

December 18, 2020

Greetings Neodesha Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your continued support of our students, our staff, and our school community during this fall semester. Although 2020 was a difficult year to say the least, we believe that it has also made us take time to appreciate and cherish the numerous blessings that surround us every day during "normal" times. The relationships we have been able to create and sustain during this pandemic are truly one of those blessings. Please know we sincerely appreciate you, and the trust you have shown us.

We hope this message finds you doing well and we wanted to take a moment to reiterate our collective "Thank You!" for everything you have done, are doing, and will continue to do to help our students and our school.

Before we begin the upcoming Winter Break, we wanted to take a moment to share the following information and reminders:

- Colder weather, more time inside, and the onset of cold and flu season are upon us. The CDC has provided guidance for winter holidays, which include continuing to practice social distancing (at least 6 feet), frequent hand washing, avoiding large gatherings, and wearing a mask.
- If you or your family members do not feel well at any time over the break, check your symptoms to see which ones are most commonly associated with the cold, the flu, and COVID-19.
- If anyone you know is interested in serving as a substitute teacher in our schools during the spring semester, please send them to the Board of Education Office to fill out Substitute Forms. The Kansas State Department of Education has qualifications listed on the KSDE website. If you have any questions, please let me know.
- We need the following substitutes: Para's, food service, bus drivers, and custodians in our schools during the spring semester. If you know of anyone who is interested, they can complete an application at the Board of Education Office. The application is also listed on our District Website.

We will miss seeing and working with our students during this upcoming Christmas Break. Reminder, that our students are not in session on December 21 and December 22 as these were changed to Teacher Collaboration Days. Stay warm, stay safe, and please know how much we appreciate everything that you are doing to focus on the health and success of our students, staff, and community!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays,

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