

Dear Chesterbrook Families,

The month of gifts, bright festive lights, candles, carols, and visitors is upon us. As you are aware we have many fun holiday events planned for the children this month. From their own holiday shopping experience, to the Pre-K2 and Kindergarten students singing at Kohl's, a family night with Mr. and Mrs. Clause, making holiday cards for a soup kitchen, and donation trees. This is a great month of giving and sharing. As a gift to you our parents we will be starting Mocha Monday's! Every Monday in each building's lobby you will see a coffee cart. Please help yourself to a fresh cup of coffee on your way out the door. We know Monday mornings are difficult and especially now that it is getting colder, we wanted to give you something to look forward to at drop off and pick up time. The only thing we ask is that you please do not take the hot coffee into the classrooms and that you please do not allow the children a special treat of coffee. We hope you enjoy this special treat from us! It will start December 14<sup>th</sup> and continue throughout the year.

The teachers have been working hard on their process boards (bulletin boards). We are making them more parent friendly to assist you in gaining a snapshot of what your child has been working on within a given theme. We have softened up their appearance by replacing the black paper with black felt and the feedback we have received is awesome! We plan to devise a board in building A to be a guide for parents to learn how to read the process boards in their child's classroom to learn the most from each educational component that is offered on the board. Stay tuned.

As the weather becomes colder and it is inevitable that we will be seeing some snow in the upcoming months, we want you and your children to be prepared. Please make sure that your child is prepared each day to spend time on the playground. We will be going outside anytime the wind-chill factor is above 0 degrees. The amount of time spent outside will be determined on the temperature. Outdoor play is a daily requirement by the Department of Human Services and is a great way to assist in beating the germs that will be harboring in the classrooms. Also, now is a great time to double check your child's cubby for season appropriate spare clothing. We all know accidents happen, and we don't want your child cold when they have their next spill or messy mishap.

In the event that the weather turns bad and we need to alter the schools hours due to the travel safety of our staff and families please remember that we have several systems in place. I recommend that you refer to at least 2 of these outlets at any given time to verify our daily schedule. To assist you in making sure that you are well aware we will be posting changes on our phone app Remind ( you must sign up for this), our school website, channel 6 news, our school answering machine, and channel 10 news. From past experience the parents love the Remind App – as it is a great easy tool to utilize. If you did not already sign up or would like more information please send us an e-mail and we will be happy to share the directions with you to join.

I hope you have a great holiday season that is fun, bright and full of kindness and love.

Sincerely,

*Donna Baus*

Principal



