



Timberwolf Newsletter

Dec. 15, 2011

No School/Early Dismissal:

- **Early dismissal** Wednesday, December 21, at 2:00pm for Winter Break.
- **No School** Thursday, December 22, through Wednesday, January 4, for Winter Break.
- **School resumes** Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Shabbona Elementary Pick-up/Drop off Procedures





- **NO CARS OR STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP OFF IN BUS LANE OR BACK PARKING LOT AREA.**
- **No students are allowed to cross the bus lane to the playground until all buses have left the school.**
- **Students should not arrive at school before 8:00A.M. when supervision is available.**
- **Walkers should use sidewalks at all times, crossing at the crosswalk with the crossing guard present.**
- **Parents picking up students from the bus line must come to the office to have student called down to office for pick-up (THIS IS A NEW RULE).**
- **Any parent leaving their car must park in the parent parking area, only cars for immediate pick-up/drop off may use the drive-up area yielding to the crosswalk at all times.**
- **Students are outside before and after school, during lunch recess and classroom recesses until temps are at or below 10 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather.**

Thank-you for reviewing this recap of the procedures. Please go over them with your child so that everyone can work together to help keep all of our students and staff safe.


Weather Watch: Do you have a winter weather plan? We are approaching the time of year when weather conditions can change quickly. We need to make arrangements for school closing days (in the event that becomes necessary). We trust that all our families will also make arrangements in that event. If school must be cancelled or closed early because of poor weather conditions, or any other emergency, the following radio and television stations will announce local school closings:

Local Stations	Chicago Stations
WLBK - 1360 AM	WGN - 720 AM
WSPY - 107.1 FM	WBBM - 780 AM
WQSR - 1560 AM	WBBM - CBS TV Channel 2
WDKB - 94.9 FM	WMAQ - NBC TV Channel 5
	WLS - ABC TV Channel 7
	WGN TV - Channel 9
	WFLD - Fox 32 TV Channel 12

If the weather appears to be bad on any given morning, please turn to one of these stations for information regarding our district. You will also be notified by the AlertNow system—check with Mrs. Davies to make sure your information is current. **PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS!** Families should discuss and prepare the procedure they will follow in the event of school closing.



HOWLING Success at Indian Creek—Trustworthiness: This year at Shabbona Elementary we are implementing a new program called HOWLING Success at Indian Creek. Throughout the school year we will focus on **Honoring Safe Behavior, Outstanding Respect, Well Prepared, and Lead With Responsible Choices.** During August and September, we focused on Responsibility. During part of October and November we focused on Citizenship. During part of November and the month of December, we focused on Caring. For the month of January and part of February we will be focusing on Trustworthiness. I have talked to the students about what defines Trustworthiness. The staff is looking for the following definition: be honest; do not deceive, cheat or steal; be reliable and keep your promise—do what you say you will do; have the courage to do the right thing; build a good reputation; be loyal and stand by your family and friends. We recognize students who can show these attributes for the entire time that we are focusing on that particular characteristic. We appreciate the families reinforcing these goals at home with your children.



Cold Weather Reminder: With the weather cooling down, it's important to send your child to school with a coat, hat, and gloves. Many students have shown up with broken zippers or no hats or gloves. Please make sure your child has the proper outerwear. We continue to go outside for recess throughout the winter. Any child who is not dressed appropriately must stay inside during recess.

Lost & Found: We have many hats, gloves, jackets, and other items in our Lost & Found box. The next time you are at the school, please stop by and look through our collection—even if you don't think your child is missing anything.

Magic Waters' Books for Fun Reading Program: Once again we will be participating in the Books for Fun Reading Program sponsored by Magic Waters in Rockford. The program runs December 16 through January 31. Each student who participates must log at least six (6) hours of reading time by January 31 to receive a FREE day admission pass to Magic Waters Waterpark. Any student who would like to participate may request a reading log form from Mrs. Stanley. Completed reading logs should be returned to Mrs. Stanley by January 31. *Happy reading!*

Safety Tip: Did you know? Pictures you've e-mailed or uploaded from your Smartphone could leak information **that reveals the location of your home, children's school, and play areas,** which can threaten your safety or that of your children. Smartphones leave a high-tech invisible trail using the same geotracking technology that enables a particular social Website and handheld map apps. It works much like the GPS device in your car. You can read more about this at:

http://www.nbcactionnews.com/dpp/news/local_news/investigations/smartphone-picture-uploads-can-reveal-the-location-of-your-children%27s-home%2C-school%2C-and-play-areas#ixzz1fnFUUPF5

Or view the NBS news clip at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2vARzvWxwY&feature=share>

For directions on how to disable geotagging on your Smartphone:

<http://icanstalku.com/how.php#disable>

Summer Rec Registration: Registration for summer rec baseball/softball will begin on Jan. 1, 2012. Forms may be downloaded from our Website and mailed in, or sign ups will be held at the following locations:

- Shabbona Lion's Depot on January 21 from 9:00-11:00am.
- Waterman Community Center on February 11 from 9:00-11:00am.

More information can be found online at www.indiancreekrecreation.org or www.watsumrec.org. **Registration will close on March 1, 2012—no exceptions.** If you have questions, please contact Steve Probst at 630-330-7990.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!

