



# Symons Elementary

## Pepsi Refresh Project

Our proposal for the after school program was not selected but we have another GREAT opportunity for our kids!!! This project is aimed to help all of the students at Symons Elementary. After doing much research into the current best practice in literacy, we have decided that it would be best for our staff to adopt the reader's workshop approach to teaching reading because it addresses the needs of all of our students. Along with this, comes the need for resources to help our students. It is important that students are assessed appropriately so that we can know what skills to work on as well as give them books to learn those skills that are at their independent reading level. At this point, we don't have nearly enough books to meet those needs and are lacking the assessment tools needed as well. We are going to use this money to provide individual classrooms with leveled book libraries as well as provide the school library with books at more levels. Having books that correctly fit the students will provide them with confidence in reading and inspire them to achieve more.

What can you do? Visit <http://www.refresheverything.com/booksforsymonselementary> to cast your vote. You can vote for up to 10 different proposals **each day** including Books for Symons! You can also go to [pepsirefresh.com](http://pepsirefresh.com) and search for Symons. Tell your friends, family and co-workers to vote too!

## Symons Summer News

Our building will be closed to the public this summer due to construction, so please make sure to occasionally check the Symons web site for updates and information as well as work your child can do over the summer.

Along with current information about our school and coming events, there is also some valuable information in the tabs at the bottom labeled "Today's Tips for Parents" or "School Success Ideas for Parents."

You may also leave a message on the Symons answering machine as someone will be checking messages throughout the summer.

## Update Emergency Contact Information

Just a reminder that if your emergency contact information, phone numbers, or who is allowed to pick up your child has changed, please call the Symons office to make the necessary changes. Thanks for your help.

**This accurate  
information  
helps keep your child safe!!!**

### Another reminder that will help us at Symons:

Whenever possible please make sure your child knows what they are to do *after* school before leaving home in the morning.

**It will allow your child to  
be more responsible and  
will help reduce the need  
to call into classrooms at  
the end of the day and  
disrupt instruction.  
THANKS!!!**

LOTS of exciting changes will be taking place at Symons this summer. We look forward to showing you everything when we return to school on September 7th. The Symons Open House will take place on Thursday, September 16th so mark it on your calendar!

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### Coming Attractions:

- ☺ May 8 - Discover Milan Days and Parade
- (It's a great way to see other families. The Symons Girls Group will be walking in the 5K race starting at 7:30am so try to come out and support us!)
- ☺ May 9 Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Symons mothers!!!
- ☺ May 10 Many Moons play (students in room 14)
- ☺ May 19 Third graders visit Stoneco Ottawa Lake Quarry
- ☺ May 24 Fifth graders visit Milan Middle School - (Parents invited to attend as well)
- ☺ May 25 Rise to the Revolution play (students in rooms 30 and 31)
- ☺ May 28 Rolling Hills Field trip for fourth graders
- ☺ May 31 No school Memorial Day
- ☺ June 7 Third report cards issued
- ☺ June 11 Last day of school 1/2 day for students Symons office closes at the end of the day as construction begins.
- ☺ August 26 Registration for returning students (Symons registration will take place at Milan High School. Information will be mailed to you in early August with details.)