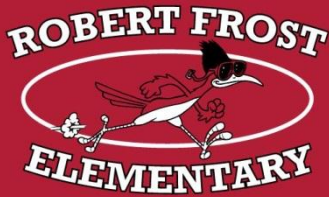


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Tuesday Bulletin

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Helping Your Kids Succeed by Reading

A few weeks ago I shared some simple things that parents can do to help their children to succeed in school. One important way that we can help our student to be successful is to help them develop a love of reading. As we approach the holidays and have more time with our kids at home, take some time as a family to enjoy books together. The following is from *10 Ways to Help You Raise Kids Who Love Reading: Resolutions for Parents on Raising a Reader* By Elizabeth Kennedy

Raising a Reader: Read aloud to your children every day.

According to *Put Reading First: The Research Building Blocks for Teaching Children to Read*, "The more models of fluent reading the children hear, the better... Reading to children also increases their knowledge of the world, their vocabulary, their familiarity with written language ('book language'), and their interest in reading."

Many families enjoy a 20-30 minute read-aloud time just before bedtime. Keep reading to them up through elementary school and later. As they get to be independent readers, continue to read aloud to your children but also give them time to read aloud to you. For information on the how, why, and what of reading aloud, I recommend *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease.

With that, I encourage you to take some time this holiday to read with your child. Remember, we have great books available in our library that students can check out, and we are fortunate to have the Kingsgate Library just a few blocks from our school.



Frost Start Time: 8:45

The playground is open and supervised at 8:45 each morning. Please be sure that students do not arrive before 8:45, as there is no playground supervision available before that time. Students arriving early for breakfast may arrive at 8:30 for the breakfast service, but may not be on the playground until 8:45. The first bell for class rings at 8:55.

We still have some students arriving too early, so please send your students at the appropriate time so we can provide proper supervision. Thanks.

Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Friday

8:30 Student breakfast begins

8:55 First bell rings-building open

9:00 Tardy bell-class begins

10:20-10:30 K-3 recess

10:30-10:40 4-6 recess

11:20-11:50 K-2 lunch recess

11:50-12:15 K-2 lunch

11:50-12:20 3-4 lunch recess

12:20-12:45 3-4 lunch

12:20-12:50 5-6 lunch recess

12:50 PM Kindergarten begins

12:50-1:15 5-6 lunch

2:10-2:20 K-3 recess

2:20-2:30 4-6 recess

3:30 School dismissal

Remember: Every Wednesday is an **EARLY RELEASE DAY!**

School dismisses at 2:00 PM and teachers are scheduled in professional development and collaboration meetings until 4:00 PM.



Safety Net and ELL

Plan on attending!

Wednesday, December 14th

Frost Family Fun Night at the Kingsgate Library is set for Wednesday, December 14th from 5:30–7:00 pm. This will be a great opportunity for the family to play some terrific literacy games. There will be a time to read together. How about your child challenging mom and dad to a math game? Don't have a library card? Get signed up for a FREE library card! Each child will get a raffle ticket to put in for a drawing to win a book or game!



PTSA Intramurals – Dodgeball and

Steal the Football

Intermediate (grades 4-6) Dodgeball Intramurals start Tuesday, January 24 and end Friday March 2. Intermediate Dodgeball will be held every Tuesday and Friday from 8:15-8:55 a.m. for 6 weeks. Permission slips will be sent home in P.E., and are due by Friday, January 20. The cost is \$20, with checks made payable to Frost PTSA. **If your child has band on one of these days, they can still sign up. Mrs. Dub will sub them extra on the days they can come, so they will still get two games per week.**

Primary (grades K-3) Dodgeball Intramurals start Monday, April 9 and end Wednesday, May 16. Primary Dodgeball will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 8:15-8:55 a.m. for 6 weeks. Look for permission slips to go home in March. They'll be sent in P.E. class. The cost will be \$20, with checks to be payable to Frost PTSA.

Intermediate (grades 4-6) Steal the Football Intramurals start Tuesday, April 10 and end Friday May 18. Intermediate Steal the Football will be held every Tuesday and Friday from 8:15-8:55 a.m. for 6 weeks. Look for permission slips to go home in March. They'll be sent in P.E. class. The cost will be \$20, with checks to be payable to Frost PTSA. **If your child has band on one of these days, they can still sign up. Mrs. Dub will sub them extra on the days they can come, so they will still get two games per week.**

If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Dub at swiegand@lwsd.org.

Pizza with the Principal

In order to learn more about our Frost students—and to help the Frost students learn more about the principal—I have been hosting students twice a month to a “Pizza with the Principal.” I have enjoyed learning about your students, about the neighborhood, and hearing what makes our students tick. So far I have hosted four luncheons, and have had the pleasure of spending time with students from almost every classroom. This Friday I will be hosting kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders for luncheon #5. I look forward to meeting more students over pizza during the coming months. A special thanks goes to Bonnie and Jesse DeGross of the **Kingsgate Little Caesar’s Pizza** for their generous donation each month of freshly baked pizzas for the students, and to the Robert Frost PTSA for providing juice to go with the pizza.



Thank you, Christiana Childers!

We would like to thank Christiana Childers for taking the class yearbook pictures that will be in the Yearbook on the pages where the individual student pictures are grouped by classes. These are a great addition to the yearbook. Christiana is a parent and a local professional photographer.



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Wednesday Only

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- 12:05 PM Kindergarten begins
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- 12:20-12:45 3-4 lunch
- 12:20-12:50 5-6 lunch recess
- 12:50-1:15 5-6 lunch
- 2:00 School dismissal