



CRUSADER CHRONICLE

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a restful Winter Break!!

I would like to remind you of our arrival plan. If you are dropping your child off in the front of the building, please pull your car up to the front cone with other cars following behind. We try to get as many cars lined up as possible so students can exit the car to the crosswalk. If you arrive after 8:00, please park your car and walk your child into the building to be signed in. As the weather gets colder, please give yourself extra time to get your child to school on time. Students should be in their seat and ready to learn by 7:55.



Also, please make sure that your child is dressed accordingly. The children need warm coats, hats, gloves and if necessary boots as they do go out for recess if the temperature is above 20°

January Nurse's News

All children in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades are required to have a dental examination. This change to the Illinois School Code became effective July 1, 2005. A licensed dentist must perform the exam and he / she must sign the form. Poor oral health can negatively impact learning and self-esteem. Children are often unable to verbalize oral pain until is late in the tooth decay process. Parents should make every effort to obtain a dental exam for your child. Parents are advised to consult the school nurse for information about dental exams offered through Orland Township at a reduced fee.

Parents are encouraged to have their children start the day with breakfast. Often, at 10:00am, is when we see the kids coming down to the nurse's office with stomachaches and headaches. It is a long time to be sitting in class, hungry, waiting for the lunch bell. Invite your child to pick out a few quick breakfast choices at the grocery store. This encourages your son or daughter to participate in the selection of breakfast items and hopefully, then, they will enjoy these foods in the morning.

In school we recently talked about healthy food choices. We discussed how to make a healthy and colorful plate. All students were given a nutrition card and a refrigerator magnet identifying the components of good nutrition; fruits, vegetables, proteins, and grains. On the nutrition card are some cool recipes and guidelines for portion control. Ask your child about his or her favorite fruits and vegetables. Try something new!

In the event that Kirby School District 140 needs to close schools due to inclement weather, families will receive notification by phone from Xpedite, our electronic messaging system; by email from KSD 140 eNews, our email notification system; and online at ksd140.org. Please view the [School Closing Information](#) section of our website for more details.

Upcoming Hot Lunches

- > 1/9 Let's Do Lunch
- > 1/13 Café Gaston
- > 1/20 Nick's BBQ
- > 1/23 Domino's
- > 1/27 Baby's Steak & Lemonade
- > 1/30 Salina's

Important Dates

- > 1/9 Classes Resume
- > 1/10 Student Council Mtg. 2:35-3:15
- > 1/16 No School
- > 1/19 Popcorn Day
- > 1/20 PTO Mtg 9:00
- > 1/24 START Day 12:30 Dismissal
- > 1/26 Market Day Pick Up **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE!** 2:30-3:30
- > 1/27 End of 2nd Quarter

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Learning Center News

Thank you to the following students for donating books to the library for their December birthdays!!

- 11/24 Ryan Bressenelli 1-3 Splish, Splash, Splat!
- 12/9 Joseph Stachon K-2 Animal Alphabet
- 12/11 Jaden Franckowiak K-2 Llama Llama Red Pajama & How the Grinch Stole Christmas
- 12/15 Francis Barril 4-3 TBA
- 12/19 Yousra Ifkheideh 2-3 Princess Peepers
- 12/20 Sean Collin K-2 TBA
- 12/21 Katie McLaughlin 5-2 Pie
- 12/29 John Kooyenga 3-1 G is for Gold Medal
- 12/30 William Shields K-1 Bears Loose Tooth



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

HAT/MITTEN/SCARF DRIVE

A great, big, WARM thank you to all of those who donated to our Hat/Mitten/Scarf Drive. 118 participants donated 185 pairs of mittens/gloves, 83 hats and 13 scarves

17th Annual "Soup"er Bowl

During the week of January 30th-February 3rd, Student Council will be collecting cans/packages of soup. The donations will be given to our local food pantry to benefit needy families.

A note with more information about this event will be coming home shortly.



As always, we thank you for your generosity!

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