

TFS BULLETIN



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Happy December Friendship Families!

Next week at this time will be the first day of winter, arriving on December 21. The Winter Solstice marks that time of the year where we have the least amount of daylight of the year. It also marks the beginning of the winter season. Our classrooms are thinking about snowmen, festivals of light, the coming holiday celebrations and other events which take place at the end of December.

In The Friendship School Office we are thinking of snow days. Don't misunderstand, we are not dreaming of those cold snowy days where we get to crawl back under the covers and instead of coming to school. Instead we are making sure that everyone is prepared for that first day when school is cancelled, postponed or closed early because of cold, snowy weather. TFS will continue to use the automated ConnectEd program to send out batch messages to families and staff members announcing changes in school for the day. A few weeks ago, Kathy Suprin sent out a sample message as a test run. If you did not receive that message, you were encouraged to contact the office and check on the phone numbers we use to reach you. This is important not just for snow days, we should always have a way to reach you by phone in case of an emergency. Please contact the office any time that changes.

The ConnectEd message is one way families can be notified of changes or cancellations. Families can always tune into local media for announcements for this same information. Anytime the Waterford Public Schools are cancelled, The Friendship School will be closed also. 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.

When a one hour delay is announced, school will begin at 10:30a.m. When a 90 minute delay is announced, school will begin at 11:00 a.m. When an early **closing** is announced, school will be **dismissed** at 11:00 a.m.

In closing, please take a minute to be aware of ways to keep apprised of storm closings. As we know, snow day announcements come very early in the morning and you should be prepared. I enjoy a good snow day as much as the next person. There is something magical about staying in PJ's and watching the snow fall. So I hope you have a chance to enjoy the next snow day in the comfort and safety of your home with your young person.

Dawn Davis

Applications for the Waterford Youth Services Holiday Toy Drive are due December 15th, for anyone who qualifies and has received one. Applicants must be Waterford residents, and qualify as needing assistance to brighten their holiday for their children and family. TFS needs forms returned to have them in on time to WYSB; however the drawing does not take place until Dec.22 & 23.

Anyone whose child has come home with TFS clothes, borrowed from the nurse's office, can you return them to school with your child?

Thank you to ALL parents who have contributed to this supply of emergency clothing.

Nurse Lori

Dates to Remember:

December 23rd- EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:40pm

December 24th- January 2nd- NO SCHOOL- Holiday Break

