

NOTES FROM THE LONGFELLOW PRINCIPAL

The cold weather and snow this week have reminded us of the importance of students coming to school dressed appropriately. Please **make sure your child comes to school with a coat, hat, gloves, and any other clothing that will help them stay warm outside**. Students spend time outside before school, after school, and during recess unless there are extreme weather conditions (e.g. high wind, sub-zero temperature, significant precipitation).

If you haven't already done so, **please review the proposals for next year's district calendar and provide feedback**. You can see the options [here](#) and provide input [here](#).

On Wednesday night, The Board of Trustees approved **changes to the district's attendance policy**, which have now gone into effect. If you haven't had a chance to review the changes, you can read about them [here](#). The policy changes were made because education requires a regular continuity in instruction, and **when a child is not in school, learning opportunities are lost**. If you have questions about the updated policy, please reach out to me.

Currently, student needs listed in Purposity exceed what current followers can provide. If you are interested in helping out, please **download the Purposity app** and become a follower of Idaho Falls School District 91.

We're still looking for **in-house substitute teachers** and **part-time math tutors**. We also have an additional **full-time custodial position** available. Apply through [this link](#)!

It's the last week to **donate to Kicks for Kids!** If you and your kids are interested in helping to raise money for new shoes for less fortunate children in Idaho, money can be **turned in at the office**, or you can follow the directions on the attached flier to **donate online**.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In December our CHOICES lessons will continue to focus on our Options for making positive choices. As I visit various grades, lessons may focus on topics such as Kelso's Choices, teamwork, friendship, beginning mindfulness/emotional resiliency, and practicing our skills for coping with stress. Please ask our students about what they are doing and learning. It is always helpful when citizenship spans school to home and back.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

- **Lockdown Drill**, Monday, December 13
- **1st Grade Polar Express**, Friday, December 17
- **4th Grade Pow-Wow**, Friday, December 17
- **Every Friday, School Spirit Day**. Students are encouraged to wear their Longfellow shirts and show their school pride!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **No School: Christmas Break**, December 20-31
- **No School: MLK Day**, Monday, January 17
- **Online Learning Day**, Tuesday, January 18

PLANNED LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 13	Mini Corn Dogs OR Super Nachos
Tuesday, December 14	Calzone OR Cheeseburger
Wednesday, December 15	Chicken Nuggets OR Turkey Gravy w/ Potatoes and Roll
Thursday, December 16	Pigs in a Blanket OR Tangerine Chicken w/ Rice & Breadstick
Friday, December 17	Egg/Sausage/Cheese Croissant OR Chicken and Waffles

Follow this link to visit our school website for details on upcoming events, important information, fun pictures, and lots of other good information! <https://www.ifschools.org/12/home>

Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime you have questions or concerns!

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