

January 8, 2025

IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS:

- **NO School---Jan. 20th---Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- **Family Math Night----January 22nd @ 6 PM**
- **NO School---Jan. 24th---Staff Professional Development Day**



IDEAL NEWS!

- **Welcome back! Happy 2025!!!! Just a few friendly reminders: Attendance is a top priority and we need all students here every day to be successful. The school/district goal is 95% or better attendance. It is very important to have your child(ren) here all day every day. We know of course everyone gets sick and those days will happen or other emergencies but please remember after ten absences we cannot excuse any absences and we must have a doctor's excuse per district policy. If you have any attendance questions, please meet with Mrs. Carter (Principal) or Ms. Diaz (School Social Worker).**
- **1st Trimester report cards went home over Winter Break. Please make sure to take time to really look them over. If you have any questions or concerns, staff will be happy to meet with you.**
- **HUGE thanks to all who donated to our Food Drive! We donated 319 pounds to the Hunger Task Force and raised \$30 in virtual donations. Thank you everyone!**

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS!

- IDEAL's school day is 9:10 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. and our main office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The main office phone number is 414-267-1600.
- *All students who need an early dismissal MUST be signed out in the main office by a parent/guardian who is listed on the child's emergency contact information. A photo ID will be required. Please do not ask to have students sent out to meet you as we are not allowed to do so. We want everyone to be safe at ALL times.*

Afterschool Sports/Phy Ed/Health:

Both volleyball teams have games on Saturday, January 11th: Blue team at Noon and White team at 1:00 p.m. at Burdick School.

Music:

Please mark your calendars! Our intermediate band students will be participating in the annual Wisconsin School Music Association's (WSMA) solo ensemble festival! This will be held on Saturday, March 1st at Rufus King High School. Band students from across the district will be there to perform solos and ensembles on their instruments for a rating and receive a medal for their performances. All intermediate band students have been invited to participate and are encouraged to practice their instruments for this wonderful event. Please stay tuned for your child's time, and we hope to see you at solo ensemble!

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Primary News:

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. Our first full week back has been a busy one. We are right back to work with Reading, Writing and Math. In Social Studies, we are working on Economics. The focus is on needs and wants, goods and services, and producers and consumers.

Remember to read something every day. This can be your child reading on their own, looking at a picture book, or you reading to them. Research shows that reading every day has many benefits including improving concentration, developing social skills, and improving critical thinking and problem-solving skills. We thank you for supporting this at home!

Elementary News:

Happy New Year to all of our students and their families! Last week we had a great time ringing in the new year with fun educational activities, skating and special attendance incentives. Students learned about New Year's traditions and wrote resolutions and goals for 2025. Please ask them about their goals for this year and support them to work towards completing their goals!

Congrats to Mrs. Kolatski's homebase on winning the weekly school wide attendance trophy for the last two weeks of December! Let's keep working towards great attendance this month!

January is a busy month of school. We are jumping into the state mandated Act 20 testing for reading for 3rd graders this week called Aimsweb. Students complete an oral reading fluency test as well as a vocabulary test to assess their reading level and literacy skills. Parent reports and communication about this new test and student results will be sent out once testing is complete. Please encourage your child to do their very best! The STAR testing window for all elementary grade levels will begin later this month for reading and math.

Things to remember:

- Be sure to check the weather daily and send your child prepared with layers and the appropriate winter attire (jacket, hat, mittens, etc.)
- Weekly reading logs are due every Friday. Please make sure your child is reading every night and returning their reading logs! Make reading a priority in 2025!!

Middle School News:

Happy New Year. We hope you have a great 2025!

Science: Students will continue their Forces, Motions and Fields Unit. Prior to the break, students learned about Newton's Laws of Motion. One of their challenges is to see where these laws apply in real life. Talk to your student and find out what they know! Newton's 3 laws are:

1. An object at rest remains at rest, and an object in motion remains in motion at constant speed and in a straight line unless acted on by an unbalanced force. (Law of Inertia)

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2. The acceleration of an object depends on the mass of the object and the amount of force applied. (Law of Acceleration)
3. Whenever one object exerts a force on another object, the second object exerts an equal and opposite on the first. (Law of Action-Reaction)

Science at home! Have you ever wondered how fireworks work? Check it out here: <https://bit.ly/41XAdil>

Headphones: Students do utilize headphones throughout the day for various classes and activities. We highly encourage students to bring their own corded headphones for use at school. They do not have to be spendy- Dollar Tree headphones work great!

Class Dojo: We would love to increase our parent connections. If you have not already connected to our Middle School Class Dojo account, please let us know through email or your child- we can send another invite home.

Artsonia: Artsonia is an online platform where students can showcase their artwork in a digital portfolio. Parents can view, share, and even purchase items featuring their child's creations, with a portion of the proceeds going back to support our art program. It's a great way to celebrate and preserve your child's artistic journey! Middle School students have been busy creating. Please do connect with the app and view your child's artwork.

Weather: Please monitor your child's preparedness for the weather. Many middle schoolers are not wearing appropriate winter clothing. We are hoping they stay healthy this season.

Bus information:

Here is a list of contact numbers:

Route 283: WI Central (East)----414-481-1000

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Route 285: Safeway South-----414-559-1943

Route 510: Lamers----414-282-3566

Route 5302: Collaborative Transport----414-376-3201

Route 8311: WI Central (West)----414-279-9150

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IDEAL School will ensure the healthy development and high academic success of all students through our unique multi-age program.

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