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# Seasons Greetings

Dear MLS Families,

Is it possible that winter break is upon us? With the fourth month of school coming to an end, our students have accomplished so much. They are reading and writing, working on challenging math and science problems, and learning about the world in Social Studies. Music, Art, WORC, and Physical Education continue to be favorite specials for our students. And then there is Panther Time, a beloved passion period with student-centered choices at the end of each day. There are so many amazing things happening in our school. And yet, we continue to face the daily challenges of COVID and feel as disheartened as you do when we have to ask students to stay home and learn virtually. My hope and prayer for 2022 is to put COVID behind us to fully live into each student's potential without interruption. I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to partnering with you as we joyfully watch your students grow.

Warmly,  
Ms. Eva

## ***Important Dates/Reminders***

December 20-22: Report Cards and Progress Reports sent home

December 23: Early Dismissal (12:00)

December 24-31: Winter Holiday

January 3: Students and staff return to school

January 17: School closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Day



## Winter Weather Update

The winter season is upon us, and when the forecast turns cold or snowy, we understand that you want to know how your child's school will be impacted as soon as possible. Here are a few tips you can keep in mind during this season of inclement weather:

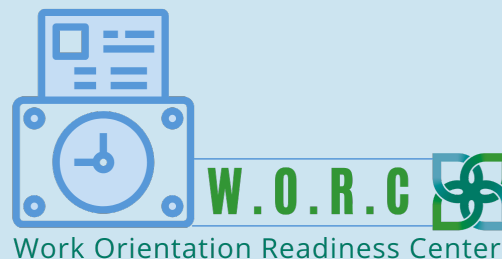
- **Outdoor Play:** Our students play outside for recess and Panther Time in the winter, temperatures/wind chill permitting. We use the National Weather Advisory to guide us in those decisions. Please ensure that your student is dressed for the weather, including snowy days. Each day we will decide before recess and Panther Time if it is appropriate for our students to go outside.
- **Two-Hour Delay:** If the weather causes us to call for a Two-Hour Delay, school will start at 10:30 am. Your student should expect their transportation to come precisely 2 hours after normal pickup time.
- **Inclement Weather Virtual Learning Days:** If an inclement weather day is scheduled, we will send Chromebooks home the day before so students can continue their learning from home when weather conditions make it unsafe to attend school in person.
- **Early Dismissal or School Closings Decisions** - Notification will be made through email and our One Call System.

## WORC WONDERS

Welcome to the WORC room! This past month our "WORCers" have been busy practicing their cursive signature as well as working on

special holiday jobs. We made and decorated holiday gift tags for sale to our staff and we also made ornaments celebrating many different holidays to decorate the holiday tree in the Hess lobby. In addition to this, we carried out our regular jobs of cutting lamination, making deliveries, and making Ellison shapes and letters for school decorations and bulletin boards.

Our lessons this month focused on cursive signatures and practicing gratitude. Studies show that people who regularly practice gratitude are happier with their lives. You can help your child practice gratitude by making a gratitude list with them and including both big and small things to be grateful for. This is a good coping strategy to use when



your child is feeling down or frustrated don't go their way. Modeling gratitude is also a great way to help your child be more aware of all they have to be grateful for.

Happy Holidays!  
The WORC Coordinators

**Welcoming Winter Break Spirit Week**  
*Martin Luther School*

As We Anticipate, We Celebrate  
**The Opportunity to Recharge with Family & Friends**

**December 20**  
**Mix & Mingle Monday**  
Join us for a virtual breakfast with friends at 8:10a  
Use Meet Code: MIXMONDAY

**December 21**  
**Toasty Tuesday**  
Can't wait to feel comfy and cozy? Wear your favorite pajamas to school.

**December 22**  
**Sweater Weather Wednesday**  
Have Holiday Spirit? Show it by wearing your Ugliest Holiday Sweater to school.

**December 23**  
**Thaw Out Thursday**  
Feeling festive? The weather may be a little confused but we're not. Show you're ready for break by wearing your favorite winter hat or festive headband to school.

**All Week**  
**Winter Accessory Drive**  
In the spirit of giving, join in donating winter accessories to those in need. See Flyer for details.

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**MLS Winter Accessory DRIVE**

THE MLS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING THE OPPORTUNITY TO FAMILIES AND STAFF TO DONATE NEW WINTER HATS, GLOVES, SCARVES, OR SOCKS TO CHOP REFUGEE HEALTH PROGRAM. THIS ORGANIZATION WORKS TO ENSURE THAT ALL REFUGEE CHILDREN HAVE A HEALTHY START TO THEIR LIVES IN THE U.S.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE HAVE THE ITEMS IN BY DEC. 23.

There will be a box in the staff lounges of each building but counselors will also come by classrooms to collect.



## ELA Showcase Shout Out



The students gave us a wonderful start to our month by showing off their student showcases. We saw students share-friendly letters, personal poems, and biographical research. Their composure and energy at the microphone in front of a packed audience was awe inspiring. We can't wait for our next round of showcases in the spring. Great job everyone!



Have a Happy Winter Break!  
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