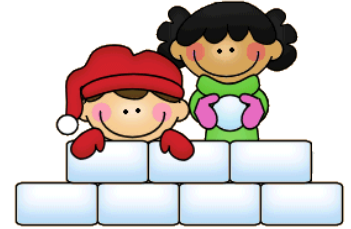




January Office Newsletter

Mason Central Elementary School

January 2022



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 **Tuesday, January 4th, 2022.**

Half-Day Dismissal – 11:40 a.m.

There will be a half-day dismissal on **Friday, January 14th at 11:40 a.m.**

There will be a half-day dismissal on **Friday, February 18th at 11:40 a.m.**

No School

There is no school on **Monday, January 17th** in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

There is no school on **Monday, February 21st** in observation of Presidents' Day.

Fifth Grade Camp

Money and paperwork are due Friday, January 7th. If you cannot afford the cost of camp, please notify your child's teacher and arrangements for payment will be made. Student's will be attending camp February 2 – 4th.

REMINDERS

TRANSPORTATION:

At this time there will be **NO** bus passes given out **UNLESS** your child rides the same bus # and is just dropping at a different stop. We are aware that emergencies do arise, should this happen please contact the transportation secretary at 848-9357 to confirm **BEFORE** sending a note in with your child. ***Please remember to also include students first & last name, address of drop AND bus number.*** Secretaries do not have time to look this information up.

LATE ARRIVALS:

Please make an effort to have your children arrive at school **on time**. School begins at **8:10 a.m.** and all students should be in their classroom at that time. **If your child is a late arrival, a parent IS REQUIRED to sign the child in with the office secretaries. NO STUDENT WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING AFTER THE BELL WITHOUT A PARENT PRESENT!** Let's all convey to our children the importance of **PROMPT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.** Please **do not** drop off your child to prior to 7:55 a.m. Doors will not be unlocked until 7:55 a.m.

Regular attendance is extremely important. No matter how many make-up assignments are completed, a student will not benefit as much from the assignment as they would if they were present for the original lesson. A student's academic, social, and emotional growth all hinge on good attendance. **Irregular attendance, excessive absenteeism, or classroom disruptions of late arrivals** could be harmful to their learning, as well as the other students in the classroom. Truancy letters will be sent out during the next couple of weeks. Excessive absenteeism and continual tardies will be cause for a letter to be filed with the truancy officer.

Mobile Dentist

Attached you will find Mobile Dentist information. They will be visiting our building on Wednesday, February 16th.

D.A.R.E – 5th Grade

Our 5th graders will be starting the D.A.R.E. program **Tuesday, January 11th**. D.A.R.E. classes will be held every Tuesday morning for 13 weeks with a graduation in the spring.

P.T.A. News

- ❖ January meeting will be held on Wednesday the 12th @ 6:00 pm
- ❖ School Store Friday, January 7th
- ❖ PTA Ice Cream Friday, January 21st
- ❖ Pizza Bingo Friday, January 21st in the HS cafeteria from 5:30 – 7:30 pm

LATCHKEY PROGRAM

PTA is excited to have a Latchkey Program here in our community. Information has gone home with all students, please contact eriecommunitylatchkey@gmail.com with any questions.

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 **medical** reason requiring your child to stay in, we must have a note from your physician. Students **MAY NOT** throw snowballs. If students want to build a fort or snowman, they must ask the playground supervisors for permission.

