

Ruth M. Schneider School

December 2021 Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

7 Kdg./Grade 1 Music Program, 7:00 p.m.,
BRHS Moore Gym
9 Growing Together, 6:00 p.m.; P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.
15 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
17 End of 2nd Quarter; 2:20 p.m. Early Dismissal
Dec. 20-31 Winter Holidays – NO SCHOOL

January

1 Winter Holiday-NO SCHOOL
3 Curriculum Day-NO SCHOOL
4 School Resumes
7 Report cards go home
13 P.I.E., 6:00 p.m.
17 M.L. King's Holiday – NO SCHOOL
19 Board Meeting, HS Library 7:00 p.m.
25 Dental Exams
28 Dental Cleanings

BUILDING GOOD ATTENDANCE HABITS

Good attendance habits are crucial for every student's academic success. Good attendance, whether class is held in person or remotely, helps children learn important skills and knowledge. Good attendance habits allow children to do well in school, and eventually in college and/or workplace.

Here are some things you can do to promote good attendance habits for your child:

- Establish consistent routines for bedtime, waking up and showing up for class. Children thrive on routine and structure.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.

- If your child must stay home due to illness or quarantine, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

K/1 WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM

Kindergarten and First grade students will perform their annual program in the Moore Gym at Blue Ridge High School on Tuesday, December 7 at 7 p.m. The children will need to arrive by 6:45 p.m. and should sit with their teachers in the west bleachers. To have more space on the stage, Kindergarten will perform first, then 1st grade will follow. Please contact your child's teacher or the school office if you have questions. All attendees must wear a mask. We look forward to seeing you!



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION PLANS

Classrooms will individually coordinate holiday celebrations this year.

PBIS

Each month we are doing a monthly check free treat. Students receive checks when not meeting classroom/school-wide behavior expectations. If students receive zero checks during a month, they receive a free treat at lunch. We also have our December 17th Gotcha Party approaching to end the quarter. These incentives are tools used to promote good choices and behavior.

DENTAL CLINIC

Schneider Elementary will host a free dental clinic in January/February. The Dewitt-Piatt County Health Department will be here on January 25 and 28 for exams and February 4 for the cleanings and sealants. This clinic will cover the State of Illinois' required school dental examination for the year.

SHIELD TESTING

Test to Stay is underway. Our staff is working to test on days 1, 3, 5 and 7 after a student is identified as a close contact. As long as students are asymptomatic and remain negative while testing, students are able to stay in school. Test to Stay only applies if students are consistently and correctly wearing masks.

STUDENT PICKUP

During arrival and departure times, both lanes on John St. become a one-way street heading south. If you are trying to get to a parking spot or pass through the school zone, you may pass cars in the right hand lane using the left hand lane.

FYI:

- **All students PreK-3RD grade:** Remember to provide your child with an extra set of clothes at school that is appropriate for cooler weather. Also, please send gloves, hats, boots, and any additional snow gear during the winter months. We do go outside as long as the wind chill is above 10 degrees Fahrenheit.
- **Pre-K Growing Together:** Our next Growing Together Family Night will be on Thursday, December 9. Please keep an eye out for the flyer!
- **Eureka Math Parent Tip Sheets:** Are you interested in how to help your student in Math? Here is a link to grade level tip sheets which offer a clear overview of each math learning module - [Parent Tip Sheets](#). The sheets cover key concepts, vocabulary, strategies, and more. You will need to create an account to access the documents.