

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December is here and so is the cold weather. Thank you for sending your student/s with the appropriate clothing. Our Lost and Found items are growing, especially at the elementary. Come in and see if anything belongs to your child. The Lost and Found items from all the schools will be taken to the YCC on December 15th.

Please note the events for this month:

- 3 Minimum Day, dismissal @ 12:45 p.m.
- 6 Bounce to the front of the line Promotion begins at Elementary, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. in the foyer of the school
- 7 Choir Performance @ Union Station
- 8 Winter Fest Performances, 5:30 p.m., K, 4th, 5th & 6th, Elementary School auditorium
- 9 Winter Fest Performances, 5:30 p.m., 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Elementary School auditorium
- 10 Bounce to the Front of the line Promotion ends
- 13 Winner of Bounce to the front of the line can park first in line
- 14 Storyteller Auditions
- Intermediate Students to Elementary School, 9 – 10 a.m., Charles Dickens Choir
- 17 Minimum Day

Just a couple of reminders:

1. Please call your student's school by 9 a.m. to report an absence.
Elementary: 801-334-4255 Ext. 1020
Intermediate: 801-627-2066 Ext.2016
Secondary: 801-627-3066 Ext 3114
2. Free Dress is only on the first Friday of the month.
3. Teachers plan their lessons for an 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. day. When you check your student out early, they are missing a planned lesson. Valid reasons for check out early will be accepted, but if there is a pattern noted, an administrator will be meeting with parents who consistently check out their student without a valid reason.

The Reading Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Larsen, is looking for beanbag chairs so the secondary students can have a comfortable place to sit and read. If you can donate one to the school, please call Mrs. Beckman at 801-627-3066.

Technology is a great thing, but parents please check your student's phone for inappropriate texting or inappropriate pictures. If your student has a Facebook page, again, please check for inappropriate pictures or conversations. At the Intermediate school we have initiated an aggressive anti-bullying campaign. A couple of our students have been the target of cyber bullying. We need your help in making sure children are safe at school and at home.

Are you keeping your student on track with homework? Take this quick quiz to see if you are encouraging your child to keep up with homework assignments. Answer yes or no to the following questions:

1. Do you encourage your child to maintain a nightly routine of homework and studying?
2. Do you expect your child to have homework finished before he/she watches TV or goes out with friends?
3. Do you encourage your child to be organized? Does he/she keep track of daily assignments?
4. Do you monitor your child's completion of homework, since missed assignments have a negative effect on grades?
5. Do you stay on top of your child's progress in his/her classes?

How well are you doing? Mostly yes answers mean you are helping your child maintain focus on work, as he/she nears the end of the year. Mostly no? Check the quiz for suggestions on ways to encourage your child to stay on track with work.

Have a safe Winter Break. School will resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

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