



Welcome Back to School!

I hope that you all have enjoyed yourselves and your children throughout the holiday. It is great to see the return of more light each day and some snow! I wanted to fill you all in with the details for over the next few weeks, as we get started back to school.

Winter Sports Programs: These programs begin on Friday, January 13th and will continue through the 10th of February. Students, who are participating in the ski and snowboard programs need to be ready to board the bus at 8:00, **please arrive by 7:55**. Students participating in gymnastics or ice skating may arrive at school at our regularly scheduled time for a 9am departure. Please inform the office one day prior if you plan to transport your child to his or her sports program; your timely and direct communication regarding attendance and transportation supports a well-organized and smooth running program. Please thoroughly read the attached letter that provides all the specifics for each program and return the appropriate field trip form for the Winter Sports Activity that your child is enrolled in.

First Ski/Snowboard Day Only (January 13th): In order to set up the program and not lose instructional time for the students we will be meeting at Anansi at 6:55 and leaving at 7am for the first bus. All students who plan to use rental gear for the ski/snowboard program need to be on this first bus. We will have a second bus meeting at Anansi at 7:55am and leaving at 8am. This bus will be for students who have their own gear and do not need any rental equipment. ***All students are required to ride the bus the first week because the TSV team will be providing our safety talk while we are still on the bus! No students may ride with a parent for the first ski week, no exceptions!***

No Lunch or snacks on Fridays During Winter Sports Program: Due to the low number of students on campus during the five Fridays of the Winter Sports Programs, we will not be serving a school lunch and because all grades are mixing for all sports, snacks will be on your own as well. **Please remember to pack a school lunch for the following dates: January 13, 20, 27, and February 3 and 10.**

Report Cards: You will receive your child's first semester report card on the 12th of January this month, please pick it up in your child's communication envelope on our first Thursday back to school.

Indoor Shoes or Slippers: Please send your child kindergarten through 8th grade with a pair of slippers or inside shoes that he or she can wear when in doors. Due to the nature of the freezing, thawing, wet, snowy, and/or muddy days, it preserves our learning environments and their cleanliness to have the students have a second option in foot attire that can be kept at school through the winter spring.

Immunization Records: If your child's immunization record or approved conscientious objector's record is not current, you will be receiving a letter from the school office. All students with an outdated record must be dis-enrolled upon our return to school, if the record is not updated. The school will provide a two-week grace period to get records up to date from the time the letter is received prior to dis-enrolling your child.

Assessments: We completed our MAP assessments with our students prior to the winter break, and in our first week back to school we will conduct our I-Station assessment with all students in grades kindergarten through third. In addition, we will assess students in grades 4 and 5 who are continuing to work on grade level fluency and accuracy benchmarks. You will receive a copy of your child's results from their short cycle assessments along with a letter that informs you as to whether your child is meeting the grade level standards as required by the NM Public Education Department.

Dates to Keep in Mind This Month: Please consider attending a Governance Council meeting or a Friends of Anansi Charter School meeting, we are always interested in parental input and are currently seeking new members for the Friends of the Anansi Charter School. These groups support the continued growth and educational programs of the schools. We would love to see more parents attend and get involved!

Monday, January 9th: **No School due to teacher in-service day for report card writing**

Tuesday, January 10th: First day back to school, take care of all immunization record issues by end of school to avoid dis-enrollment

Thursday, January 7: Turn in your bus permission slip for Winter Sports Programs

Thursday, January 12: Report Cards Distributed

Thursday, January 12: Governance Council Meeting, 5:30pm

Fridays, January 13th: First Winter Sports Day, Ski Program: Kids who rent gear: leave Anansi at 7am, Kids with own gear: leave at Anansi at 8am, Gymnastics & Skaters: leave Anansi at 9am: bring your own lunch, snacks, & water bottle
January 20th-February 10th: Winter Sports Programs, No school lunch or morning snacks on Fridays during winter sports programs
Monday, January 16: No School, Martin Luther King Day Observed
Tuesday, January 17: Friends of Anansi Charter School Meeting, 1:30pm, please ask for details if you wish to attend
Monday, January 23: School Choice Day at the Roundhouse, support charter schools with the legislature
Sunday, January 29: Let's Move Tubing Day at TSV (watch for more details to come)

I look forward to starting the new semester and working with your children again. Let's work together to be collaborative, communicative, and supportive of one another. My goal is to provide a fulfilling and successful semester for each student and the school community. Look forward to seeing you!

All the best,
Michele