



JANUARY



2019 News

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

Even though we've had an unusually warm start to the new year, please remember as winter weather arrives that we try to allow the students to go outside every day for recess - it's good exercise and allows them to get some fresh air. Students will remain inside when the weather is below 11 degrees (including wind chill) or when other kinds of extreme weather make it unsafe. Please remember to send your students to school with warm weather gear. Let us know if you need assistance with these items. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us.



Stay warm!

Mrs. Baker, Principal
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Dates to Remember

Jan. 10	PTO Meeting 3:30 PM
Jan. 14	Late start: school begins at 9:15 AM
Jan. 21	NO SCHOOL -
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 25	NO SCHOOL - End of 2nd quarter
Jan. 28	Late start: school begins at 9:15 AM
	Report cards go home
Jan. 31	PAWSitive Assembly at 9:00 AM
Feb. 4	Late start: school begins at 9:15 AM
Feb. 4-8	National School Counselor Week
Feb. 8	PVE Triple Play Night
Feb. 11	Late start: school begins at 9:15 AM
Feb. 14	PTO Meeting 3:30 PM
Feb. 18	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
Feb. 21	PAWSitive Assembly at 9:00 AM

Emergencies and School Closures

To receive school notifications you must opt in to School Messenger from the main contact phone number for your student.

Please follow the steps below to opt in:

1. Send a text message to 67587 with the word **subscribe** in the body of the text.
2. You will receive a confirmation text reply that you are registered with School Messenger.

WINTER DROP OFF AND PICKUP GUIDELINES

As weather and temperatures permit, we will follow our regular parking lot guidelines. However, during frigid temperatures, heavy rains, high winds, or a snow blizzard, we want students in the building or on buses and in cars in the fastest way possible. Please follow the directions of our teachers who are on duty before and after school on these days.

HOW COLD IS TOO COLD FOR RECESS?



We try to get our children outside every day for recess. It's good exercise and allows them to get fresh air. However, when the temperature drops to 11 degrees (including the wind chill) or other kinds of extreme weather make it unsafe, we keep them inside. Students must be dressed appropriately to go outside in the winter. *Please make sure they have a coat, gloves, hat, and snow boots.* If you cannot afford them, please let the school know. We may be able to help.

Counselor's Corner

In second grade students will be learning how to make safe choices while using the internet. Youth today are living in a digital age and that is why it is vital that they learn this information. The internet offers amazing opportunities for education and entertainment, although children may be vulnerable to exploitation if not supervised appropriately. Second grade students will be learning the following internet safety skills from the "Safe Side" curriculum. These safety skills can also be reinforced with children at www.thesafeside.com, a great safety education website. Please reinforce the following safety skills with your children:



- Never go into chat rooms without asking your parent or guardian first.
- Don't post personal information about yourself online, and never meet someone in person you have met online.
- Never respond to E-mails or anything that makes you feel weird or uncomfortable, and always tell your Safe Side Adult.

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Book Fair and Craft Night!



We are happy to welcome our new Resource Paraprofessional, **Kimberly Doherty.**



Caught with Good Character

These students were recognized on December 20th

Addisyne Wilcox
 Alex Vanvankinburgh
 Angeley Shields
 Ariana Williamson
 Arieonna Pehrson
 Aubrey Bishop
 Aunesty Rogers
 Avery White
 Bailey Banks
 Bailey Thaxter
 Baylee Hulquist
 Blaine Olson
 Brenley Birdsell
 Bridger Warnberg
 Brielle Kubista
 Brooklyn Reese
 Caise Wright
 Carsyn Atkins
 Cater Pratt
 Charlie Reed-Inez
 Dylan Young
 Elli Smith
 Emma Farris
 Faith Schutte
 Gabriela Bulbuk
 Greysen Schrader
 Hayden Switzer
 Hunter Grech
 Ivy Webb
 Izzy Mann
 Jace Cornett
 Jacob Brantl
 Jayla Vantwout
 Jeremy Laker
 Jonah Taylor



Joseph Williams
 Kai Reese
 Kaleb Jones
 Kaleb Heijmans
 Kannon Kreaman
 Keetyn Blankenship
 Kessy Belcher
 Kimber Ellison
 Kinsley Ellis
 Kyle Berg
 Lane Hildesheim
 Lillie Hughes
 Luka Willaims
 Luke Hughes
 Makenzie Nichols
 Mason Palmer
 Meadow Petersen
 Michael Glenn
 Nella Moore
 Nico Ortega
 Noah Palm
 Presley McDermott
 Riley Carpenter
 Robert Holquin
 Ruby Hughes
 Rylee Kingen
 Sarah Barber
 Skky Redli
 Sybrina Hazen
 Tempy Blackburn
 Tyler Kern
 Tyson Runyon
 Vinnie Coffey
 Wyatt Motsenbocker
 Zeke Roberts



 * December's PAWSitive classroom trophy *
 * winners were Mrs. Sampson, Ms. Fox, and *
 * Mr. Bauer. The first winner for the New *
 * Year is Mrs. Ferris, Way to go! *

TITLE TALES



Reading is one of the most important skills everyone needs to master to succeed in school, a job, and day-to-day life. These tips will help your child become a happier reader:

- Help your child find books, magazines, or other materials about topics that interest him/her.
- Encourage your child to talk about school each day and ask about what he/she is reading.
- Ask who, what, where, when, why and how questions to help your child focus on details.
- Read a story together, then ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what it was about.
- Ask your child to read a story aloud to you using different voices for each character.

Treasure the time spent reading with your children, they grow up so quickly! Ms. McCoy

Reminder from Mrs. Robertson:

Please remember PE shoes on your student's scheduled PE day of the week! Mrs. Robertson has a limited amount of shoes to borrow. It is very time consuming when students do not come to PE with their tennis shoes on and ready to go, especially for the younger students who have trouble tying their own shoes and are unable to figure out how to find a pair in their size. Thank you for planning ahead and having their shoes in their back pack or kept at school just for PE days!!! Snow boots are not appropriate for the gym or PE activities.

Safety and Security Reminders

Our greatest concern is your child's safety. Please help us by following these regulations:

1. **ALL** parents, visitors, and volunteers must follow our security check-in procedures at the office before entering the school halls and commons. You must have your driver's license or photo ID scanned and be issued an ID badge to go beyond the front foyer.
2. Playground supervision begins at 8:45 on Mondays and 8:25 on Tuesday - Friday. **Please do not drop off your child before these times.** Students are expected to play outdoors until the bell rings unless they are eating breakfast at school.
3. All bus students must go directly to the playground area before school. **If you are dropping off your student each morning from the front parking lot before 8:45*, he/she must enter through the east or west gates and proceed to the playground. Students may not enter through the front doors before 8:45* unless accompanied by a parent to the playground or lunchroom.** This is a safety & security precaution. Students being dropped off by parents in the front of the building after 8:45* may enter through the front doors. Students arriving after 8:50* are considered tardy and will have to stop at the office to get a pass to the classroom.
4. Please send a note when your child is going home in a way other than the established routine. You must contact the Transportation Department at 208-773-4217 to arrange for your child to ride a different bus home.
5. Students are to **remain on school grounds** unless signed out by a parent or guardian. Early dismissals are highly discouraged due to the disruption of the learning environment.
6. If your phone number or address changes or any emergency contact names change, please notify us immediately. It is critical that we have accurate contact information in the event of an emergency.
7. For your child's safety, we will not release a child to anyone except a parent unless we have permission to do so. We must have custody orders signed by a judge to refuse a parent to pick up a student.