

Ed-Co Elementary Newsletter February 2021

What's Happening From Mrs. Briggs Desk

I can't believe it is February, and the year is half over! Although the Groundhog is sure to tell us we still have six more weeks of winter, I want to make sure you have some information about upcoming items and information as we begin planning for the 21-22 school year.

Pre-School Registration:

If you have a child who will be 4 years old by September 15th, they can attend preschool in the fall. Please contact Michele and have her put your name on our list for Preschool. You will need to provide current vaccination and physical information before August 1st for your child to attend. Currently, we are planning for our spring registration. More specific information will be shared within the next month. If you have any questions feel free to contact the office.

Absences

It is the cold and flu season. Just a quick reminder, please call the office if your child is ill or is going to be late. This will allow us to keep our records correct and ensure that we do not call you at work unnecessarily to verify an absence.

Valentine Celebrations:

Classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 12th. Due to Covid we will not have visitors in the building for parties. Any treats sent to school will need to be prepackaged. Classroom teachers will be contacting you with the specific plans for his/her classroom.

If you are planning on sending a valentine to the school, please take into consideration if the child is going home on the bus. It is difficult to carry all of their belongings with balloons and/or flowers. Any valentines delivered to the school will be distributed to the students at the end of the day.

FAST Testing:

Teachers and students are completing the Winter Benchmark assessments this week. A progress letter will be sent home with your child on February 11th. Please watch for this information in your child's folder.

Upcoming Dates:

February 03 - 1:30 Early Dismissal - PD

- 05 4th grade Osborne Field Trip
- 12 Valentine Celebrations
- **15 No School Prof. Development** 6:00 pm Board meeting
- 19 Chew for Change Leukemia& Lymphoma Awareness w/HS students



Chew for Change:

During the week of February 15th, a small group of high students will be promoting awareness/fundraising for Leukemia and Lymphoma Research. The week will culminate on the 19th with the students being able to bring change to purchase chewing gum. This change will be donated for research. Watch for more information to be coming home.

Service Dog:

Ed-Co Elementary is excited to welcome their first service dog team to the building. Ms. Harbaugh's service dog will be joining us at school a little at a time. Hazel will start by coming to staff meetings and professional development with adults only. Then she will attend partial school days and will eventually work up to being in the building full time.

Hazel is specially trained to help keep Ms. Harbaugh safe and healthy. Students will be learning about service dogs and how we interact with them throughout the spring.