

## SPAULDING FAMILY UPDATE - January 4, 2019

Dear Spaulding Families,



**Happy New Year!** We're off to a lovely start to 2019. It was great seeing all of the smiling faces, as the students returned to school on Wednesday. We did see a few yawns as the kids came in the doors, but we all know how difficult it is to get back on a schedule after vacation! We hope everyone had a lovely break and made lots of good memories.

**Communication:** While we strive to communicate effectively with families, at times parents have questions or concerns. We ask that when reaching out to the school, with a question or a concern regarding your child, that their classroom teacher is always your first contact. Building administrators are available when there are questions beyond the scope of the classroom teacher. Bus concern: contact the main office, please do not contact the bus company directly.

**Student Safety and Security:** Showing identification at pick ups or when entering our school's main doors may seem redundant when we already know most of you, but it is necessary if we want to maintain our safety standards. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Outdoor Activities:** We go out to recess unless the wind chill is below 20 degrees or it is raining. Please be sure your children have the proper cold weather gear. If snow is on the ground students need boots and snowpants to play on the playground. If they do not have boots and snowpants their play is limited to the blacktop. In addition, be sure your child's clothing is all labeled, including gloves, mittens, and hats. It is very easy for a stray mitten to fall from someone's hand and it is challenging to find the owner without labels.



**Health:** Please speak with your child about making sure they put on their coats when they leave the building. We often need to stop a child and have them pull their coat out of their backpack. This can really slow down the dismissal procedures, and at times someone may slip out without their coat.

Please be specific when leaving an absence on the absentee line so that we may work together to provide a healthy, safe environment for everyone. Indicating symptoms your child is experiencing at home helps us track trends that may be happening in one classroom or grade level.

The best way to prevent the spread of germs is through frequent and effective handwashing, it is like a “do-it yourself” vaccine. Five simple steps can keep you and your family healthy this season – **Wet, Lather, Scrub, Rinse, Dry**. You can even have a little fun with it and sing the ABC’s or Happy Birthday while performing the Lather and Scrub steps! Handwashing is a win for everyone, except GERMS!



**“Souper” Bowl Week:** We will again this year be collecting canned goods for our local food pantry during the week before the Super Bowl. Soups and other canned goods can be brought in by the students. Each student can place **one** can during “Souper” Bowl week on our football field in the main hallway, as a vote for their favorite team . Extra cans brought in can be placed in a collection box. We’ll be keeping count of the votes and on Friday, February 1, we’ll announce the name of the team with the most votes. Then we’ll wait for Super Bowl Sunday to check the accuracy of our vote!



**Upcoming Events:**

January 5: Pre K Traditions

January 7: K-2 STAR reports will be sent home in student backpacks

January 20: Kindergarten Traditions

January 21: No School Martin Luther King Day

January 28 - February 1: "Souper" Bowl Week canned food collection

Thank you -

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