

Principally Speaking:

February 2020

Happy February Chisholm Families!

As this newsletter reaches you, it's hard to believe that we are already a month into 2020, and four weeks into the 2nd semester. We have numerous events happening in and around the school this month, which will be listed on page two. We would like to welcome the 20 new students and their families to our school since returning in January as we look forward to a wonderful second half of the 2019-20 school year.

It's never a good sight when you see a student walking into the office holding a trash can. We know that typically it is followed by temperature checks, Mr. James heading to the classroom to clean a mess, and parents coming to pick up their sick child. Events similar to this have become more common in recent weeks as the flu, strep, and stomach bugs have had a run through our building. In an effort to combat this trend we've been reminding the students to frequently wash their hands and have spent extra time cleaning classrooms. If your child does get sick, be sure to keep them home until they are fever, vomit, etc. (symptom) free and not on any medications to reduce symptoms for 24 hours, this will help minimize the spread of illnesses.

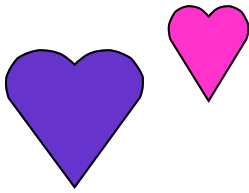
I would like to acknowledge and thank Natalie Rychecky and Melina Owen for all their efforts the past couple of weeks ordering, unboxing, and delivering classroom instructional materials, which were purchased by our school fundraising efforts this year. From technology programs, furniture, organizational or instructional materials, these items are helping to enhance the teaching and student learning throughout our building. At the same time, they have worked with us to clean out, reorganize, and get our STEM/Maker Space room up and running. This space will be utilized by all our classrooms in the coming weeks.

So far this year, our weather has been uneventful with very mild temperatures. However, this is Oklahoma, and we all know our weather can change very quickly. Our district's push notification system is currently up and running. If our weather does take a turn for the worse causing changes or closings, we will be sure to announce those changes using this system.

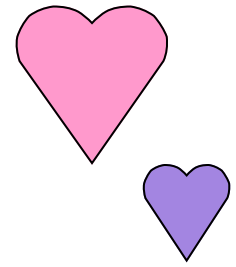
I wanted to close by reminding everyone that we have a larger number of students this year that are either dropped off or picked up via car in our parking lot. Please remember to slow down and show courtesy to others during these times. If you are entering the school from the west, please don't turn right on red while coming into the parking lot. This allows for those coming from the east a chance to turn left into our parking lot.

Mr. Higdon





UPCOMING EVENTS:



- February 4th is the 100th day of school.
- February 5th is the February Chat-N-Chew for 2nd through 5th Grades.
- February 6th is the 5th grade visit to Cimarron, which will take place from 10:00 to 11:00. Open House for Pre K through 4th will take place that evening from 4:30 to 6:00. This is a come and go event where students can show off their rooms and show parents a little peek into their school day.
- February 7th is our Snuggle Up With A Good Book/ PJ Day/Spirit Day/ Popcorn Day & Box Top Collection
- Chargie-Grams will be available for purchase (\$0.25 each) on February 6th, 7th, 10th, & 11th. Grams will be delivered to students by Valentine's Day and students will be able to redeem the Chargie-Gram Bucks from the Chargie-Gram cart the following two Friday's.
- February 12th is the Kindergarten Showcase starting at 2:00 in the cafeteria followed by Kindergarten Valentines parties in the classrooms.
- February 13th are the Valentines parties for Pre K, 1st, & 2nd grade classrooms, followed by parties for 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade on the 14th. Home room parents will be allowed into the room around 2:10 to set up for parties. Parent visitors will be allowed into the rooms at 2:25.
- There will be no school on Monday, February 17th.
- The 2nd grade program will take place on Thursday, February 20th at 1:45 & 7:00. The following day, Friday the 21st there will be a 9:00 performance.
- Spring Individual Pictures will take place on February 25th.
- The 5th grade Living History Museum will take place on Thursday, February 27 from 5:30 to 6:30.