

Eagle River Optional 2015

**AUGUST 2015**

| MON   | TUE   | WED   | THURS   | FRI   |
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|   | 18<br>Ice Cream Social<br>5:00pm-6:00pm                             | 19<br>First Day of School<br>2nd-6th Grade<br><br>K/1 Assessments<br>(Appointments made<br>at registration)<br><i>K/1 Teachers will let families know about 1st grade placement by 8/25</i> | 20<br><br>K/1 Assessments<br>(Appointments made<br>at registration) | 21<br><br>K/1 Assessments<br>(Appointments made<br>at registration) |
| 24<br><br>K/1 Assessments<br>(Appointments made<br>at registration) | 25<br><br>K/1 Assessments<br>(Appointments made<br>at registration) | 26<br><br>First Day of School<br>K/1st Grade<br><br>Kiss and Cry Coffee<br>After drop-off<br>Location TBD   | 27  | 28  |
| 31<br><br>Steering Committee<br>5:00 Pizza Man                      |   |   |   |   |

**SEPTEMBER 2015**

| MON                                   | Tue                     | Wed  | Thu   | Fri |
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|                                       | 1                       | 2  | 3<br><br>Parent Information Night<br>6:30pm           | 4   |
| 7<br><br>No School<br>Labor Day       | 8<br><br>Garden Harvest | 9<br><br>Garden Harvest<br><br>Send Veggies Home for<br>Prep | 10<br><br>Soup Day!!<br><br>Harvest Potluck<br>6:30pm | 11  |
| 14                                    | 15                      | 16   | 17  | 18  |
| 21                                    | 22                      | 23   | 24  | 25  |
| Learning Labs (Date to be determined) |                         |  |   |     |
| 28                                    | 29                      | 30   |   |     |

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### Upcoming Events

**Ice Cream Social:** What a great excuse to eat ice cream! Come visit with the teachers, re-meet our new principal, and say hi to your friends! The classrooms will be closed for this event.

**School Supplies:** Supplies can be sent with your child on the first day of school. Please don't bring them to the Ice Cream Social. Many of the supplies will be put into bins in our community room for general use. The first few days of school, you will see labeled bins in the hallway - you or your child can sort your school supplies there. Check with your child's teacher if you don't see a bin for a specific item, as some items are classroom specific.

**K/1 Assessments:** Sign-up for an assessment appointment during registration for your K/1 student. Teachers will do assessments from the 19th to the 25th. Teachers will be contacting families no later than the 25th to let them know which classroom their 1st grader will be in.

**Kiss & Cry Coffee:** Just dropped off your baby? Need a little sympathy? Join us for coffee and a hug after drop-off. Usually in the Teacher's Lounge.

**Steering Committee Meeting:** Usually the first Wednesday of the month at Pizza Man, scheduling conflicts set this first meeting on a different day. All are welcome. Please send agenda items to our secretary, Lisa Norbert. Next meeting will be October 7th, 5:00pm, Pizza Man.

**Parent Information Night:** Not quite like back to school night, as we encourage parents to come without kids. We'd like you to be able to focus on what the teachers have to say about everything from classroom expectations to curriculum. It's important that you know what your students are going to be responsible for this year! PIN is also a great opportunity to learn more about the different activities we offer students and to sign up for your volunteer hours. Bring your calendar!!

**Garden Harvest:** All year long the kids work on the garden. If you are new to the program, soup day and the Harvest Potluck are a treat! Helping the kids harvest the garden is a fun way to get to know more about how we do things, to meet other parents, and spend some time with your kids in school. We will be sending out requests for help with this activity.

**Sending veggies home with kids:** We will be needing to send veggies home with kids to be washed Wednesday night for Thursday morning soup making. All that needs to happen is that you and your child thoroughly clean what you have to send back to school ready to be used to make soup. The kids do all the cutting at school. We will send out a request for help with this activity.

**Soup making: September 10th!!** Fabulous fun! Kids start early in the day laboring over the crockpots, cutting veggies, reading recipes, measuring and spicing. The soups are fantastic and the kids LOVE, LOVE, LOVE to cook together. We need LOTS of help with this activity, and it's another great way to meet other parents, and spend time with the kids.

**Harvest Potluck:** We will be doing some sort of classroom assignment for types of foods to bring to the potluck this year. We will keep you posted! Be on the lookout for email and Facebook updates on this.

**Some Notes about the potluck:** This is an awesome event. It gets better every year, in every way. Last year we practically licked the crockpots clean the soups were so good. We hope that every family can come. Because it's a pretty large event, we do our best to organize the room so that everyone can get food on their plates as quickly as possible.

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**Expectations of kid behavior:** You are responsible for your child during this event. Teachers in attendance are there because they are a part of our community, and aren't there to wrangle kids. In the past we could have filmed "Kids Gone Crazy" episodes during this event. Kids really do need to be using school behavior. They can not roam the halls, as there are people working in the building. ***The gym will be CLOSED during this event. Kids should be in the MPR.***

**Evening's agenda:** Steering committee will introduce themselves. At this point there are no agenda items. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions. We eat lots of soup and other yummy stuff, meet new friends, and have an all around good time.

**Learning Labs:** Throughout the year we offer Learning Labs to Optional kids and parents. Learning Labs are an opportunity for parents to come and share something they are passionate about! It's great for kids to see their parents as leaders, and even though they may not admit it - they are proud to show you off. Labs are set-up for small groups (6-10 depending on topic), last around 2 hours, and can be on just about anything. Some examples - pilates, wok cooking, Photoshop, nutrition through the rainbow, wilderness first aid, bridge building, architectural follies, and writing and performing an opera! What are you passionate about? What are your hobbies? What will you share with us this year? We will be collecting your ideas and asking for sign-ups starting soon. Watch your email and the Facebook page for more information. We will send home sign-up sheets with kids as soon as school starts. Every parent should participate in at least one Learning Lab this year. If you aren't interested in leading a lab, we need support people as well. Even with a small group, we like to have **at least 2** adults in each lab. With 90 (ish) kids, offering 12-15 labs, that's at least 30 adults.