



# BALLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

December 2021



## Changes to the lunch experience:

Due to an increase in COVID-19 student cases in our district, each building has implemented mitigation strategies. Our building is now having students eat lunch in their own classroom, with a lunch monitor supervising the class. Hot lunch from the Cafe is still provided.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

### December 2021



Dec 7-Dec 9: Hearing and Vision Screening Retakes



Dec 18 - Jan 2: NO SCHOOL

### January 2021



Jan 3: Class Resumes



Jan 10: Ms. Westgate's class starts swimming



Jan 17: NO SCHOOL



Jan 21: Half Day for students

## St Jude Fundraiser



B100 is teaming up with Ballard for a great event to support St. Jude's Children's Hospital!

They will be bringing jars for coin collections for each grade level. A jar will be given to each grade level to collect coins.

The competition takes place from Dec. 1st to Jan. 31st.

The winning grade level will receive a pizza party.

Starting December 6th, you can send your child with donations.

## Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

PLEASE remember to pull all the way forward in the drop off and pick up line. Our goal is to unload, or load, several cars at once. This helps keep traffic off of Chicago Dr, and also ensures students get into their cars safely. We always have several staff members out front to assist.

**\*\*Your child should always enter from the curb side - he or she should not walk around and into traffic. If you need to assist your child in buckling, we ask you to pull forward and/or park after your child gets into the car. THANK YOU!**



## Health Update:

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if:

- A household member (including student) is awaiting a COVID-19 test
- Your child has been in contact with a positive COVID-19 case
- If your child is feeling ill, especially if your child is vomiting, has diarrhea, or has a fever (without the assistance of medication)



## Big Dog / Little Dog Program

There is an exciting new program starting at Ballard! Our Behavior Specialist,, Mr. Fairbanks, will be guiding this program along. The program will start small, with the hope to increase over time. The goal of this program is to build and promote social skills, through the use of peer partnerships. For those students who are chosen, there is a weekly Friday breakfast "Breakfast With Big Dogs." Then, at the end of each quarter the pairs will take part in a longer event "Dog Pile."

