

MCKINLEY ELEMENTARY

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JANUARY CALENDAR



From the Principal's Desk

4th - School Resumes

12th - End of 2nd Quarter

13th - 3rd grade demonstration at half-time of BBB game

19th - 2nd grade demonstration at half-time of GBB game

20th - Early Dismissal (12:20) - PM
Kindergarten attends from 8:30-11:30 am



Resolution: a commitment that an individual(s) makes to one or more lasting personal goals, projects or the reforming of a habit.

January is that time in the year when we reflect on the past and make goals for the future. To many it is the beginning of a new year, but to McKinley, it is the mid-point of our school year. However, it is never too late to make a commitment and set forth a new challenge to the McKinley family. **It is my New Year's Resolution that all McKinley students treat others respectfully.** It sounds so simple, but to accomplish this takes the work of many.

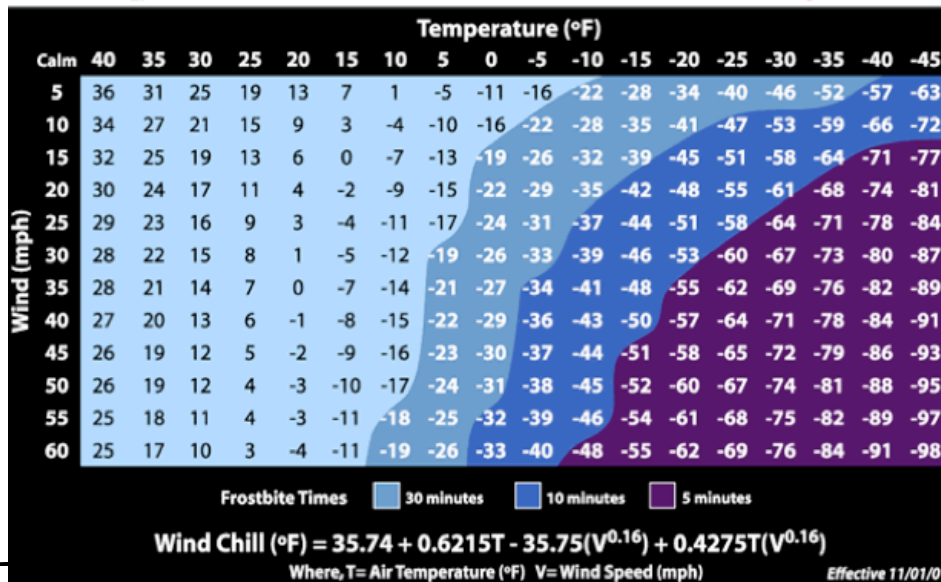
What do we do at McKinley? Each and every day, our students are reminded of good manners and respect through the use of Boys Town Social Skills. Boys Town is a research based program aimed at helping children build healthy relationships. This program empowers children to make good decisions on their own in a caring and supporting environment.

What can you do at home? Actions speak louder than words. Parental role modeling helps teach children to be caring and kind. Social skills are important in all aspects of your child's life, from the playground to the classroom. Social skills help others feel comfortable with us and help us make friends. Relationship-building skills help us resolve conflicts in a healthy way. When children are polite, kind and honest, they develop character!

Let's work together on this New Year's resolution and help our children **treat each other respectfully!**
Have a wonderful and fulfilling new year!
Mrs. Bollinger



NWS Windchill Chart



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

If your child goes to the Boys & Girls Club after school, we encourage them to ride bus #78 from the Middle School to the club. Thank you!



"Enhancing educational opportunities for students"

Arrow Education
Foundation
PO Box 730, Watertown, SD
57201

The Arrow Education Foundation Office at Garfield School has many, many brand new yearbooks from the years of 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 that were paid for and never claimed. These will be given away by January 1st or thrown away after that date. We have hundreds of yearbooks from those dates!!

Looking Ahead

February, 2012

13th - 5th & 6th Grade
Concert @ DD Miller-7:00 pm

16th - Midterms sent home

17th - Vacation Day - NO
SCHOOL

20th - President's Day - NO
SCHOOL

29th - Early Dismissal - AM PS
& AM KG attend (8:30-11:30)

GIVE KIDS A SMILE



The local Watertown dentists are conducting a Give Kids A Smile® event on February 10, 2012. Give Kids A Smile is an annual centerpiece to National Children's Dental Health Month. It is a one-day event where dentists and dental staff volunteer their time to provide free dental care to children.

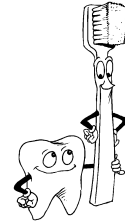
We would like to focus on kids that do not have a dental home and are currently unable to receive dental care due to low income, lack of insurance or Medicaid, and have no other sources available to pay for services.

Please call 605.753.5437 to sign up. We will then send you paperwork. You will need to fill out the paperwork and mail it or drop it off at Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry by January 23th. If we do not receive the paperwork by that day, we will not be able to see your child.

Give Kids A Smile will take place on February 10, 2012 starting at 8:00 a.m.

You may contact Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry directly at 605.753.5437 with any questions.

Kari Ness
605.868.2136 cell
605.753.5437
Lake Area Pediatric Dentistry
600 4th St NE Suite 208
Watertown, SD 57201



Social Work Corner

Your school social worker is here to provide support and connect parents with resources.

Here are some resources:

Household Products

Through donations and support from the Watertown community, there are household cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, toilet paper, toothpaste and shampoo etc available for families who cannot afford them. If you need these items to help you, please contact Paula Davis.

Winter Gear

Service organizations in our community have offered to help with winter coats, snow pants and boots. If your child is in need of any of these items, please contact Paula Davis. We want children to have what they need for the cold weather.

Give Kids a Smile

There is information in this newsletter about FREE dental work that is being offered in Watertown. Please check out the information to see if your child qualifies.

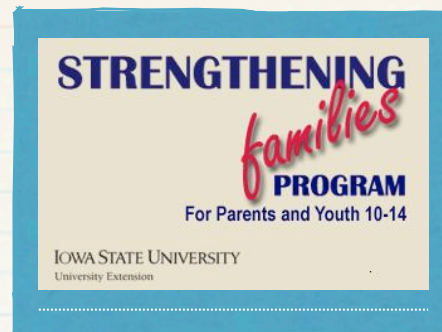
If you have any questions or need more information, call me at 882-6350 (McKinley) or 882-6360 (Roosevelt) or e-mail me at Paula.Davis@k12.sd.us



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

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A new 7-week session of Strengthening Families Program Youth Ages 10-14 (SFP) will be offered on Tuesdays starting February 21 and running through April 3 at WMS. This seven week commitment is a valuable resource for both parents and youth, providing tools to help families communicate and work better together.



Here are a couple of statements from either a parent or a youth about what they learned by attending SFP. I learned: "how to handle peer pressure," "how to assign small consequences for small misbehaviors," "respect parent," "have family meetings; get everyone involved and things will go easier."

Each week starting February 21, supper is provided to participating families free of charge from 6:00 pm-6:30 pm, followed by the two hours of educational time from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Session time is split, with the first hour parents and youth meeting separately, and the second hour everyone meeting together for family time. This is the format for every week, although coming for supper is optional. Childcare is provided each week free of charge.

Mrs. Jo Kjetland, Family Resource Coordinator at WMS, is the contact person for SFP. Each seven week program is limited to 10 families and sign up is on a first-come, first serve basis. If you want to sign-up for the program, you may do so by calling the middle school – 882-6370 or by emailing Jo at jo.kjetland@k12.sd.us.

