

Alexander Elementary School News

January 2008

“Together we will learn and grow in a safe environment.”

Jeff Cullum, Principal PK-2

Nedra Zirkle, Principal 3-5

Upcoming Events

January 03 – School Resumes
January 11 – Grade Cards Go Home
January 11 – Student Council
Backwards Day
January 14-25 – Benchmark Testing
January 18 – NO SCHOOL
January 21 – Martin Luther King Day
NO SCHOOL
January 30 – SPELLING BEE

AlertNow

We are giving you the option to receive a phone call notifying you when school is cancelled or delayed. If the decision to close or delay school is made after 10:00 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m., you would receive the call at approximately 6:00 a.m. If the decision to close or delay school is made before 10:00 p.m. or after 6:00 a.m., you would receive the call as soon as the decision is made. If you would like to take advantage of this service, send a note to school with your child with AlertNow written at the top. The note needs to have the following information: Student's name, the phone number you want called, and parent signature. If you have more than one child in the district, you need only to send one note.

* Please note that this system relies heavily on electronics and the cause of school closure may not allow the system to work (example: power outage).

Benchmark Testing

Benchmark Testing for students in K-3 will occur during the days of January

12-25. While this appears to be adequate time, school will not be in session two of those days. Please make every effort to schedule appointments outside this time, if at all possible, as every student must be tested during this window. Thanks for your help.

NO Breakfast on Two-hour Delay

Please be aware that on days when school is delayed by two hours breakfast will not be served. Since students do not arrive at school on two-hour delays until around 10:00, they will have lunch within an hour of that time. Please make sure your child eats breakfast at home when we have two-hour delays.

Excuses

The Missing Child Act requires the school to make contact with parents each time a student is absent. This is why it is important for you to call the school. Please also remember that you must send an excuse with your child each day s/he is absent. Please do not ask the school call doctors' or dentists' offices requesting a faxed excuse for your child. Acquiring or writing excuses is a parental responsibility. Without this note from the doctor or dentist, your child will not be marked as medically excused, so be sure to get the notice from the medical professional while you are at the office.

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