

May Overby Newsletter

Mike Neubert, Principal



January 2019 Calendar

Thursday, January 3—School resumes

Tuesday, January 8—PTA Meeting 7PM at May Overby Library



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.

Absences

If your child has to be absent from school, or late to school, **parents** are requested to call or email the school between 7:30-8:30 AM. If we do not hear from you before 8:30AM, a routine phone call will be made to determine the reason for the absence. All absences must be excused by parents.

NOTE: Whenever your child arrives to school after 8:05 AM, they are tardy and need to report to the office before going to their classroom so they are not counted absent.

Promptness to class is VERY IMPORTANT! It is important that students arrive at school on time at the beginning of the day. Parents will be contacted due to being continually tardy.

School contact information:

Phone: 725-7300

Email: jill.rath@k12.sd.us

Aberdeen School District Parent Climate Survey

The brief survey below will be used to assist your school with state accreditation requirements and school improvement planning purposes. Your responses will be anonymous and should reflect your thoughts regarding overall school processes rather than an assessment of individuals. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

[2019 Aberdeen School District Parent Climate Survey](#)

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.



Too Sick for School

It can be difficult trying to decide if your child is well enough to attend school when they tell you they do not feel well. Attendance at school is important for their academic success. Children with a fever of 100°, vomiting and/or diarrhea should stay at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

THE FOLLOWING ARE 'GUIDELINES' TO HELP YOU DETERMINE IF YOUR CHILD IS TOO ILL TO GO TO SCHOOL:

- Fever at 100.0 or higher
- Has vomiting and diarrhea
- Has a cough that disrupts normal activity
- Has distracting pain from earache, headache or sore throat
- Has yellow or green drainage from eye(s)



Medications

If you need office staff to administer prescription or over the counter medication, which you bring from home, please stop in and fill out a release form. The school office does not supply medications such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

Parent Portal

For those who aren't enrolled in the Aberdeen School District Parent Portal program, you are invited to sign up. By joining the program, you will have instant, online, secure access to school information about any of your children who attend the Aberdeen School District. Specifically, you will have online access to your child's class schedule, attendance, and grading data. Once you are enrolled in the Parent Portal Program, you will be provided with access to an online training manual and a key code which will allow you to access the Aberdeen School District Parent Portal site. Information regarding access to the parent portal is available at the school office or online.

Birthday Treat & Invitations

We love to honor your child's birthday! Please remember to keep treats simple to avoid spills or unnecessary messes. In addition, according to District Policy, invitations to birthday parties cannot be distributed during school hours. We regret any inconvenience this will pose.

Flower & Balloon Deliveries

Please refrain from having flowers, balloons or candy delivered to your child at school. They will not be delivered to their classroom. It is recommended deliveries be made to the student's home instead. Deliveries of this sort are distracting and interfere with the learning environment.

Dental Van

CASSP Dental Program provides dental care to children 0-21 years old. The Dental Van is scheduled for Jan 14-19, 2019.

How to qualify: You don't have a dental home. You have not seen a dentist in 2 years or more in the Aberdeen area. No child is turned away for inability to pay.

Location: Avera St. Luke's Dakota Medical Square, 815 1st Ave SE, Aberdeen SD.

Set up an appointment by calling 211.

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