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MYERSVILLE ELEMENTARY

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Principal's Newsletter

Dear Families–

Happy Holidays! Our entire staff wishes you a quiet and enjoyable winter break. Over the past few weeks, we have accumulated a LARGE quantity of lost and found items. We really would like to return items to their rightful owners. Please feel free to stop in and take a look. I'll send a photo via REMIND today. Any items not claimed by Friday, will be donated to charity. Thank you!!

All the best, Mrs. Swire

Dates to Know

12.18 Rescheduled band concert is tonight at MHS

12.20 two-hour early dismissal: Happy Holidays!!!!

1.2 Schools reopen after winter break

1.7 PTA meeting, 6:00pm media center

1.8 Hearing and vision rescreenings

More about our school improvement plan: we are focused this year on student agency and encouraging independence. The leadership team worked hard to develop the improvement plan vision for the year. Teachers are asking students to respond to written prompts on their own after direct instruction has occurred. Ask your child(ren) as you read to or with them what the character might say next or how they might pick out the main idea from a nonfiction text. You might also ask for two ways to solve an equation!

Important: Please read

- When parents drop off lunches, they will be placed on the table outside of the office for the students to retrieve on their way to the cafeteria
- Parents for the safety of our students, we will no longer accept phone call changes for dismissal. We have a form that can be accessed from our MYES webpage, <https://education.fcps.org/myes/home>
- Click on the form "transportation changes" under the quick links section. You will need your student's ID number. That number can be found on the welcome letter sent home this summer. If you cannot find your welcome letter, please send a letter requesting your child's ID. We will send that home in a sealed envelope. We appreciate your understanding as we strive to ensure that students go home safely.

Safety Considerations

Cell Phones

For the safety of our students, staff and entire community...PLEASE DO NOT utilize your cell phone while driving into and out of our school grounds. We LOVE our children and IT IS THE LAW!

Arrival and Dismissal

Please follow the directions of the staff member on traffic duty for the car rider lines, bus loops and walkers. They are keeping your children safe.

Remember: PLEASE REMAIN IN YOUR CAR for car rider dismissal

- **the bus loop is NOT open to parents/cars during the school day. Please use visitor parking on the side of the building.**
- Parents should not be parked on Main St. waiting until 3:30; you may be ticketed by local police. Dismissal, as always, will begin at 3:30. Time your arrival at the school to coincide with that time. Please ensure that you do not block the crosswalks at any time.
- You may consider parking at a local church and walk to the school to pick up your child as a walker.
- If your child(ren) normally rides a bus, please allow your child(ren) to follow that routine.
- Please do not use local businesses or homes to turn around or park during dismissal. These are private property and subject to towing or possible fines.

Absences

Changes to Reg 400-98. Available on FCPS website under Board policies/regulations

Chronic Absenteeism - The Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA) defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10 percent or more of the school year for any reason. All absences (illness, need to care for a family member, unexcused absences and out-of-school suspensions) are factored into attendance percentages. Students who are chronically absent are missing a significant amount of school, thus, missing out on important instruction.

The only system-wide recognition of student attendance is that of exemplary attendance.

All students with 3 or fewer days of legal absences shall be recognized as attaining exemplary attendance at the end of each school year.

a. Present - Full Day A student is counted present for a full day if the student is in attendance 4 hours or more of the school day.

b. Present - Partial Day A student is counted present for one-half day if in attendance for at least 2 hours of the school day, but less than 4 hours.