

MAY OVERBY NEWSLETTER

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December 2018 Calendar

Tuesday, December 4—PTA meeting at 7PM at May Overby Library.

Thursday, December 13—Christmas Program at 9:30 & 1:30.

Friday, December 21—Winter Vacation begins at end of school day.

School resumes on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Friday, December 21—End of 2nd quarter.



REMINDER: School is dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Please be prompt to pick up your children.

There is NO supervision after 3:10 p.m.

We ask that all children be picked up by 3:10 p.m.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is very important, but occasionally your child will need to be absent from school. Please call or email the school office by 8:30 A.M. each time your child is ill or tardy. If you need to pick your child up early for an appointment, please inform the office ahead of time as well.

School contact information:

Phone: 725-7300

Email: jill.rath@k12.sd.us

Office Phone

Student use the office telephone is limited. We ask that parents communicate with their children before school concerning appointments, riding the bus home, playing with friends, ect. If a call is necessary, parents, please call before 2:30 p.m. as this is when all notes and messages are delivered to the classrooms.

“Jingle Bell Jukebox” is the title of May Overby’s Christmas Program. The program is Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:30 & 1:30 in the gym. Both programs are the same. Strings will be played at both programs.



Yearbook

Watch for yearbook flyers soon! The cost for the yearbook will be \$15.00 and is due by January 31, 2019.

Transfer Requests for 2019-2020

Families who have been granted a transfer request for the current school year need not apply next year **unless there has been a change of address or the school boundary for your area has changed.** However, if a family who has been granted a transfer request has a new kindergarten child entering school next year, they **MUST** turn in a transfer request for the kindergarten student. Just because a family was granted a request this year **DOES NOT** mean that their kindergarten student will automatically go to the requested school as the rest of the family. The District will do everything possible, however, to grant those requests.

If you have an approved elementary transfer request and the student will be attending middle school next year, you may want to check your middle school attendance area. Some families are surprised that their child will not be attending the same middle school as their classmates **because of a previously approved elementary transfer request. Consequently, unless you live within a middle school boundary, it will be necessary for you to complete a middle school transfer request.**

Kindergarten Registration

Registration for 2019-2020 Kindergarten begins January 2. Parents must have a certified birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency. There will be no kindergarten screening. If you feel there is a need for a screening for your child, there is a pre-school (DIAL) screening available each month through March. Please contact the District Service Center (725-7146) to set up an appointment.

Winter Weather

Dress for the classroom—A number of students come to school wearing a T-shirt. Chances are that if your child is dressed in a light T-shirt, they will be cold during the day. If students are dressed appropriately, this should not be a factor in their daily comfort.

Dress for the playground—On most days, we will go outside for at least a short time.

Your child should be dressed appropriately to be outside. Students should have a warm coat, warm gloves, a warm hat, and warm footwear. Snow pants are a very practical addition to appropriate attire. When we go outside, all students are expected to go outside. If a student is to stay in, they should have a doctor's excuse or, in the case of a recent illness where the student has missed school, we will allow a parent excuse for a day.

Recess

Getting outside for a breath of fresh air is not only healthy for students, but also helps to keep them alert. We prefer to have students **OUTDOORS** for recess each day if at all possible. However, there are times that the recess periods are shortened when it is very cold, or when the students remain indoors if the temperature or wind chill is below -10. When we have significant snowfall, the students are expected to wear snow boots during recess. Students without boots will need to stay on the blacktop areas that have been cleared of snow.

Closing School—If, because of visibility or extreme cold, school needs to be canceled, it will be announced on the local radio and TV stations. School Messenger should contact you by telephone. If your individual circumstances indicate that there will be a risk to your child, please use your discretion as to whether or not you send your child.





**Please discuss a plan with your child
in case school is dismissed early
due to weather.**

Meet the Eagles

Join the fun at an upcoming Meet the Eagles meet and greet event for the Golden Eagles fall sports teams. All students and families are welcome to attend! At each event guests will receive a team photo poster and meet the team members while getting their autographs. Meet the Eagles is a special project of the Aberdeen Public Schools Foundation. We hope to see you there! Go Eagles!



| <u>date</u> | <u>time</u> | <u>sport</u> | <u>opponent</u> | <u>location</u> |
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| 12/7/2018 | 7:00 PM | Girls BB | Brookings | Golden Eagles Arena |
| 12/14/2018 | 7:00 PM | Boys BB | Spearfish | Golden Eagles Arena |
| 12/20/2018 | 7:00 PM | Wrestling | Mitchell | Golden Eagles Arena |

Highly Qualified Staff

Under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) all teachers are required to be highly qualified for their teaching assignments. It is our district's policy to hire only highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals. If you would like information regarding the professional qualifications of your student's teacher, please contact the school principal.

Complaint Policy

In accordance with federal Title regulations, the Aberdeen School District must inform students and parents of Policy KLB (Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Classroom Instructional Materials), Policy KLD (Public Complaints about School Personnel), and Policy KED (Public Complaints about Federal Programs). The Aberdeen School District welcomes constructive criticism of the schools when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the educational program and to help the school personnel in performing their tasks more effectively. The policies provide the specific procedures for contacting district personnel with this feedback. The policies are available on the district's website and can also be obtained in all district buildings.

District and School Report Card

The state of South Dakota has recently changed the way student achievement is calculated and considered. More emphasis has been placed on how kids are growing academically through the entire school year, instead of how they perform on a test one time a year. This new system is being put in place a piece at a time with input from the United States Department of Education and other educational groups. Student test scores, along with other information, are being used to help determine a School Performance Index or SPI that allows our schools to be compared to others in the state to see how we are doing. Detailed reports of how all students in South Dakota scored may be found by going to the Department of Education's Webpage at: <http://doe.sd.gov/reportcard/index.aspx> and looking at the state level reports. District and school level reports may also be found on the same web site by selecting the school year and the type of report you would like to look at. For help in getting to these reports or understanding what is in these reports, please call your child's school and talk to the teacher or the principal.

