

# MERRYHILL SCHOOL

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

We hope that you all had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving with loved ones. As the winter holidays approach, we have many special activities planned for our students and look forward to spending the season with them. We've also enclosed several important winter and holiday reminders in this newsletter. Please read through it carefully and reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Happy holidays! Sincerely, Karen Baccarella & Michael Martinez

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

12-24-20 CHRISTMAS EVE CLOSE AT NOON

12-25-20 CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

12-31-20 CLOSE AT 3:00

1-01-21 CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY



## HOLIDAY GIVING PROJECT

This year we will be collecting Pajama's for our annual Holiday Pajama Drive. We will make our donation to Sweet Dreams Colorado. Sweet Dreams Colorado is a non profit organization that delivers new pajamas and books to abused and abandoned children living in group homes and foster care. These children range from newborn to eighteen years old. Most do not know the comforts of a mother and father to read to them, or tuck them into a cozy, warm bed. Some are taken, sometimes in the middle of the night, from the only home they know, and put in strange unfamiliar places, with people they don't know, with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. If you would like to participate and donate please bring in Pajamas and a children's book by Dec 10th.





## **SCHOOL CLOSURES** **REMINDER**

As a reminder, we do not always follow the closure schedule of the local public schools. Our goal is to be open as many days as possible to support our working parents. If we must close for any reason, you will receive a notification via Links 2 Home as soon as the closure is announced. We also post notifications on our website.

## **WINTER CLOTHING** **REMINDER**

If you've not already done so, please check your child's cubby to ensure they have an extra set of weather appropriate clothes. Students also need to come to school each day with a jacket and dressed warmly enough to play outside for part of the day. We want everyone to be able to participate!



## **CLASSROOM HOLIDAY** **CELEBRATIONS-**

Through the month of December, our classes will be learning about different winter holidays and customs. On Wednesday, December 23rd, our students will showcase their learning and the holiday décor they've created with a classroom celebration. Students will be celebrating with story time, crafts and a special snack. We will miss having parents attend this year's holiday celebrations and know that you all will enjoy the holiday crafts that your student brings home!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

December 3rd—Winter clothes cubby check!

December 23rd—Holiday classroom celebrations

December 24th- CLOSE AT NOON FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

December 25th—CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

December 31st—Monthly parent folders go home

December 31st New Years Eve Close at 3pm

January 1st--CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY







*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**

**Kaden M. 12-03**

**Tristan S. 12-08**

**Lukas P. 12-14**

**Will B 12-29**

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In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.



The health and safety of our children and families is always our highest priority. That is why we have been working diligently to continue creating a safe and fun learning environment for our students.

A recent study by Yale University confirmed that childcare centers practicing safety protocols do not pose an increased risk of spreading COVID-19 in their communities. As a reminder, below are the health and safety measures we've implemented based on CDC guidelines, state and local regulations, and the American Academy of Pediatrics. We will continue to update as necessary.

## **How We're Keeping Our School Safe**



### **Health Checks**

We screen temperatures of all staff and children. Anyone with a temperature of at least 100.4 degrees or showing other signs of illness is not permitted to enter the facility. If a child becomes ill during the day, they will stay in a separate area while awaiting pickup.

### **Safe Distancing**

Staff are the only adults permitted to enter the building. Pick up and drop off take place outside the facility. Seating areas are spaced a minimum of six feet apart and swimming and field trips are currently suspended.

### **Facial Coverings**

All staff members wear facial coverings while caring for children. Children wear facial coverings where required.

### **Sanitation**

We continue our focus on handwashing and disinfecting throughout the day. Staff wear disposable gloves for serving food, changing diapers/toileting, etc.

### **Meals**

Meal safety guidelines vary by state and may involve serving individual portions instead of family style or requiring that food be brought from home.

### **Sleep**

Teachers place nap mats head to toe, not face to face. Each child's bedding is stored separately and sent home for washing frequently.