

CORINNA NEWS

LOCK DOWNS

Our school is committed to the safety and education of our students. We also want to clearly communicate with parents about safety issues when they arise. As a parent, I know how terrifying it is to receive a message that the school is on "Lock Down". The first thing one instinctually wants to do is run to the school to get their babies and keep them safe.

Our first priority in a "lock down" is to make sure all of the students are safe. The second priority is to get clear information out to staff, and the next priority is to send communication out to families before the media or Facebook gets to them.

When parents flood to the school and demand entry into the building to get their students, it takes the office away from the most important tasks of the moment and compromises building security. While we would much prefer to have you call than come to the school, we know our phone lines become very busy and difficult to get through. It seems that the best course of action is to send you a message when and if we are able to.

The words "Lock Down" are so ambiguous. I think parents imagine their students curled up in a corner in the dark. That is generally not the case. Usually, it means that the perimeter is double checked for security (as you know, our perimeter is locked anyway) and children and staff remain in the building until we are told that there is no longer an external threat and that we can resume our normal flow in and out of the building for recess and other outdoor activities.

Thankfully, Corinna has not had a "lock down" this year, but please know that staff at Corinna functions as a team and leaves themselves, and their own needs, at the door every day to focus on your children first. Thank you for trusting us with the most precious people in your lives. Please contact me at 278-4263 or esurprenant@rsu19.org if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PTF

The next PTF meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7th**. Come and join this very special group

EARLY RELEASE DAY

An early release day has been added to the calendar on Wednesday, February 7th. The dismissal times have changed. Students being picked up will be dismissed at 11:40. Buses will roll at 11:50.

FEBRUARY VACATION-NO SCHOOL

There will be no school from Monday, February 19th through Friday, February 23rd.

2nd TRIMESTER ENDS

The last day of the trimester will be March 8th. Report cards will go home on March 15th. Spring conferences will take place on the evenings of March 13th and 14th.

LITERACY and MATH NIGHT

Mark your calendars for March 21st. Corinna will be having a literacy and math night!

KINDERGARTEN BACKPACK PROGRAM

Hometown Health has partnered up with the district again to provide kindergarten families with extra food for vacation. The food will arrive during the week before vacation, and volunteers will pack a bag for each kindergarten student. Parents are asked to pick up these bags as they are too heavy for students to carry on the bus. If you do not want a bag for your family, please let us know, and we will donate it to someone else.

HEAD LICE

Head lice cannot take extreme temperatures, which is why winter is such a popular time for them to invade your child's head and your home. Parents of school age children know the pains of dealing with head lice all too well. The itching, the fear of them spreading, and the treatment can be challenging. It is important to teach children to keep their heads and personal items, such as hats, to themselves. At school, we are always on the lookout for head lice. If we find nits (eggs), we will give you a call and let you know so you can treat them and comb them out of the hair. Unfortunately, if we find live lice, we will have to send the child home for immediate treatment so they don't spread from student to student in the school. Children can come back to school the next day. Please know that the school nurse has information sheets and treatment recommendations if you need them.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

The second annual Lights, Camera, Action Event will take place on Thursday, February 22nd at Nokomis High School. The snow date will be on Friday, February 23rd. K-3 students attend from 8:00am-1:00pm, and students in grades 4-12 have workshops from 8am-9pm. If you are interested and want to register or obtain more information go to:
www.lightscameraction.com

WINTER RECESS

Classes remain inside if it is raining or if the real temperature feel drops below 10 degrees. As you may have already guessed, we have been inside A LOT lately! We are hoping for some warmer temperatures soon so students can put on their winter gear and play in the snow.

