



# TFS BULLETIN



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December Greetings to Our Friendship Families!

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As I write this week's newsletter, we are getting phone calls from parents asking if school will be open tomorrow, citing the forecast of snow as the reason for their concern. "Ah-ha!" I think, a perfect time to remind families of our procedures when school needs to close due to the weather. At TFS we follow the decision of the Waterford Public Schools on opening or closing. Anytime the Waterford Schools are closed, TFS will be closed as well.

There are several ways you can hear of changes in our school schedule. The first is to receive a call through our automated phone program called *ConnectEd*. We last used this system on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to notify you of our school cancellation. When ConnectEd is used, an administrator records a message to share with all families and it is then sent to everyone via the telephone. The phone numbers used are the most current numbers we have listed for your child. When you answer your phone, you will hear the recorded message. If you have voice mail, the message will be left in your mailbox. The other ways for you to hear of closings is through the local public media: radio, television, and the internet. These announcements are made on television through stations such as WFSB (channel 3), WTNH (8), They are also announced on radio stations such as WICH/1310 am, WBMW/106.5 FM, WCTY/97.7 FM, WNLC/98.7, WKNL/100.9 FM, WQGN/105.5 FM, and WXLM/ 102.3 FM. Also, if you use the services of the Carelot Clubhouse, you should be aware of the policies for cancellations or delays. Many television stations also have websites you can check their list of closings on at any time. When my own children were still home, I would get my early morning call from ConnectEd about TFS, then log onto my favorite TV station's website to check on their school, and still be back under the covers before the sun came up. Technology sure is great.

When a one hour delay is announced, school will begin at 10:30 am. A 90 minute delay has school opening at 11:00 am. When an early closing is announced, school will be dismissed at 11:00 AM.

In closing, please make sure our office always has your current phone numbers to contact you in case of snow days or any other emergency and think SNOW!!! I'm dreaming of hot cocoa, dreamy snow scapes, sleepy snow days, and shoveling...enjoy.

Dawn Davis

### From the Library:

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) is the nation's oldest and largest non-profit children's literacy organization. Your child came home with a free RIF book this week. We at The Friendship School would like to thank The Drop-In Learning center for coordinating this distribution. Have fun reading this new book with your child.



### It's time!

Our TFS recruitment for the 2010-2011 school year has begun. If you have another child that you would like to enroll, please put their name in for next year's lottery. Also, tell your friends with age eligible children that we are now beginning our recruitment tours. The recruitment process runs from November to February, with February 26<sup>th</sup> being the application deadline. They can call the office at 860-447-4049 to set up an appointment for a tour.

### Dates to Remember:

**December 23rd – Assembly- Sing-a-long at 10:30 am/  
Pajama Day  
December 23rd- EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:40pm  
December 24<sup>th</sup>- January 2<sup>nd</sup>- NO SCHOOL- Holiday  
Break**

### From the Cafeteria:

Breakfast on Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> will be: whole wheat honeybuns, fruit and milk.

