



BALLARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 2020

Recent Happenings

Several teachers in our building have started implementing 'escape rooms' within their units. This is an interactive and modern way for students to interact with content and show their knowledge, while also working in collaboration with other students.



Several classrooms are also implementing more STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects in their classrooms.



Proud day to be a Viking!

DATES

January 2020:

Mon Jan 20
NO SCHOOL for all students

Tues Jan 14
Family BINGO Night
6:00-7:30

Wed Jan 15
8:00-8:30am **5th Grade**
Donuts with Grown-ups

Fri Jan 24
8:00-8:30am **Kinder**
Donuts with Grown-ups

Fri Jan 24
HALF DAY for all students
Dismissal at 11:58

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication (i.e. Tylenol, Motrin)	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided by the county health office	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

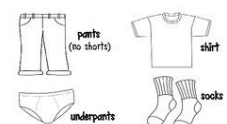
PLEASE remember, it is a Health Department guideline that before a student returns to school, he or she **must be without a fever of 100 °F for 24 hours as well as vomit and diarrhea free for 24 hours BEFORE returning to school.** If you have your child return in less than 24 hours, he or she is still contagious and may infect other students.

Change of Student Information: If you have any family information that has changed - such as new phone number, change of address, new emergency contact, etc. please request a new Emergency Form from the office. You can call the office or notify your child's teacher. It is very important we have this information, due to any emergency that may come about while your child is at school.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Spills and accidents do occur in school. **Please provide a COMPLETE change of clothing for your child.** This can be kept in their backpacks in their lockers, or with their teacher. Be sure to label the items or bag with your child's name. We hate to disrupt your day or a family member's day to bring a change of clothes, when we can help with these unpleasant situations.

Thank you for your cooperation and willingness to help!



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LATE ARRIVALS:

If your child is running late and arrives at the school at 8:50 or after, it is required that a parent walks their child into the office and sign them in. Please do not just drop them off. Thank you!

Pathways to Potential

P2P KINDER:

9 or less bracelet club will resume **Wednesday 01-15-2020** during lunch---only those children that **DO NOT APPEAR** on the chronically absent list will get to participate.

P2P grades 1st through 5th:

9 or less Bracelet Club will resume **Wednesday 01-22-2020** during lunch and will continue as 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month.

DATA POINT 3 (120 DAYS)
(January 13th, 2020 to March 11th, 2020)

January kicks off "**Bad to the Bone**" challenge getting back in the swing of things. Drawing held for the **Class with the LEAST amount of absences from January 13th, 2020 to March 11th, 2020**. At the end of the time frame, the class that has the LEAST amount of "**Puppy Bones**" (absences) for the entire class will get a special prize from the P2P Treasure Chest.

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 - you must complete the proper paperwork for your child to take the medicine.

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

School Closing Information

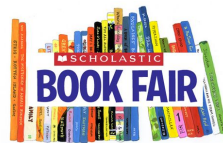
In the event it is necessary to cancel classes, an alert will be issued via our SchoolMessenger System. It is important that parents/guardians update their contact information with the school office. If you have questions about SchoolMessenger, please call your student's building secretary. For additional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

Save the date! Our next and Final book fair for this school year is just around the corner. February 10th - 13th. We will be open during the school day and during parent teacher conferences.



Things to know about Attendance...

January 10th is the last day in Data Point 2. This means your child has been in school 80 days.

Good Attendance = 0-4 days absent

At risk = 5-7 days absent

Chronic = 8 or more days absent

Severe Chronic = 16 or more days absent

Data Point 3 will be from January 11 - March 10.

Each student gets a 'fresh start' to achieve perfect attendance for the 3rd Data Point.

If a student has perfect attendance for these 40 days (Jan 11 - March 10), then he or she will attend the pizza party in March.