

## Chappell Elementary

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# CHAPPELL COMMUNICATOR



## Winter Break Dec. 25—Jan. 1 OFFICE CLOSED

Winter break - time for family fun: ice skating, sledding, making a snowman, play cards, board games, read together, drink hot chocolate. This is a great time to create memories for your family!

## What does it mean to be *Internationally Minded*?

Each month we will be sharing our IB learner profile and attitude words for you to use with your child at home!

### December Profile:

**Communicator:** Active listeners, uses written expression as developmentally appropriate, responses to ideas are acceptable, expresses points of view clearly, suitable body language and tone.

### December Attitude:

**Enthusiasm:** Enjoying learning and willingly putting the effort into the process.

## Calendar Events

### DECEMBER

- ⇒ 15 - Early Release 12:35 PM
- ⇒ 19 - Gr 3-5 Concert—2:00 PM –Gym
- ⇒ 22 - Pajama Day -  
Last School Day Before Winter Break
- ⇒ 25 thru Jan 1—NO SCHOOL  
WINTER BREAK  
OFFICE CLOSED

### January

- ⇒ 2 - School Resumes
- ⇒ 15 - NO SCHOOL
- ⇒ 17 - Gr. 4K-2 Concert 2:00 PM
- ⇒ 18 - Super Hero Day
- ⇒ 26 - Early Release 12:35 PM

## INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER WINDOW

The application windows for students requesting to attend a different Green Bay Public School (other than the one in their attendance area) for the 2018-19 school year are as follows:

### **Preference Window: January 2 - February 2, 2018**

Applications submitted during this window will be considered **prior** to those submitted through Open Enrollment.

### **Additional Window: February 5 - April 30, 2018**

Applications submitted during this window will be considered at the **same** time as applications that are submitted through Open Enrollment.

### **Information Letter and Application Form:**

- ◆ The information letter and application form can be found on the Green Bay Area Public School District webpage ([www.gbaps.org](http://www.gbaps.org)) by clicking on the Parents tab and then choosing Forms, or at a district school building starting December 1, 2017.
- ◆ Applications will not be accepted before January 2, 2018. Forms received prior to January 2 will be returned to you for re-submission.
- ◆ Applications should be submitted to: Green Bay Area Public School District, Central Registration – Room 116, 200 South Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54303, or Fax: 920-448-7325, or e-mail attachment to [cr\\_changes@gbaps.org](mailto:cr_changes@gbaps.org).
- ◆ Students who have previously completed an Intra-District Transfer Application and were approved are not required to reapply unless the approval was for the current year only.
- ◆ Students who are continuing in their current school, after a move to a new Green Bay Area Public School's attendance area, do not need to apply for Intra-District Transfer if the Change of Address Form was completed and approved.
- ◆ If you have any questions about the Intra-District Transfer process or if you want to check on whether or not your child needs to apply, please contact Jenny VandenPlas at 920-272-7069 or at [javandenplas@gbaps.org](mailto:javandenplas@gbaps.org).

## **SCHOOL CLOSINGS & DELAYS**

With the winter season quickly approaching, we wanted to share some important reminders about school closings and delays.

**Notifications:** In order to ensure families are notified of a school closing or delay, the District will send out emails, automated phone calls and text messages to parents/guardians using our School Messenger notification system. If you have not "opted-in" to receive text messages, text "opt-in" or "subscribe" to 67587, if we have your cell phone number on record in Infinite Campus.

The District will also notify the media, post the delay or closure on the District's/ schools' websites, Facebook and Twitter.

When schools close early due to inclement weather, the District will notify the media at least one hour before the first students are released. Parents are also encouraged to check the District's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts for up-to-date information.

**Early Dismissal:** When the District determines the early dismissal time, Chappell Elementary School will dismiss students at approximately that time.

For early dismissal days due to inclement weather, it is important that families have a plan in place. Students will not be dismissed prior to the assigned time unless parents/guardians pick them up.

For parents/guardians who are working, it is necessary for your children and the school to have instructions regarding what they should do and where they will go, if you will be staying at work.

Finally, we want to remind families that parents/guardians can always determine if they would prefer their students remain home from school on inclement weather days, should the decision be made to not close schools. In addition, should you decide that you would prefer to pick your child up on an inclement weather day, if school will not be dismissed early, you may do that as well. In either case, please be sure to notify the school office at 920-492-2630.

## **Guidance Notes**

If you have a son or daughter who worries about a lot of little things, try setting up a Worry Time. Choose a certain time each day. Worry time should last about 15 minutes. Sit with your children during that time and listen to whatever worries they have. There should be no interruptions. During this time, listen and try to help. The most important rule about Worry Time is that if a worry bothers them at any other time of the day, they are not allowed to spend time thinking about it or talking about it until Worry Time. If a worry pops up in the meantime, they should imagine locking it up in a strong box and then remind themselves that they can think about that worry again during Worry Time. Then they should walk away and get busy doing something else.

Technique from *What to do When You Worry Too Much: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety* by Dawn Huebner, Ph.D.

## **Espacio de Español**

Students in grades 2nd through 5th have access to the internet program: [app.middleburyinteractive.com](http://app.middleburyinteractive.com) to practice their Spanish. They know their passwords and can practice at home on any device. Please feel free to let them practice their Spanish skills; it is a very safe site. Many cultures have special traditions they practice to celebrate winter holidays. In the Hispanic culture, children sing the song "Las Posadas" and have a procession through the streets from December 16 to the 24th. The word Posada means inn or shelter in Spanish and in this tradition, Mary and Joseph's voyage to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. Soon they will be celebrating las posadas!!! Feliz Navidad!!!!



**I'm cold.**

### **DRESS YOUR KIDS WARM!!!**

Winter weather is here. Please make sure your children have HATS, BOOTS, MITTENS, SCARVES, WINTER COATS and SNOW PANTS. We go outside for recess every day unless it is raining or below 0.

### **ATTENDANCE SMARTS**

Helping your child into good habits from an early age can help these carry through to adult and working life. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time and does not miss any days unless absolutely necessary. Thank you.

## **Early Childhood Screening**

The Early Childhood Screening Team of the Green Bay Area Public School District provides a developmental screening as a service to the parents of young children who live within the school district boundaries. The developmental screening checks on a child's overall development and determines if the child may need more testing or services before kindergarten. Several developmental screenings are available this year at various community sites. Please call the Early Childhood Screening team at 920-448-2102 to schedule an appointment.

### **WINTER CONCERTS**



Grades 3-5 - Dec. 19 at 2:00 PM  
Grades 4K-2 - Jan. 17 at 2:00 PM