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Bloomington Public Schools District 87

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Principal's Message

Irving Families,

Fall seems to have been cut short by Old Man Winter. Please make sure your students are prepared for the weather with coats, hats, and gloves. We do have a limited supply of winter gear available in the office for students in need. As long as the wind-chill is at least 20 degrees, students will be outside in the morning to line up for school and in the afternoon to wait for busses. Students will also be outside for recess as long as the temperature feels like 20 degrees or more and the playground is cleared of snow and ice. Students are not allowed to be in the snow or to play in the snow at school. Not following this direction will result in consequences.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lambert

Principal

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Please Call the Office to Report:

- Student absences for any reason.
- Changes in after-school plans.

Did You Know?

- The Illinois 5Essentials Parent Survey is open now until January 18, 2019. Parents, guardians, or other caregivers with a child in grades prekindergarten through 12 should complete the parent survey. The parent survey is available in English and Spanish and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If parents have more than one (1) child that attends the same school, they may elect to participate multiple times. For parents with children enrolled in multiple schools, we recommend that they participate in the survey for each school. Only one parent per household may participate in the survey. You can use this URL: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois> to take the parent survey.
- Illinois Central School Bus Company transports students to and from Irving Elementary School. If you have any concerns about a late bus or a situation that has occurred on the bus, please call the bus company directly at 309-828-4373.

Winter Weather



Please do not drop your students off before 8:20 when breakfast starts. The breakfast supervisors do not arrive until that time and there is no one to supervisor students. If your child does not eat breakfast at school, they can arrive at 8:45.



Mustang Café



Breakfast times are 8:20 to 8:40 for students that walk to school and 8:40-8:55 for students that ride the bus. You can find the breakfast menus on the District 87 web page at <https://district87.nutrislice.com/menu/irving-elementary-school/breakfast/2018-11-24>



December 2018

You can find the lunch and recess times on the Irving Web page at

<https://www.district87.org/Page/4735>

You can find the lunch menu on the District 87 web page at

<https://district87.nutrislice.com/menu/irving-elementary-school>



Music Notes



Irving School Holiday Program for all grade levels will be on December 4, 2018. Students in kindergarten thru second grade should meet in their classrooms at 6:10 and their portion of the program will begin at 6:30. Student in third thru fifth grades should meet in the cafeteria at 6:55 and their portion of the program will begin at 7:10.

PE News



IT IS TUMBLING TIME!
Starting the first week of December, first through fifth grade will begin their tumbling unit. The unit will last about three weeks. Students will be learning advanced balances, rolls, and other tricks. If you have

a daughter, please make sure they are not wearing barrettes, beads, braids, etc., as these can be painful when they are executing various rolls and balances. In addition, if they choose to wear a dress or skirt to school, make sure they have shorts or leggings under the skirt. Thank you so much.....the kids really enjoy this unit of instruction.



SHINE



SHINE will begin meeting again in January 2019 on Wednesdays for the second semester. I have missed our meetings! Look for the information and sign-up sheets to come home after the Winter Break!

Love, Mrs. Svob

Nurse's Corner

From the Nurse's Office:

This is just a friendly reminder from your school nurse. We have had numerous questions about when to send children to school and when to keep them home. Some good guidelines to follow are listed below:

1. If your child is sick, enough to stay home or goes home ill during the day, **please keep your child home the entire day.** When a child's immune system is already weak, sending the child back to school where there are many people and germs may cause them to become sicker. **If you send your child back the same day, you will be called to return to get your child.**
2. A child with diarrhea **needs** to be kept home. (24 hours diarrhea free before returning)
3. A child with a heavy cold, hacking (**disruptive**) cough belongs at home, even if there is no fever.
4. A fever is a warning that something is wrong with the body. **Keep your child home if a fever is present and do not allow the child to return to school until the fever**

has been gone for 24 hours

without medications like children's Tylenol. Medications can mask fevers, but children can still be contagious.

5. If your child is vomiting, do not send the child to school until food can be kept down and **no vomiting has occurred for 24 hours.**
6. Do not send a child to school with an **unknown rash**, until you see the doctor and have an official note stating that it is safe to return to school. Many rashes are contagious and will be spread to others.
7. If your child has a sore throat, fever, and white spots can be seen in the back of the throat, call the doctor and keep the child at home.

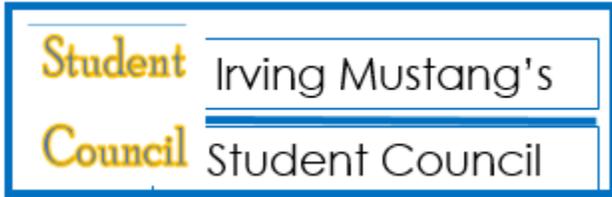
Please help us provide a healthy environment in our school building by keeping your child home when he/she is ill.

Sincerely,

Nurse Andrea



Student Council



During the month of November, Student Council sponsored a Day of Giving by collecting close to 400 nonperishable food items. These items have been donated to a local food bank in our community. Way to go, Mustangs!

During the month of December, Student Council will be hosting a Countdown to Winter Break Spirit Week. Watch for details to come home with specific dates.

Mark Your Calendars



- December 4th-Irving School Holiday Program starts at 6:30 in the Gym
- December 5th-Student Council meeting 8:15-8:45
- December 21st-Last Day of School before Winter Break (full day)
- December 24-January 4th-Winter Break-NO SCHOOL
- January 7th-School Resumes
- January 15th-Classroom and Group Picture Day



PTO



PTO meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 5:30-6:30 pm.

- Dec. 12th-Meet in teacher's workroom
- Jan. 09th-Meet in teacher's workroom
- Feb. 13th-Meet at TBD location
- March 13th-Meet in teacher's workroom
- April 10th-Meet in teacher's workroom
- May 08th-Meet at TBD location

