

# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL)

This school year we have begun focusing on teaching SEL skills in the areas of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making. As part of this initiative, the special teachers are providing weekly lessons to all students. Some of the topics for these lessons include: welcoming new students, friendship, kindness, identifying feelings, resolving conflicts, and cooperation.

Here is a quote from a parent of a student that put what they learned into action at home.

"My child gave us a lesson on pause, rewind, play yesterday. She said she learned it in gym.

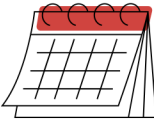
It's solid advice and was clearly taught in a way she understood, remembered, and could explain to others. Shout out to the gym teacher that taught this lesson!" - Parent of 4th grade student

We use SWIS behavior data to monitor areas of need for our students to plan future topic for our SEL lessons. Please continue to talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate with them their growth.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 5 -12 Days until Winter Break
- Dec 8 - Winter Choir Performance
- Dec 13 - PTO Meeting
- Dec 15 - Popcorn Friday (on Thursday)
- Dec 16-20 - Half Days - 11:10 Dismissal
- Dec 21 - Start of Winter Break



## NEW BUS DISMISSAL

Starting on Monday, we are going to try a slightly different way we line up our buses for afternoon dismissal. We will be moving all of the buses except one to the front of the building on Watkins Street. This means that there will no longer be parking available in front of the building between 2:30-2:45 daily. However, this will open up multiple spots on Horace street for parking. Nothing else is changing. Parent pick up will remain the same. We are going to try this for the remainder of December to see if it creates better traffic flow for the neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

## School Closings

As we welcome the month of December, it is a good opportunity to review the protocol for closing in the event of poor weather and/or unsafe driving conditions. The safety of students, parents, and staff is the priority when evaluating whether a day of school should be canceled. There are several variables that factor into making a final decision regarding school closings:

- An early morning report from our Director of Transportation on road conditions in Perry.
- Input from law enforcement, the road commission, and staff from the Shiawassee RESD.
- Consultation with Superintendents from all other Shiawassee County Districts.

School will be canceled automatically if there is a temperature (with or without wind-chill) of 20 degrees or more below zero. School cancellations will be broadcast through local media outlets, our website, and School Messenger. Our goal is to make a decision to cancel no later than 6:00 am. We strive to communicate closings to our families and staff as soon as possible. If we are able to provide information about a closure the night before, we will do so.

## Reminders

### Spirit Days

- Dec 5 - Wear blue
- Dec 6 - Winter white
- Dec 7 - Wear red & green
- Dec 8 - Holiday socks, scarves, and ties
- Dec 9 - Holiday sweater
- Dec 12 - Wear red & white
- Dec 13 - Wear plaid
- Dec 14 - Grinch Day
- Dec 15 - Holiday hat or headband
- Dec 16 - Pajamas
- Dec 19 - Grade level color
- Dec 20 - Shine bright

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