

## **Winter Weather May Cause School Closures**

On occasion it is necessary for school to be cancelled because of inclement weather. The district will provide up-to-date information regarding potential closures at this site. Other emergency information can be found under Current Emergencies on the district website. In most cases, the decision to keep school open or to close school will be made by 5:30am.

The district takes very seriously any safety related issues for students, staff, parents and patrons caused by severe weather. The district Transportation Supervisor assesses the current driving conditions prior to 5:30am and is in contact with the Idaho State Police and officials with the City of Post Falls and the Post Falls Highway District to gather information regarding road conditions. The Superintendent and the Transportation Supervisor will review the available road condition information and will drive various roads to see first hand the current driving conditions.

The Superintendent will make the decision whether to conduct school or not. If the decision is to close school, the local media will be contacted immediately. The district provides the information to KXLY, KVNI, KCDA, KISS, KDRK radio and KREM-2, KXLY-4 AND KHQ-6 television stations. The district will also utilize the SchoolMessenger notification system for parents with texting capabilities on their cell phones who have opted in to the SchoolMessenger system.

## **School Messenger**

The Post Falls School District has joined the School Messenger emergency notification system. The system allows the district to communicate via SMS text messages to parents regarding important matters such as a school lockdown, school closure (weather or otherwise) or other issues that affect their students.

To receive school notifications you must opt-in to school messenger. Please follow the steps below to opt in:

**\*\*Send a text message to 67587 with the word “subscribe” in the body of the text.**

**\*\*You will receive a confirmation text reply that you are Registered with School Messenger.**