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Happy New Year! Both exciting to see the start of a new calendar year and hard to believe the school year is nearing the 100th day – that falls on January 29 this year. As always, please be sure to check your child(ren) to be sure they have what is needed to go outside in cold weather – boots, hats, gloves, snow pants and a warm jacket. If you would have a need for any of these items, please let Missy or me know. Remember that the kids will only stay inside if the temperature is zero (0) or below air temperature or - 10 or colder with the wind chill.

As a reminder, at the elementary level, we will be continuing with the A/B schedule with Wednesdays alternating as they have been. An exception to this is next week where we will have the "B" group on Tuesday (19th) and Friday (22nd) and "A" group on Wednesday (20th) and Thursday (21st). A copy of the calendar can be found at the end of this SLATE for reference.

Upcoming Events / Dates to Remember:

Thursday, January 15 – Last Day of Semester 1 (Quarter 2). Monday, January 18 – Staff In-service all-day – NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS Thursday, January $21 - 3^{rd}$ annual Spelling Bee – Elementary Gym – 3:00 (invitation only) Wednesday, February 10 – Parent/Teacher Conferences (optional)

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Sevastopol Parents/Guardians,

Sevastopol School District and the New Boys and Girls Club of Door County are pleased announce new programming to provide support for students (K-8). On days they are not required to attend in-person learning at school, the *Learning Support Center* will provide a daytime setting for Sevastopol students to complete schoolwork or participate in programs and activities when they have down time. Beginning Monday, January 25, the ballroom at the Institute Saloon, the Boys and Girls Club staff will provide a positive learning environment for up to 24 students and allow for social distancing on days that they are normally not at school. An application and detailed information are available at bgcdoorcounty.org or at Sevastopol.k12.wi.us. on Friday, January 15, 2021.

We want to thank Dennis Schartner and Kay Haen for providing their business for this new opportunity!

Other Notes



Lost & Found: The lost and found table is getting rather full. If you have a moment feel free to check it out (across from the district office on 2nd floor) or encourage your child(ren) to walk by and see if there is anything that is recognized.



Spelling Bee & Geography Bee: We are excited to again be participating in both nationwide bees this year. The classroom stage has been completed and those students advancing will participate in the school-wide spelling bee held on Thursday, January 21 at 3:00 in the Elementary Gym. We will provide an on-line option for viewing (details to come) but there won't be any spectators present.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: On February 10 Winter/Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held. Watch for sign up forms/information from your child(ren)'s classroom teacher once the quarter is completed.



Food Drive: A very big thank you to everyone that took part in the Nov/Dec Food Drive. We had an overwhelming response to our request for food items. Staff took time to organize the donations so there was a balance for each family receiving them and donations included grocery gift cards. Including the high school drive there were 20+ families that were touched by this event. Deliveries were made just prior to the winter break. Again, thank you to everyone.

Dental Health (Feb): February is national dental health awareness month. Please talk to your child(ren) about:



- Brush Your Teeth 2 or 3x per Day
- Always Brush Before Bedtime
- Don't Share Your Toothbrush
- Change Your Toothbrush Every 3 Months
- Clean Between Your Teeth With Floss
- Avoid Sweets / Sugary Foods & Drinks
- See Your Dentist / Hygienist 2x per Year



Weather: As temperatures have dropped with winter approaching, we are sending this reminder to encourage parents and students to be prepared for the weather.

Sevastopol elementary students have a 30-minute recess. Students may also be outside for occasional physical education classes.

For the safety and well-being of your child, we would like to provide you with our guidelines and expectations regarding cold weather.

Indoor Recess: Per school policy, if the air temperature is below zero, students will stay inside. If the air temperature is above zero and the wind chill is colder than -10 degrees, students will stay inside.

Hats, Gloves, and Coats: Students are expected to have adequate protection from the cold by wearing hats, gloves, and coats. Please label your child's items to help prevent lost clothing going to the "lost and found".

Boots and Snow Pants Policy: When snow is present, students in grades 3-5 must have boots and snow pants in order to play outside of the blacktop. Students in 4k-2 are asked to wear snow pants and boots whether snow is present or not due to freezing temperatures.

Donations: If you have extra winter accessories that you would like to donate for students who may not have items to wear on a given day, donations are accepted and appreciated.



Report Cards: This year has been unusual to say the least. At the elementary level we use benchmarks to gauge student progress. While our model for in-person learning looks different our benchmarks do not. It is important to review where you child(ren) scored on their benchmarks. As has been mentioned before, it is imperative that you make sure on the "non in-person days" that your child(ren) is keeping up with the work assigned. It is only by doing this that he/she can keep pace with what benchmarks are achieved in a traditional year.



Turkey Trot T-Shirts: The Sevastopol PTO has some extra Virtual Turkey Trot T-shirts available to purchase. The t-shirts are \$5 each. Limited quantities available. For more information please contact Missy Forry at 920-743-6282 ext. 1107 or mforry@sevastopol.k12.wi.us

Ugly Sweater Contest: Students in art classes created virtual ugly sweaters. They were voted on and the winning designers were: Ben Olson won 1st, Shane Leist 2nd and Aaron Thomas 3rd







