Cheetah Chat

Newsletter

CHILDS ELEMENTARY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear Childs families,

Brrr! It's been a cold couple of weeks but hopefully the weather will begin to warm up. As students come back to school after break, it can sometimes be a transition getting back on a schedule especially in terms of getting to bed early and waking up early again. But we are excited to have students back in school and ready to learn! :)

As a reminder, there are two days this month that students do not have school: Jan. 15th is MLK day and Jan. 29th is Teacher Records Day. Both days are Mondays.

This month is also NWEA benchmark testing time starting on January 22nd. All students grades 1-5 will be tested in reading and math. (Grades 3rd - 5th will also be tested in science.)

GOING OUTSIDE—As most of you know, students go outside every day unless it is raining or the temp/wind chill reaches 10 degrees or lower. Make sure that your student is dressed appropriately to go outside. This includes having boots, gloves, warm coats and hats. We have a community closet if your student needs any of these items.

Have a wonderful month,
Mrs. Aldridge

STUDENT ATTENDANCE -

Did you know that chronic absenteeism dropped significantly last year at Childs Elementary? (Chronically absent is defined by missing 10% or 18 days of a school year.) Congratulations parents for getting your students to school each day and on time! Let's all keep up the good work!

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Upcoming Dates to Remember	
Classes Resume	*1/8*
PTO Meeting (7 pm) Childcare provided	*1/9*
Parent Meeting for Musical (3:30pm)	*1/10*
No School - Martin Luther King Day	*1/15*
Hearing/Vision Retest	*1/16-17*
Early Release Day (dismissal at 1:11 pm)	*1/19*
Reading Night (6 pm) PAC	*1/25*
No School - Teacher Records Day	*1/29*

SCHOOL TIMES

Childs Start and End Times are as follows: 8:35 a.m.-3:26 p.m.

Reading Night

Jan. 25th @ 6 pm
Performing Arts Center (at the HS)

Parents are invited to find out more about how to support their child in reading. There will be a brief presentation for parents while principals read to students. There will also be grade level displays and a used book give away.

SCHOOL LUNCH
Prices—Lunch $2.55
Breakfast $1.20
Milk $0.75

Childs PTO Update—

There will be a Seussical Sing on April 14th in the PAC

There is an information meeting on Wed., Jan. 10th at 3:30 in the gym.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Drop-Off/Pick-up Procedures -

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY!

PLEASE BE PATIENT AND DRIVE SLOWLY!

When picking up or dropping your student off in the loop, please make sure you pull your vehicle up all the way to the sign! (This moves the line along more efficiently.)

Students need to enter/exit vehicle on the passenger side of the vehicle. (Drivers, please stay in the car.)

Do not park in the staff lot.

If you enter the side parent lot, park your vehicle and walk your student to the sidewalk and when picking up at the end of the day, walk to the school to pick up your student. DO NOT have students walking to and from the parking lot on their own. This is not safe!

Please be aware of families walking in lot and other cars.

Thanks! :)

Conversations about school -

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classroom? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

1. "Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well she's doing. (Good time to sign agendas)

2. "Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do her homework, but you play a role, too. Make sure she shows what she's supposed to do by explaining the assignments to you. After she finishes her homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

3. "Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what she'd like to read tonight. Encourage her reading and listening skills by reading aloud to her and letting her read to you.

4. "Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about."

Use her interests as jumping off points for activities to share. If she likes geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If she's fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.

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