



**MISSION STATEMENT:** Pleasant View Elementary School, in partnership with families and the community, facilitates a safe, secure environment that promotes academic, emotional, physical, and social growth for all children to become lifelong learners.

## Construction Update

We continue to see progress with construction project. Thank you for your help and patience as we transitioned to using our north doors. If you drop off your student in the morning, we ask that you pull as close to the construction fence as possible. This creates more space for multiple students to exit their car, and it will get everyone through the drop off line quicker.



## Picking Children Up from School

Please remember to send a written note with your child if you will need to pick him/her up from school early or unscheduled at the end of the day. A separate note for each child's teacher is preferred. This will eliminate any confusion at dismissal time and ensure your child's safety.



## Winter Weather Emergency Closings

As winter approaches, the possibility exists for weather conditions that would require the Superintendent to order a delayed opening or an emergency early closing. It is the parent's responsibility to be aware of delayed openings and early closings or cancellations by listening to the radio or TV and to make arrangements for childcare. We encourage you to sign up for email or text notification of school closing announcements through our alert system. Make sure your contact information is correct in our school computer.

For more information about delays and emergency early closings, please log on to our district website at:

[www.yorktown.k12.in.us](http://www.yorktown.k12.in.us)



## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 15-Cookies with Santa
- Dec. 20-Classroom Holiday Parties
- Dec. 21-End of Quarter 2
- Jan. 7-School resumes

## Cookies with Santa

Cookies with Santa will be held December 15<sup>th</sup> at Yorktown Middle School from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 pm. This is a free event. Come in your pajamas; enjoy story-telling, crafts, and more.

## Cook's Counselor's Corner

This month we are focusing on being Kind and Caring here at Pleasant View Elementary. We talk about this a lot here at school, but the holidays can be a time to take this a step further. I like to focus on the idea of spreading Kindness for the holidays. Here are a few ideas you can use at home:

- Create a **Kindness Jar** full of ideas of kind things your family can do for one another at home. These become prompts and everyone can pull from them when a boost is needed. Ideas like, "Help Mom with the dishes tonight." and "Spend time playing what my sister/brother wants to play."
- **Compliment Circle**- You can do this a few different ways. You can go around the circle or table and give a compliment to the person on your right. You can give one for each person. Or, you can pick a person to give a compliment to. However you do this, try to encourage meaningful compliments and avoid things like, "I like your shirt." A fun and interactive way to do this is to take a beach ball and write each persons name on a different color. Toss the ball and the name your index finger lands on is who you give a compliment to!
- **Thank Someone**- Showing thanks and gratitude for others spreads kindness. Set a goal to notice something nice that someone else has done and make a point to thank them for it. You can thank someone at home, the store, school, your neighborhood, wherever.

## School and Illness

Parents often have trouble deciding whether their child is too ill to go to school. The following guidelines may help you decide:

### Fever

A fever is a warning that something is not right with the body. Any student with a temperature of 99.6 F will be sent home from school. **Please keep your child home until the temperature is normal for at least 24 hours.** Remember, medications such as Tylenol can make a temperature go down, but when the medication wears off at school the temperature frequently returns. Even if a student awakens after a good night's rest, following a high fever the day before, they can often be tired or dehydrated. Students need time to recover so they can fully participate in the classroom. There is a lot of truth in the old expression "plenty of rest and fluids". Our bodies need this during and after a fever.

### Colds/Coughs/Sore Throat

The common cold may be one of the most frequent problems for parents. Here are some questions you may ask yourself to determine if your child will have a successful day at school.

- Is his/her temperature normal?  
Does he/she use tissues appropriately?
- Is his/her cough so persistent that it may disrupt others?
- Did the cough keep him/her from getting a good night's rest?
- Is his/her throat so sore it prevents them from eating or drinking?
- Have these symptoms persisted more than 3-4 days?

These may be reasons for a student to be sent home from school and/or a sense you may need to seek advice from your doctor. If they develop a fever or are tired or run down from excessive coughing he/she should stay at home.