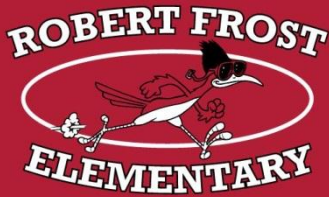


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Tuesday Bulletin

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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.

Welcome 2012!

It is hard to believe that it is already 2012! Entering into a new year is always an exciting proposition, not just for the adults but for children as well. While driving my kids to school this morning, my third grader commented on how excited he was that it was a new year, and that the school year was going by so quickly. He couldn't believe that the school year was almost over! I reminded him that we have just completed our first *third* of the year, with almost six more months to go!

While the majority of our school year is still ahead of us, the beginning of a new calendar year provides an opportunity to review what was accomplished in the past year, a chance for us all to see where we succeeded and to determine where we can still improve. I believe that New Year's resolutions can be very powerful. This is our chance to reflect and look for ways to improve ourselves. A resolution is defined as "the act of resolving or determining upon an action or course of action, method, procedure, etc." (www.dictionary.com). This is especially meaningful in the school setting, for at Frost we are constantly reviewing student progress and determining actions, methods, and procedures to help every student become future ready.

At the end of the month families will have another opportunity to meet with their students and teachers for Conferences. As with the New Year, this is a chance to review your student(s)' previous goals, to review successes that have occurred and to identify where improvements can still be made. Your teachers will be scheduling conferences for Tuesday 1/31, Thursday 2/2, and Friday 2/3.

I wish everyone a very happy new year, and I encourage parents to celebrate all that your student(s) have accomplished so far and to think of where you want them to be at this time next year.

Sincerely,
Mr. Brenner



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.

Middle Schools in LWSD

Next year, all of our current Junior High Schools will be converting to Middle Schools, serving grades 6-8. As a result, all current 5th and 6th graders will be starting middle school together in the Fall of 2012. In December information about middle school options was mailed to all families of 5th and 6th grade students. The brochure, entitled **Planning Ahead: Middle Schools in LWSD**, provides information about both neighborhood and Choice middle school programs available to Lake Washington students. It is also available on the LWSD website at <http://www.lwsd.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/Schools/Middle-School-Options.pdf>.

Here is some key information:

- Our neighborhood middle school is Kamiakin, located just a few blocks away on 132nd Ave NE. The staff at Kamiakin will be hosting a 5th & 6th Grade Parent/Student Orientation on Tuesday, January 10th from 6:30-8:00. We encourage all parents of 5th and 6th graders to attend to learn more about planned programs for next year's 6th and 7th graders.
- Families may also request an in-district transfer or variance to another LWSD neighborhood middle School. Each school will be holding an optional information night in January. Please see the *Planning Ahead* brochure for information about other neighborhood middle schools and the dates for their information nights. Information about the in-district transfer/variance process and the list of schools with space available will be published on the district website during open enrollment later this year.
- Another option for students is attendance at one of several "Choice" middle schools. While these schools are open to all students in the district, there is an application and lottery process as there is limited space. One common requirement is attendance at the Choice school's information night. Some schools have their information nights on January 3rd and 5th, so if this option interests you please see the *Planning Ahead* brochure for information about each Choice school, scheduled information nights, and the registration timeline. For additional information about a given school, please check the district or school website, or contact the school directly.

