



## Elementary News and Notes

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With November upon us it is important to note that at some point or points the weather will be cold. Our playground in particular is more windy than our parking lot. So, the weather can feel very different based on the place we are at in the moment. With this in mind one of our biggest needs is to shift our focus to wearing appropriate clothing for this time of year. It is important that ALL students bring warm gear, whether they need it that day or not. What temperature it is at 7:30am won't be what it is at 11:30am. However, your student is likely to be outside near these times daily. Dress in layers. Taking layers off is always easier than adding layers, especially if we don't have them. With that in mind we will also be donating our Lost and Found items at the end of this week, so please take a look yet this week for missing items. We will have classes make a visit to the Lost and Found as well. We have quite a collection already and I would hate to have something valuable go to donation, but we also need to downsize our area for Lost and Found, most of which has been in this area now for the past couple of months. Starting this week, anything lost will be set aside so it is not in the donation pile.

**Lost & Found:** Donation of any remaining items will be made after this Friday. Please check in at the office and then head to the Lost & Found area. New items collected this week, we will try and hold onto. We are near capacity with missing items at this point.

**Early Childhood Screening:** Our next day for Screening will be November 7th from 8:00-2:00, with no Preschool Classes again on this date. Contact Morgan at 507-545-2632 if you have any questions regarding Screening or would like to sign-up.

**Election Day Plan:** We are the host site for voting in Eyota this year! We anticipate having a considerable number of residents in our building to vote. Due to this we will have slightly different plans for door uses and access points for students. As a parent this means very little for most of you. We still want drop-off and pickup to happen the same way it does on a daily basis. However, here are some changes you will see.

- 1) Students Eating Breakfast- Since Door #1 will be off limits to student use (other than late students or early dismissals) students will walk to door #6 upon arrival for those who eat breakfast at the school. School personnel will assist student to getting to door #6 at drop-off. Upon finishing breakfast, they will exit door #6 and head for the playground.
- 2) End of the Day- All classes will dismiss out either their regular doors to buses and parent pickup, except for those that use Door #1 (mostly 1st grade and a class or two of 2nd grade) who will use the west side of the building exits on this day. How they get to you will remain the same, so for parents picking up, this really should not affect you as we will bring them up to you as we normally would.

Just a couple of reminders on this day especially. Please have your plans for pickup done ahead of time and communicate with the office no later than 1:00pm.

If you are running late, picking up early, or visiting the school in a non-voting capacity, you still need to buzz into the office before entering the school. We will get you where you need to go with the proper passes.

**Friday, November 8th-** No School for Elementary Students. This is one of the few days that will be different between now and the end of May for each building. Our students have no school this Friday! If you have High School or Middle School students, they are still on.

**Veterans Program-** Monday, November 11th we will plan to again have a short program for Veteran's Day starting around 2:15pm. The High School will again put on a more formal program with a larger space for visitors. The elementary due to the size of our gym space has to limit our program just a bit. With this said, I want to formally invite ALL Veterans to join us at the elementary for our program. We do ask that other family members not attend in person. We will be attempting to Live Stream this by the Elementary Facebook Page. This will be our first attempt at this, so we hope it will work without issues, keep fingers crossed!

### **Upcoming Events:**

November 5- Election Day (Elections held at the elementary school)

November 7th- Early Childhood Screening/No School for Preschool classes (8:00-2:00)

November 8th- End of Quarter 1 Workday/No Class for Students

November 11th- Veterans Program@ 2:15pm

**Elementary Calendar:** For the elementary calendar please use this link.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sqv-dCUg\\_sY5FtyKY7GbDSAcBO3MQ96n/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sqv-dCUg_sY5FtyKY7GbDSAcBO3MQ96n/view)

**Referendum Hub:** Please see the link for information regarding the upcoming school referendum. We would like all to be educated on what the vote is for and about.

<https://sites.google.com/deschools.org/d-e-operating-referendum-hub/home>

Have a great week everybody!

Sincerely,

Ben Midge- Elementary Principal