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Key Dates

January & February

- 1/8-31 Mid-Year PTA Membership Drive
- 1/15 **NO SCHOOL**
MLK Day
- 1/22 1 Hour Early Release
- 1/29 **NO SCHOOL**
Semester Break
- 2/12 1 Hour Early Release
- 2/13 PTA Meeting
- 2/15 STEM Night
- 2/19 **NO SCHOOL**
President's Day
- 2/26 1 Hour Early Release

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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER by Travis Bond

Dear Sacajawea Families,

Welcome back! Returning to school in January is always filled with renewed energy and resolve to make a positive difference in the lives of all the members of our school community.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Holiday Sing in December, and to the staff and students for putting on such a great show. Mr. Lee's holiday video was amazing!

As we begin the New Year it is always a good time to focus once again on our personal goals and to adjust and fine tune the steps we must take to achieve them. I encourage parents to sit down with their child(ren) to discuss their performance, celebrate the successes, and develop goals and next steps.

I wish everyone a very Happy New Year, and I look forward to witnessing the many triumphs and achievements

of our students as the year unfolds. Additionally, we'll start 2018 with a focus on the Skyhawk Promise (below).

Travis Bond, Principal

THE PROMISE

- I **WILL** speak up if I see someone being bullied.
- I **CHOOSE** not to tease others.
- I **FORGIVE** others when they make bad choices.
- I **MODEL** good behavior.
- I **ACCEPT** others and their differences.
- I **INCLUDE** others.
- I **S.O.A.R.**
- I **WILL** talk to an adult when I can't solve a problem on my own.
- I **AM** a Skyhawk and I am powerful in making a difference in my school.

JANUARY BINGO CHALLENGE

Can you be at school all 20 days in January? We are having a 20 Day Bingo Challenge in January! If you can blackout your Bingo card, you'll be invited to play Bingo in the library on February 1st!

RULES:

- You **MUST** be at school every day in January.
- You **MUST** arrive before 10 am, and leave no earlier than 1:20 pm.
- The class with the highest percentage of Bingo winners will receive a prize.



SACAJAWEA SCHEDULE:

- Breakfast 8-8:20
- First Bell 8:20
- Tardy Bell 8:30
- Dismissal 2:50

There is no supervision or crossing guards for students before 8:00 am. Children dropped off before 8:00 will have their parents called to pick them up.



BASKETBALL

Sacajawea's 4th and 5th grade basketball program will be starting in February! The main goals of this program are to allow each student to develop their basketball skills, increase each child's teamwork ability as they work together towards a common goal, and provide each child with the opportunity to compete in a supportive environment as part of a basketball team. Permission slips will go home in Friday Folders soon!

WEATHER DELAYS, CLOSURES AND EARLY RELEASES

School closures, delays and early releases are decided as early in the morning or school day as possible.

The superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools closely monitors weather conditions when making a decision to close or delay school. Transportation crews begin driving in different areas of the school district at 3 a.m. when bad weather threatens.

With advice from the transportation crew and a meteorologist, the superintendent will make a decision regarding the operation of our schools. If possible, this decision will be made by 5 a.m. If a two-hour late start was declared the prior evening, we will attempt to make the decision by 7 a.m.

If it is decided to close schools, to delay opening, or to release students early, that information will be immediately shared via one or more of the above methods. This information will be posted only if there is a schedule change to report.

If it is decided to continue with a regular school day, then no information will be reported, and parents and staff will know that schools are operating on regular schedules.

If schools are closed or dismissed early, after-school and evening activities also will be canceled.

Community use of schools will be canceled only if schools are closed.

In the event of an early release, families will be notified by phone call and/or email. Elementary students who ride the bus or walk will not be released until verbal confirmation about arrangements has been made with families.

The decision to close schools or delay opening is not taken lightly. The safety of students and staff is a top priority.

Snow bus routes have been developed for some VPS schools. These alternate, safer routes will be used when ice and/or snow create dangerous driving conditions on certain roads.

When snow routes are announced, there will be no service to some bus stops. Alternate bus stops will be used.



CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH DAY



The Clark College Dental Hygiene Clinic is hosting a **FREE** Children's Dental Health Day on February 3rd. They will be doing free dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, sealants, fluoride, and select emergency treatments. **Please call (360) 992-2158 to schedule an appointment.**