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What's Happening?



January

- 7 - PTO meeting 2:00 pm
- 16 - End of 2nd 9 weeks
- 20 - Inservice Day; **No School**
- 23 - Report cards:
 - Kindergarten report cards go home
 - Grades 1-4 report cards available on ALMA
- 31 - Act 80 Day; **No School**

Looking Ahead:



February

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 4 - PTO meeting 2:00 pm
- 14 - Inservice Day; **No School**
- 17 - President's Day; **No School**

We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our Wilmington Area Elementary families a happy and healthy new year. We hope your holiday was relaxing and filled with memories to cherish with family and friends. Our students have transitioned back into their academic routines, and believe it or not, the end of the second marking period is quickly approaching. The end of the marking period is January 16 and report cards will be available on January 23. As always, please be sure to contact your child's teacher should you have any questions about their progress.



Although the recent temperatures are mild for this time of year, winter is upon us. With that comes cold and flu season. Fresh air is beneficial for everyone. We feel it is in the best interest of our students if they go outside for recess. Releasing excess energy by running and playing can improve a student's attention and concentration. When the wind chill is above 0 degrees, the students



will go outside for recess (with appropriate attire - coat, hat, boots and snow pants - if there is snow). Teachers will check the temperature and make the determination on a daily basis. Please make sure that coats, boots, snow pants, hats, and mittens/gloves are sent with your child each day. I encourage all families to label their clothing. We have an ever growing "Lost and Found" section, and labeling of clothing would help a great deal in returning items to the proper child. Thank you, in advance, for your help in this matter.

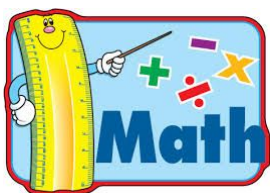


We are Looking for Play Equipment Donations!

Our Kindergarten Little Tikes play equipment has served us well over the years in the kindergarten section of the elementary playground. Unfortunately, I disposed of the last piece of it due to the deterioration of the plastic that it is made of. If anyone has Little Tikes outside play equipment which is in good shape and are willing to donate, please contact the Elementary School office @ 724-656-8866 ext 3000 for more information and details. We are particularly interested in Little Tikes picnic tables and maybe a playhouse. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Math Curriculum



We are in the review stages of our Kindergarten to Grade 5 Math curriculum. In the next few days we will start piloting one of the curriculums we are considering for next year. We will work to keep you informed on our progress in finding the best math curriculum that we believe will meet the future needs of our students.

Code to the Future update

Upon return of our winter break, our students have been hands-on with their learning of Coding. Cycle two of Code to the Future uses Legos - traditional bricks and kits. Kindergarten and First Grade students have Lego kits that consist of various Lego bricks. Second and Third Grade students have WeDo Lego kits which can build various robots. Fourth grade students are using EV3 Lego kits which can build various robots as well. Students are using a Lego app to program codes in order for their robot to complete different tasks. THANK YOU to our PTO volunteers who put these kits together for our students. Our second showcase will be held on **Thursday, May 21**. More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

