary to obtain your password and directions how to log on to your students JMC information page. The Parent JMC link is found on the school's website at: www.mvaoschool.com

No Child Left Behind

Parents/Guardians in the Maple Valley-Anthon Oto Community School District have the right to learn about the following regarding their child's teacher's qualifications: state licensure status, special endorsements for grade level/ subject area taught, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree.

Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling 881-1315 or sending a letter of request to Office of the Superintendent.

Phone Numbers

Anthon Center Elem	373-5244	FAX - 373-5326
Mapleton Elementary	881-1319	FAX – 881-1320
MVAO Middle School	373-5244	FAX - 373-5326
MVAO High School	881-1317	FAX – 881-1321
Superintendent	881-1315	FAX – 881-1316

Parentlink

Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto School uses "Parentlink" to inform parents/students of school cancelations and other school announcements. An automated phone message will be delivered.

If a school closing announcement is made prior to 7:30 AM or after 5:00 PM only the primary contact phone number will be called. Please make sure to complete the Parentlink form included in the registration materials.

