

Busy time for King Arthur's subjects....December 6, 2019

Camelot Kith:

Much going on, much to digest prior to the break as winter lends its heavy hand - so here goes:

*Calendar to Holiday Break:

December 9 - Board meeting 6:00

December 11 - Blue Band Concert 12:00

December 12 - Black Band Concert 12:00

December 13 - Black Band Concert 12:00

December 14 - Successful Student Saturday - 7:30 AM-10:30 AM

December 16 - Orchestra 11:15 Dobbs, Hofer, and Malcom

- PTA - Commons - 5:30

December 17 - Orchestra 11:15 Engebretson and Stolt

December 18 - Orchestra 12:30 Anderson, Drawdy, and Stoltenberg

December 19 - Orchestra 11:15 Madsen, Nelson, and Palmer

- Parent/Principal meeting - Commons - 5:45-7:00

December 20 - Dismiss at noon - for holiday - Return January 2nd

*If you will be attending a concert and plan on dining with your learner - please let us know by giving us a call. Our excellent cooks make only enough meals according to lunch count so as not to waste funds and resources. We truly enjoy having you in the lunch room at any time - but really need to know ahead of time. Thanks for communicating your intentions ahead of time.

*B-R-R-R-R - next week - thanks again for sending appropriate clothing to keep our kids warm and safe. A reminder that unless a student has boots and snow pants, they do not have the privilege of playing in the snow at recess and are restricted to the cement area.

*We have snow hills on our property that will likely grow. They are very unsafe in location, height, depth, etc. We do monitor and keep students off the hills during school, however, we do not have the resources to monitor at all times. If you could gently remind our children of the dangers of playing on these hills, two of which are adjacent to the road. I know the attraction, but they are perilous to young bodies. Thanks for reminding your children to find another play place.

*Successful Student Saturday will be December 14th at 7:30. This is the last Saturday to work to catch up prior to the end of the second nine weeks. As always, all students are welcome. Invitations for those recommended by teachers will be sent by email on

Wednesday, December 11. We hope you will support our efforts to allow students some quiet time to work and attend if invited. Thanks very much to those parents who have rolled their tired child out of bed early on a Saturday to do some good work. It has paid off.

*Gratitude to all who make the great effort to let us know in this season of illness when your learner will be staying home to recover from any illness. It is imperative we are aware. We would never want a situation where a student is out in the cold and for some reason did not make it to school. We take that responsibility very seriously, so thanks for calling in whenever your learner will not be in school. It is a comfort for us to know exactly where each child is every day.

*Pajamas and stuffed animals are wonderful, but we are sorry to say we cannot have them in school. There are times when we all may be unaware that sleeping items or playthings may be the carrier of illnesses or other unwanted pests or items that then would be transferred to other innocent students. It is rare but we simply cannot take the chance. Thanks for understanding no pajamas or stuffed animals please at Camelot.

*The Parent/Principal meeting, an informal get together to discuss any topics you may have, will be December 19 at 5:45. I promise to have some cookies or other Holiday food. Hope you can make it. My office is better for any input you can provide.

*Our counselors are always looking even better information for ways to serve our learners. Mrs. Seeley and Mrs. Stone have this message that most parents will have received in regard to an upcoming survey of students:

The week of Dec. 9-13th Camelot will be conducting a survey of our youth, called the Developmental Relationships Survey. It focuses on young people's own sense of their relationships with others as well as skills that are essential for success in school and life. The information from this survey will help Camelot learn how to continue to improve upon the ways it supports young people. It does not ask more sensitive questions about potential high-risk behaviors. These online surveys will be done during their ACES classes.

Parents will receive an email of the attached letter. If a parent does not want their student to participate and returns the form, please give it to Marissa or myself.

** Had a bit of time to reflect on these 15 odd weeks of life in Brookings and this little education kingdom. A day does not pass here without a surprise of riches in revelation, unsolicited kindness, good humor and the true ingredients of goodness. We are 550 strong and different individuals. But somehow, with the intentions of others supreme, and the actions matching intentions, days are packed with living labor of life and full favors of those who give more than they take. Inspirational. Awesome. Thanks, Brookings.*

*Your loyal and willing servant to Camelot and the Brookings Community - Kevin
Do the right thing, because it is the right thing to do.*