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BALLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

February 2020

DATES

February 2020:

Feb. 10 - Feb. 13 Book Fair

Feb. 12
Evening Parent
Teacher Conferences
Full Day of School
Count Day

Feb. 13
Afternoon & Evening PT
Conferences
½ day for Students
11:58 am dismissal

Feb. 14 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 17 NO SCHOOL

Feb. 19 PTO Popcorn Sale (Money due Feb.18)

Feb. 21 Box Top Collection

Feb. 21 Ballard Ball 6:00-8:00pm



To prevent the spread of illness in our school and amongst our students, our maintenance staff is cleaning our building multiple times a day, especially the 'hot points' - i.e. door knobs, bathroom sinks, desks, etc.

PLEASE remember, it is a Health Department guideline that before a student returns to school, he or she must be without a fever of 100 °F, vomit free, and diarrhea free for 24 hours. If you have your child return in less than 24 hours, he or she is still contagious and may infect other students; and per these guidelines, and as a precaution to all, the office will call home to ask for your child to be picked up.

We understand attendance is important, but please remember that your child's health and well-being is truly the most important thing to us. When a child is sick and the parent/guardian calls in, our secretaries do note this communication and the absence is understood.

PTO:

PTO is still collecting Box Tops that have not expired. Please send in any Box Top you have collected so far. Thank you!

But another way you can help our school earn money, is to scan your receipt when shopping at stores. First, download the Box Tops app for free, and then scan after shopping to earn the school money.



Pathways to Potential

THANK YOU to all the parents that have donated to the P2P "9 or less" bracelet club treasure and reward cart, as well as the personal care cart by P2P.



Medicine at School:

If your child will be taking medicine at school - even if it's over the counter medicine, and even if it's only for a couple of days - <u>you must complete the proper paperwork for your child to take the medicine</u>.

Students should not be transporting the medicine themselves, an adult must drop it off. Also, the paperwork <u>must</u> be on file in the office before your child can receive the medicine.

School Closing Information

In the event it is necessary to cancel classes, an alert will be issued via our SchoolMessenger System. It is important that parents/guardians update their contact information with the school office. If you have questions about SchoolMessenger, please call your student's building secretary. For additional information regarding SchoolMessenger, please contact the office.

We will also post closings on social media and on our website. Notification of school closings is also sent to the following media sources:

WNDU - TV

WSBT - TV

WSJV - TV

ABC-57 - TV

Update from the Library:

The Ballard Book Fair will be open February 10th - February 13th during the school day and during Parent Teacher Conference times. If you don't have a conference time, you are



still more than welcome to come shop the book fair with your student! The Book Fair will be open during conferences: Wednesday,12th 5:00pm - 7:30pm and Thursday,13th 1:00pm - 7:30pm.

Recent Happenings...

Fourth Grade hosted a family night in December where students made ornaments.

During the month of January, our 5th grade and Kindergarten hosted a morning family event, where families were welcomed to share a donut and juice or coffee with their child before the school day started.

We appreciate all the parent support and collaboration with our family events! We will continue to host other events, so keep an eye on your child's folder.

Computers:

We continue to work on our keyboarding skills, and completing Odyssey tasks to improve our NWEA scores. Remember that log-in information was sent home so that students could work on Odyssey from home. We will begin M-Step practice for grades 3-5 starting at the end of the month.

Music:

3rd grade music concert date change:

New Date: April 21 at 7pm. Ballard Gym

