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Hello West Park Elementary Families!

We hope everyone had a great week! Please remember there will be no school next Friday, January 28 and no school Monday, January 31. Both of these days are teacher workdays.

IMPORTANT – As we continue to navigate COVID within the community, I ask that you please report any symptoms your child may be experiencing before sending him or her to school. This includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea. It is always best to call the school first if you have any questions concerning symptoms. This also includes exposure to a positive case. If your child was exposed, please call the school and we can help navigate next steps with our new COVID protocols. The new protocols can be found below. We truly appreciate your help in keeping all of our students and staff safe. Thank you!

Please see below for important upcoming dates and details. Thank you!

January 26 – Moscow School District Board Meeting (7:30 pm)

- In person at 650 N Cleveland St., Moscow ID
- Viewed online at <https://youtu.be/eaHjdp8EKvl>

January 28 - No School - Teacher Workday

- There will be no school on this date.
- This date will mark the end of our 2nd quarter and first semester.

January 31 - No School - Teacher Workday

- There will be no school on this date.

February 1 – Start of Quarter 3

- This date marks the start of Quarter 3.

February 2 – Polar Walk!

- We will be encouraging our families to walk to school on this date!

- More information concerning a walking school bus from the U of I Recreation Center will be shared closer to the date.
- Let's enjoy this awesome winter weather!

February 2 – Report Cards Sent Home

- Report cards for our first semester will be sent home on this date.
- The purpose of this report card is to communicate with parents, guardians, and students about the achievement of specific learning goals.
- It identifies students' levels of progress as expected at the end of each reporting period.
- Quarter 1 progress was communicated at parent/teacher conferences, therefore only Quarter 2 progress is being reported at this time.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

February 21 – No School – President's Day

- There will be no school on this date.

Online Learning 2nd Semester – Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

- Families looking to enroll their elementary students in online learning for second semester are now able to register for IDLA.
- Second semester for the Idaho Digital Learning Alliance begins January 24th.
- Registration closes on January 21st.
- Contact Craig Allen at Russell school with any questions you may have at allenc@msd281.org.

Masking & COVID Protocol Updates

- The Moscow School District's Board of Trustees had a special board meeting on Wednesday, January 12 and made the determination that the mask requirements for all who enter our schools will remain in effect until the end of the third quarter of school (April 7).
- Additionally, the Trustees also directed the district administration to continue to monitor and collect data of the COVID situation and to hopefully discontinue the mask requirement earlier if a significant decline in cases occurs.
- This action by the Trustees was based off the current data the district has collected, regional information regarding the predicted increase of cases caused by the COVID Omicron Variance, along with a letter signed by 57 local and regional medical professionals communicating their support for the district to maintain universal mask requirements for the next 6 weeks.
- The Trustees also approved a new protocol regarding Isolation and Quarantine. This protocol reduces the number of days out from 10 to 5. Below is the new protocol.
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- Our goal is to keep our students in school during these next weeks when the Omicron variant moves through our community. The latest information gives us hope it will be short term in length.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Go Wildcats!

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