



WHITFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JANUARY NEWSLETTER
2016 - 2017



TAKE NOTE! IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/3 - WSA Meeting 6:30p (all-purpose room)
- 1/10 - School Store 8:15-8:35a (Grades K-2)
- 1/12 - School Store 8:15-8:35a (Grades 3-5)
- 1/16 - NO SCHOOL for students
- 1/20 - End of the 2nd Quarter
- 1/26 - Early Dismissal @ 11:45 am
- 1/27 - NO SCHOOL for students

IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Doors open at 8:15 am for student arrival. Please do not drop off students before this time. There is no supervision and it is a safety issue.

Breakfast is NOT served at Whitfield on a day that the district is operating on a two-hour delay.

AS ALWAYS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

EDUCATION STATION!



Each month we will be sharing information, such as apps, books or web tools, that can assist you at home in helping your child(ren) continue to learn even when they are not in school. There are a lot of fun learning tools available and we want to make sure that parents are aware of these resources!

This month's information was shared by our 5th grade teachers! Students in grades 4 and 5 will be competing in classroom fact-fluency competitions beginning on January 3. Information was sent home by the classroom teachers for these grades, but here are some helpful resources to help children build their math skills at home:

- Encourage them to practice their facts with flashcards
- Download Math Apps to your phone or iPad for practice anywhere such as 'Math Evolve' by Interaction Education and Zephyr Games
- Make practicing math facts for 10-15 minutes a part of the child's nightly routine



INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMUNICATION

Please take note of the following ways in which we will post any information related to school closings, delays or early dismissals:

Phone (outgoing call) – Skylert messages from Superintendent Baker will go out to all families and staff members. (Primary & cell #'s as listed in Skyward)

Phone (incoming calls) – 610-670-0180 will have a greeting with the district status.

Web – www.wilsonsdsd.org a status message will appear right on the main district homepage.

Email – an email will be sent to all staff and parents who are signed up to receive the Bulldog Blitz.

Radio – WEEU 8:30 am

TV – WFMZ Channel 69 (please look for Wilson-West Lawn, NOT Wilson Area School District in Easton)

Wilson Child Care Hotline – After the first Skylert call is made dial 610-670-0180 x4900 to hear an update on how any school day changes will affect child care.

OUTDOOR RECESS... PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY!

Students go outside for recess each day as long as the 'real feel' temperature is 28 degrees or higher. Adults and children should wear the following attire to prepare for the upcoming cold days...

- a hat
- a scarf or knit mask to cover face/mouth
- sleeves that are snug at the wrist
- mittens (they are warmer than gloves)
- water-resistant coat and shoes
- several layers of loose-fitting clothing

Be sure that the outer layer of clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Stay dry – wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm. DO NOT ignore shivering. It is an important sign that the body is losing heat and, if it persists, it is a signal to return indoors.