



Elizabeth Shelton School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and to a new decade! We are so excited to see what the New Year holds in store for everyone!

As I stated previously, all kindergarten through fourth students will be participating in Student Led Conferences (SLC), which is a district initiative. Throughout this school year, your child will be setting goals and reflecting on his/her progress and experiences. Student led conferences will be facilitated by a staff member who knows your child, and together they will work to prepare and present the SLC. Student led conferences will be held during the March Parent/Teacher Conference times. During this time, you will see what your child had been doing throughout the school year. Most importantly, you will be able to celebrate your child's successes and progress from this school year. More information will be sent home about SLCs as we get closer to March.

Beginning on Monday, January 13th, the administration of districtwide winter assessments will commence. All students (K-4) will be given NWEA English Language Arts and Math. This assessment allows us to see a student's growth over time, and teachers will utilize the results to assist with their planning in reading and math. Students in grades 3 & 4 will also be taking The Reading Inventory (RI). Should you have any questions about the assessment timeline, please contact us.

A few housekeeping items:

- It is our expectation that students will be in their seats ready to begin the day at 9:00 A.M., and not rushing to the door to enter the building at the last moment. We ask that you plan accordingly, especially with the additional time it takes to get ready on winter mornings.
- Now that the cold weather has come, if you have a question about an early dismissal kindly check the district website or your local news station. We request that you do not call the school, we must keep our phone lines open
- Please remember to let Mrs. Kingersky or Mrs. Quinlan know if your phone number or email changes. It is important to have the most accurate information, should we need to contact you.
- Should your financial situation change during the school year (laid off or a seasonal worker) you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children. Applications can be found on our district website under school lunch.

For the most up-to-date information and postings, please check our website or follow me on Twitter @BevBeldenESS.

Respectfully,

Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember:

- Monday, January 20th ~ NO SCHOOL ~ Martin Luther King Day
- Friday, January 31st ~ Jersey Spirit ~ What team do you root for?
- Friday, February 7th ~ Kids Heart Challenge ~ Formally known as Jump Rope for Heart ~ More Info to Follow
- Friday, February 7th ~ PTO Sweet Heart Dance (Snow Date ~ Friday, February 21st) ~ Info to Follow
- Thursday, February 13th ~ Invention Convention ~ Grades 3 & 4
- Friday February 14th and Monday, February 17th ~ February Break
- Monday, February 24th ~ PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Staff Room

Planned Early Dismissal & Late Start Times

At the December Board of Education meeting, there was discussion and then approval of **emergency 3 hour late start days**. This would be used on a limited basis, assist in providing extra time for plowing of roads and school lots and hopefully less cancellation of school days.

- Regular Day ~ 9:00 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.
- Early Dismissal ~ 9:00 A.M. - 1:50 P.M.
- Late Start ~ 11:00 A.M. - 3:45 P.M. ~ Breakfast is not available on late start days.
- Emergency Three Hour Late Start ~ 12:00 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. ~ Lunch would be served.

