

Lyle Elementary



From the Principal...

Dear Lyle Families;

It is astonishing to me that I am sending out the December/January newsletter – it feels like the year passed by so quickly! December is always a busy time for our students and staff and the excitement is compounded by the month's upcoming events. Our PTC will be running its annual Holiday Shop event. Picture retakes will be held on December 15th. The districts Band and Orchestra students will be visiting Lyle on December 14th for the annual Winter Concert. December 23rd students will be treated to pizza and pop thanks to our wonderful PTC.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who stopped by for a visit during American Education Week. The teachers and staff were overwhelmed by the turn out. Our parents continue to amaze me daily.

On behalf of the entire staff of Lyle School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a safe and healthy holiday season. We hope the children have an enjoyable and restful break and we look forward to seeing them again on January 9, 2017!

Sincerely,

M s. Nuray Kavustuk

Principal

December:

7th - Practice Lockdown Drill

12th - Student Council Meeting (2:30-3:30)

15th - Picture Retakes and Fundraiser Pick-up

23rd - Early Dismissal (1:30)

December 26th - January 6th – Winter Break

January:

Classes Resume January 9th

11th - End of 2nd Quarter

16th - No School

19th - No School (Parent/Teacher Conference)

20th - No School

23rd - Report Cards Issued



Remind

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Staying Healthy

Teaching children about hand washing early in life is important. Hand washing prevents the spread of diseases which make children sick. When kids learn early in life, hand washing is more likely to become a habit they'll practice for the rest of their lives. Children are ready to learn about hand washing when they are still very young. Most children develop the ability to wash their hands independently by about three years of age. Before that you'll need to help them wash their hands. After age three, your children will probably still need a bit of help. But even when they know how to do it, kids don't always take time out to wash their hands. You'll almost certainly need to give them lots of encouragement and reminders. Kids don't always enjoy washing their hands, partly because it means time out from more exciting things like playing. So the best strategy is to find ways to make hand washing part of the fun, rather than a distraction from their favorite activities.

Changing Weather Reminder

It's that time of year when the weather will begin to turn colder, please remind your children that they should be wearing appropriate outside winter clothing. Students are outside in the morning until 8:10 a.m. when the bell rings. Students do come into the building for inclement weather or if the outside temperature is below 20 degrees, but otherwise they are outside in the mornings. Please do not drop your child off at the school prior to 8:00 a.m., especially on those mornings when it is cold. There is no adult supervision outside until 8:00 a.m.

Coats, jackets, gloves, scarves and hats are essential during the winter months. Students may leave the house wearing one type of clothing but arrive to school wearing something else. It is important to talk to your children about dressing appropriately for the winter weather. If appropriate cold weather clothing is an issue, please let us know and arrangements can be made, confidentially, to provide appropriate clothing, if necessary.

Mission

The mission of Indian Springs School District #109 is to provide every student with a quality education that will instill a desire and ability to achieve their maximum potential as self-supportive, independent, productive citizens for the 21st century through offering a positive atmosphere and a variety of quality learning experiences.

Vision

Each learner is honored. The rich diversity of the student population is recognized, celebrated, and enhanced. Each learner is nurtured and inspired to learn at high levels in a climate that is personalized, caring, and respectful. Every student is and feels valued. Students, families, and educators have a unique and personal bond. Each learner in the community, whether child or adult, is viewed as a unique contributor.

Interested in Substitute Teaching...

Indian Springs School District #109 is looking to add to its list of available substitute teachers and substitute paraprofessionals. If you are interested in being a substitute in our School District, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Hotzfield, School District Receptionist, at (708) 496-8700. The eligibility requirement to be a substitute teacher is to possess a teaching license or a substitute teacher license (the substitute teacher license requires a Bachelor's Degree). The eligibility requirement to be a substitute paraprofessional is to possess a paraprofessional license. Feel free to contact Mrs.

Hotzfield for further details.

