



February Newsletter



Students, Sickness, and Attendance

It's that time of year when we begin to see an increase of sick students. Page 8 of the elementary handbook provides a great deal of information regarding USD473 Board of Education policies.

Parents must **notify the school office by 8:10 AM** when their child will be absent.

Please understand that when school personnel send a child home due to illness, that time is an excused illness. When you call your child in, you may have wondered why our secretaries ask what are your child's symptoms. As per Kansas' statutes, schools are required to report certain contagious diseases/symptoms to our local health department as they track this type of information.

Students may return to school after they have been fever free/symptom free for 24 hours without the aide of medications, including Tylenol or ibuprofen. Please keep in mind that this 24 hour policy is also required for children that have been vomiting or have diarrhea. This requirement is very important in preventing the spread of illness to other students and staff.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Children who are 5 years old on or before August 31, 2019 are eligible to attend Kindergarten Round-Up Wednesday, February 27th. If you plan on having your future kindergartener screened and enrolled for August, you will need to bring the following items: immunization records, birth certificate, and completed physical form (can be turned in by August). **Round-Up is Wednesday, February 27th.** Families will be scheduled every 15 minutes to fill out paperwork and have their child screened for kindergarten. Enrollment papers will not be mailed out this year. There will be **NO KINDERGARTEN** class the day of Round-Up.

Sack Lunches

Please be mindful of what is being sent to school with your child in his/her sack lunch. We have noticed an increase of sugary items as a main choice and sometimes an only choice for their lunch. Students who bring a sack lunch are encouraged to bring healthy choices. Below is the USD 473 district elementary handbook highlight on sack lunches.

"Students may bring lunch from home, but may not store it in the same refrigerator with food prepared in the school kitchen (Pg. 22-11 of KSDE Food Service Manual). Students are discouraged from bringing pop and candy in sack lunches and are not to share food with other students. Students who bring their lunch from home may purchase milk in the lunch room."

West's & Zey's Store Receipts

Please continue to tell friends and family to put their receipts in the Blue Ridge box at West's & Zey's. Points can be used to purchase educational items for teachers and students. Receipts will be collected through March 3rd!

Blue Ridge PTO

Below is a reminder of the upcoming PTO dates for the 2018-2019 school year. All meetings begin at 5:30 PM.

February 11, 2019, February 25, 2019
March 25, 2019
April 29, 2019



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