



January 10, 2020



- January 9th - 24th - NWEA Testing Grades K-5
- January 20th - Holiday - No School Martin Luther King, Jr Day
- January 27th - REPA Meeting 6:30pm Library
- January 31st - Kick off assembly for Bikes for Books Program
- February 5th - Early Release - Dismissal starts at 11:40am

STUDENT DROP OFF CHANGES

As you know, you play a key role in the success of your child's education and we want your involvement in our school. **Beginning on January 15th, we are requesting that parents do not proceed through the hallways of the school without permission. If you decide to walk your child inside the school, please drop him or her off in the main lobby.** This request is to ensure the safety of our students and staff as well as teachers are busy preparing for the day. If you need to see your child's teacher, please contact him or her directly and make an appointment. We appreciate your support!



Principal's Notes
by Jeff Boston

Welcome back to a new year! I hope you had a nice holiday break and you are staying warm. The month of January marks the winter assessments for our students to chart their academic progress. I have listed them below:

-- UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS --

NWEA (Northwest Education Assessment): The NWEA is an online assessment, which measures student growth in mathematics, language arts and grammar usage. As students complete the assessment, it is automatically scored for the teacher. It provides the teacher with individual and class progress (data). The assessment window is from

January 9th through January 24th and parents will be provided a copy of their child's results.

DRA: The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) is an individually administered assessment of a child's reading capabilities. It is a tool to be used by instructors to identify a student's reading level, accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. Once levels are identified, our teachers can use this information for instructional planning purposes.

The testing windows designated each year in our district for each grade level are as follows:

- Grades K-2: * Kindergarten (two times a year) - January and May
- First and Second (three times a year) - September, January, and May.
- Grades 3-5: Three times a year (September, January, and May).

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

After School Classes

Winter is here and the after school program's winter enrichment brochure is attached. The winter session will offer Valentine Cooking, Winter Crafts, Painting, Cross Country Skiing, and Robotics, as well as, a seven week session of Mad Science "Secret Agent Lab". Please check it out and sign up for classes that interest your child.

NURSE NOTES

Please see Mrs. Jada's attachment for a helpful reminder of when we require children to stay home due to illness and when they are ok to come back to school. We also appreciate to hear from you when your student is ill, so we can keep track of any potential illness outbreaks.

A huge thank you to all our Box Top clipping parents! We appreciate all your hard work. The classroom with the most clipped, and the winner of the winter lunch party is Mrs. Gordon's 5th grade class, with 361 tops. On Monday they will enjoy a pizza party lunch as a class. Thank you, as well, to Mr. Parker for all his tedious box top counting. Second place was Mrs. Conway's class with 334 tops, Mrs. Levesque was 3rd with 264. Keep clipping for the spring contest!