



Deckerville Elementary

January Newsletter

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Happy Holidays and have a Happy New Year!! Each year resolutions are made for better health, better grades, more family time etc. These are easier to accomplish with support. Here at Deckerville Elementary our resolution has always been to provide a safe and caring atmosphere for our students so that they may SOAR in their achievements. Together we can provide the support our students need both at home and at school. As we travel through 2017, let's remember to take time to listen to our children, read to/with our children and provide the foundation for success, together.

School Wide Celebrations:

School wide celebrations are being held on January 25th and January 27th at Deckerville Elementary. This is a continued part of our positive behavior support, where we recognize and reward students who did not receive referrals over the last nine weeks.

Movie and Ice Cream:

K-2 grade students will be treated to a movie and ice cream in the elementary gym on **January 27th**.

Deckerville Elementary Talent Show:



Students in grades 3-6 will be a part of the Deckerville Talent Show on **January 25th**. Students that have not received referrals this nine weeks will participate as a contestant, or audience member, during the talent show. We are unable to extend an invitation to parents due to seating in the gym. We also want to make this a special event for only those who earned the privilege. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

PTO Sponsored Family Fun Night: The PTO will be sponsoring a Family Fun Night featuring a Glow Party and other activities on **Saturday, January 28 from 3pm to 5pm**. Flyers will be sent home this week.

PTO Meeting: The next scheduled PTO Meeting is **Monday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** All parents are welcome.

Inclement weather delay schedule: Please discuss and prepare a morning plan for your child(ren) in the event we must utilize a two-hour delay. Please also prepare a plan in the event that the two hour delay turns into a cancellation. Buses would pick up students two hours after the normal time. The start times and other important information for each school are shown below. This plan was put into place starting February 4, 2014. Two-hour delays will be announced on the local radio and television stations.

On a two-hour delay

- No breakfast will be served.
- High School Career Center students will not attend the Career Center; however students can come to school before their required time for 5th hour. Students riding the bus or arriving early should report to the high school library.
- The first two hour delay will be plan A, the second two hour delay will be plan B, and third two hour delay will be plan C. The plans will be repeated as needed to follow with the number of delays in a semester.

Plan A – Elementary will start at 10:05 a.m. Junior High/High School will start at 10:05 with 3rd hour and follow the rest of the day's normal schedule.

Plan B – Elementary will start at 10:05 a.m. Junior High/High School will start at 10:05 with 2nd hour, then 4th hour and follow the rest of the day's normal schedule.

Plan C – Elementary will start at 10:05 a.m. Junior High/High School will start at 10:05 with 1st hour, then 4th hour and follow the rest of the day's normal schedule

Office Notes: Please make sure that your child brings in a note at the beginning of the day when transportation arrangements are changed. If you need to call the office to change transportation arrangements, your call **must** be received before 2:00 p.m. to guarantee your request can be processed. Safely delivering over 350 students home every day is a big responsibility. Please do your part in following this school policy. Thanks for your continued help.



Attendance: Regular school attendance is critical in your student's achievement. Research is very clear that students who miss a lot of school have achievement problems. Good attendance is also a lifelong habit that will follow your child into the work world. We understand that many childhood illnesses keep children out of school for good reason; however it is important that your child attend school whenever possible. Also if your child is absent due to an illness, a parent phone call is needed in order for the absence to be excused. If we do not receive a phone call the absence **See more news** →

will be marked unexcused. **A letter will be sent when your child has missed 4, 7, and 10 or more days of school. A Truancy officer may be contacted when a child misses more than 10 days in a given year.** Thank you for your support in the continuing education of your children.



Bus Expectations: Please review the bus expectations that are attached to this letter with your child/children. The safe transportation of our students to school and home is of our utmost concern. Students are required to do their part in order to make this happen. As a reference these three simple rules will help support our bus drivers: **1. Sit facing forward. 2. Keep hands and feet to yourself. 3. Respect the bus driver and others. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.**

Winter Recess Policy:

It is important to dress your child appropriately during the winter months. Students will go outside for recess as long as the **temperature / wind chill is above 10 degrees.** If your child needs to stay in due to health reasons, we do require a note from your doctor.



UPCOMING DATES:

January 3

January 26

January 27

February 3

February 20

School Resumes

12:15 Dismissal (High School Exams)

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Report Cards

No School Presidents's Day

