

January Office Newsletter Mason Central Elementary School January 2024



HOLIDAY WISHES

From all of us here at Mason Central, we wish all of you a joyous, healthy, and rejuvenating vacation! We look forward to starting the New Year with you and your children on **Wednesday**, **January 3**rd, **2024**.

STUDENT TARDIES

School begins at 8:10 a.m. and all students <u>must</u> be in their classroom by that time. Teachers mark attendance first thing in the morning. If your child arrives between 8:10 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. they are considered tardy, if your child arrives after 8:50 they will be marked as ½ day a.m. absence. A written note is needed for sign in/sign outs as well. These procedures are <u>mandated by the State of Michigan, and</u> we must follow them. DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT 8:10 a.m. FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF. A parent <u>MUST</u> come in the building and sign their student(s) in at the office if they arrive at 8:10 a.m. or later.

NO SCHOOL

There is no school on **Monday, January 15th** in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There is no school on **Monday, February 19th** in observation of Presidents' Day.

1 HOUR LATE STARTS

The following days will be 1 Hour Late Starts, Wednesday, January 10th, January 24th, and January 31st.

ILLNESS

The best way to prevent the spread of illness in our school is for children to stay home when they are sick. **Your child must be vomit, diarrhea, and fever free for 24 hours** (without the use of fever reducing medicine) before returning to school. This is per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

HEAD LICE

Unfortunately, it is that time of the year when head lice cases begin to occur more than usual. Please be pro-active and check your child for head lice frequently. If you have any questions or needs regarding head lice, please contact the Monroe County Health Department at 734-240-7800.

FIFTH GRADE CAMP

There will be a Virtual Camp Storer meeting for all 5th grade parents on **Wednesday, January 3rd**. Money and paperwork are due **Friday, January 5th**. 5th grade students will be attending camp **January 31st – February 2nd**.

MOBILE DENTIST

Attached you will find Mobile Dentist information. They will be visiting our building on **Tuesday**, **February 20**th and **Wednesday**, **February 21**st. If you would like your child to receive Mobile Dentist services please complete the attached form and return by **Monday**, **February 5**th.

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2ND TRIMESTER MIDTERM

2nd Trimester Midterm is **January 19**th. Midterm Progress Reports will be available to view on Infinite Campus Parent Portal on **Wednesday, January 24**th.

P.T.A. News

- The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the PTA portable.
- Skating Party, Thursday, January 11th, 6:00-8:00pm at Ohio Skate.
- Pizza Bingo Friday, January 19th, in the HS cafeteria.
- Donut Thursday will be January 25th for students who pre-ordered only.

Winter Dress

Please make sure your child is dressed for outside play during the cold season. Students do go outside for recess as long as the **temperature is 15 degrees or higher**. Hats, gloves, warm coats and boots are a must. Please mark all items with your child's name. All students are required to go outside for recess. If there is a <u>medical</u> reason requiring your child to stay in, we must have a note from your physician. Students <u>MAY NOT</u> throw snowballs. If students want to build a fort or snowman, they must ask the playground supervisors for permission.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS & DELAYS

Instant alerts will be sent out regarding closings and delays. Parents/Guardians please log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal and check that all contact information is correct and up to date to ensure you receive these important messages.

