

Falcon News
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Heartfelt Thanks

I'd like to thank you all for the delicious holiday treats, great gifts/cards, and warm wishes. I am so grateful for your kindness and your partnership; I am one lucky principal to get to work here with you and your children. I hope you had a restful and fun break; enjoying time with your children, family and friends. Unfortunately, we didn't get the snow I'd hope for; let's hope we only get snow now on the weekend! I hung around home for the break; read a few books, spent time with friends, walked Mason several times, worked out (needed that after eating all the treats) and reorganized my closets. I've wanted to do that for years and finally did!! Hooray. Happy New Year to all.

Lost and Found

One thing I did do over the break was sort through all our lost and found items and sent them off to a charity. I was sad to see so many jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts and lunch bags without names. Of all the 50+ items only **ONE** had a name on it.....please label all your children's clothing!

Meet the Superintendent

As you now, our current superintendent, Chip Kimball resigned in September. The school board interviewed an internal candidate and has made a recommendation to hire Traci Pierce as the new superintendent. This is the board's "preferred" candidate. The board is hosting a few Meet the Candidate sessions for the community. The dates/places are as follows:

January 10th – Redmond City Hall – 6:30-7:30

January 17th – Sammamish City Hall – 5:30-6:30

January 18th – District Resource Center – 4:00-5:30

For more information, you can call the district office.

Kindergarten Registration

We will host our annual kindergarten registration on **Thursday, February 2, from 1:00-7:00 PM** in our Commons. If you, neighbors or friends have an incoming kinder, this would be the time to register. We will take registrations for half-day and full-day kindergarten with a lottery to be held the following Thursday for all-day. When you come to register please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of address; utility bill works best.

When considering your child for all day kinder, please keep in mind his/her current pre-school experience, how much time they are in class, your child's personality, energy level, time away from home etc. Sometimes we find that a half-day program is best for some children. All day kindergarten is a very long day for some children.

Exploration in Math

Be looking soon for the PTSA class sign-ups. We will have two Explorations in Math programs this session in **Geometry**. There will be a class for 1st-2nd grade and a 3rd-5th grade class. Registration information will be forthcoming through the PTSA web site. You must register before the deadline in order to get into the class. Since we are pushing math at our school, I highly recommend this afterschool program for our students. It's fun and kids don't realize they are doing math!

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Conferences

Second conferences are right around the corner; January 31st, February 2nd and February 3rd. You should be getting a reminder from your child's teacher soon. If you are new to our school, you will be contacted regarding a time/date. Please know; children are **dismissed at 11:30** on those three days.

Parking

I'd like to remind everyone to park at Inglewood Junior High for major school events; we have limited parking as you know.

Drop/Off & Pick-Up

Another friendly reminder to drive all the way around when dropping off or picking up your child. I know it may seem silly to some, but trying to get a 100+ cars through our lot and off 244th takes everyone's cooperation. Your help is greatly appreciated. The safety patrol students are to help open car doors, help people cross from the parking lot, and make sure traffic flows smoothly.

Important Dates

January 16th – Martin Luther King Holiday – No School

January 31st – Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM

February 1st – Regular Wednesday Dismissal @ 1:30 PM

February 2nd – Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM

February 3rd – Conferences – Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM

February 16th, 17th, 20th – Mid-Winter Break – No School

May 7-10 – MSP testing for grades 3-6