



River Valley Elementary School

November 2017 Newsletter

While we have been able to enjoy the mild weather of the fall, colder weather has arrived and will be here to stay. Please be sure your child is coming to school each day dressed appropriately for outside play. Now is a great time to make sure your child is prepared for the fast-arriving winter weather. Dig out last year's clothing to see what still fits and what needs to be replaced. We ask that you label all outerwear clothing and accessories to the best of your ability. If you are in need of assistance for winter clothing for your child(ren) and/or your family, see WeCare information listed in this newsletter or you can contact our family liaison/school psychologist, Claire Knoll at 588-2554 ext: 2012 or cknoll@rvschools.org.

SOME IMPORTANT DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF:

Friday, November 3rd - NO SCHOOL

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th. TIP: turn clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday). Also a great time to check batteries in smoke / carbon monoxide detectors.

Wed-Fri, November 22, 23, 24 - NO SCHOOL

Our elementary music program will be held on Thursday, May 10 at 1:00pm at the high school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Regular attendance is such an important piece to your child's success. A quick reminder of our policy is that students are allowed five (5) illness-related days per semester and a total of ten (10) personal days a year. If your child's absences are at a point where they are about to exceed, or possibly have exceeded, guidelines, you will be contacted by school administrators to discuss.

Excessive tardies also have an impact and will be addressed as well if needed.

Always good habit that if your child is absent due to an appointment to turn in a doctor's note - Any absences due to our school nurse's direction to stay home are also considered medically excused.

IN NEED OF WINTER CLOTHING / DIAPERS?

Community Treasure's Thrift Store is located at 138 S. Iowa St., Dodgeville and is open Tuesday-Friday 10:00-5:30 and on Saturday's from 9:00-1:00. We Care also gives out diapers to families in need (you must present a form of identification to receive diapers - there is no charge for diapers or wipes. Store is open to the public.

There is also a Food Pantry to assist income eligible families and individuals living in the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland.

For more information, contact Ronda Christensen at SW CAP at 608-935-2326 ext: 602 or at r.christensen@swcap.org

WINTER MONTHS ARE FAST APPROACHING

Snow will soon be flying and the probability of delayed-starts, early releases, or cancelled days.

Our district utilizes all the local radio and television stations to announce these occurrences. In addition, our district utilizes our Skyward system to send automated phone calls, texts, and e-mails to notify families. This is just another important reason to ensure that we have the correct information in our databases to ensure you receive these messages. Thank you for remembering to notify us with a new phone number or e-mail address.

Also of equal, if not greater importance, on your child's emergency card we had you indicate what your child is to do in the event of an early release. Please do not hesitate for one moment to contact us to ensure that we have the correct plan in place or to let us know plans have changes and need to be updated. Now is the time to make sure we are prepared. Thank you!