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Weekly Update for February 10, 2020

Firefly Families,

Allen Ellzey, Interim Principal, here bringing you my first weekly update. Typically, I will send out a message each **Friday** but last week's weather event changed that plan. Please note the following **important** information. It will also be posted on our website!

***Hope everyone survived the storms from Thursday and Friday with minimal or no damage. As you know, there will be **NO make-up day required** as the WCPSS had enough hours already built into our schedules to account for this....so No Saturday school this time!!!!

***Track change request forms are coming home with your student **TODAY!!!** A copy is also linked on our website under "**Announcements**"! They must be returned no later than **Feb. 24th for Tracks 1, 3 and 4** and by this **Friday, Feb. 14th for Track 2 students** that are tracking out.

***Please note the following information related to **walkers/carpool**:

Over the past few weeks we have received messages concerning safety from neighbors and parents regarding traffic and parked cars. Because of the safety concerns we feel the need to remind families of some important walker/carpool processes and procedures.

- Families picking their children up from school in a vehicle should consider themselves carpoolers and utilize the carpool line. Please do not park on the streets and walk to collect your children to avoid waiting the extra few minutes in the carpool line.
- If the carpool line extends out of the school access road and onto N. McLaurin at the time you are entering, please utilize the traffic circle around the large oak tree

past the school on N. McLaurin as your turnabout to get into the line. It is not safe to make a U-turn on N. McLaurin.

- Carpool typically ends very close to 4:00pm.
- Please have this year's tag visible in your windshield. If you have forgotten your tag, please park in the visitor lot and enter the office with a photo ID to sign-out your students.
- Please remain in a single file line while in the carpool line.
- Please do not park along N. McLaurin Rd. for any reason. Also, it is illegal to park in the traffic circle.
- We also kindly ask that you do not park on any streets and walk to pick up your students from school. This has been the cause of safety concerns for our neighbors, as well as our students walking home from school and crossing neighborhood streets.

***Finally, the search for a new leader here at Ballentine will begin with input from you and our staff to Dr Robinson, Southern Area Superintendent. On Monday, Feb. 24th at 5:30pm in the Media Center, Dr Robinson would like to meet with ANY interested parents to receive your thoughts/input....please make a note of this date and plan to attend!!

Thanks for your continued support of Ballentine Elementary!!!!

Yours,

Allen Ellzey, Interim Principal

Reminders