



# Richland School District 88A NEWS & NOTES January 12, 2018



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## *From the Desk of Dr. Whyte*

Monday - January 15th

**NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King's Birthday**

PLEASE ARRANGE CHILD CARE  
USING THIS INFORMATION.

Reminder - 2nd quarter ends Friday, January 12th. Report Cards will go home on Friday, January 19th. Jr. High parents may continue to monitor their child's progress by accessing Skyward.

**URGENT - PLEASE REVIEW THE DROP OFF/  
PICK UP BUS REMINDERS ON PAGE TWO**

Reminder - 8th Graders

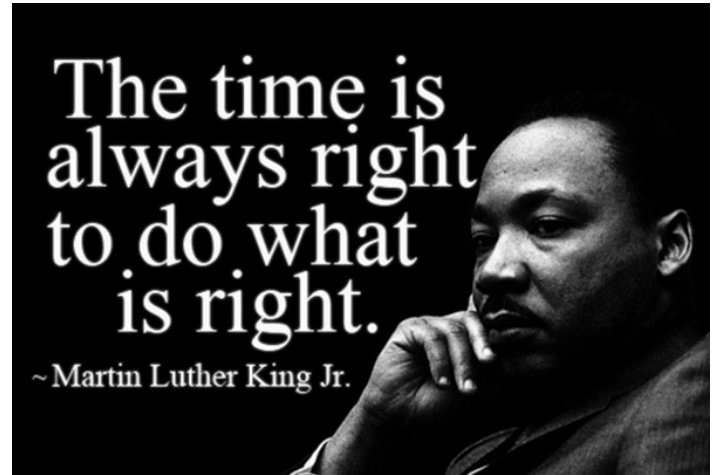
**Lockport High School:** Saturday, January 27th, 2018 is Registration day for parents & students. The appointments were distributed back in November to 8th graders by Lockport High School. If you cannot recall the appointment time, please contact Lockport's Guidance Office at 815-588-8250. Original birth certificates are required for verification.

**Joliet Catholic Academy:** Thursday, January 18th is Freshman registration from 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Spelling Bee - Save the date of January 26 for our annual Spelling Bee. More details to come at a later date.



## FROM THE JR. HIGH ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL/ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



- 1/12 Second Quarter Ends
- 1/15 Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- 1/17 Spelling Bee Practice
- 1/22 Spelling Bee Practice
- 1/24 Spelling Bee Practice
- 1/26 Spelling Bee
- 2/16 Half Day School
- 2/19 Presidents Day- NO SCHOOL

Blizzard Ball today in the Cafeteria.

**5th/6th Grade - 5:30-7:00**

**7th/8th - 7:30-9:00**

**Remember that admission is \$3.00.**

**All students are invited!**

**ID is required and dress code applies.**

# PBIS

**PBIS Goal: Reduce the number of referrals in the area disrespect.**

**Celebration: A dance to be held on February 16, 2018.**



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### **Richland Early Learners** from Ms. Robin

The Early Learners had a very exciting second quarter with a lot of fun hands on learning experiences and some special field trips. The letters of the alphabet that they were introduced to were H, N, C, J, X, and I. The themes that were introduced along with the letters included Halloween, Native Americans, cookies, jingle bells and ice. In Math, the Early Learners were introduced to the numbers three through ten and the shapes circle and square. In the area of science, the Early Learners experimented with balance scales and tape measures to see what pumpkins were big and little. They also did some special investigations with ice and snow with it being the season of winter. The Early Learners were also introduced to the colors black and brown this quarter while making black spiders with eight legs and brown Native American headdresses and vests. In the area of Social Studies, the Early Learners learned about the Native Americans and dressed up like them for the fall program for their families. Our field trips this quarter were to the White Oak Library in Crest Hill and the Holiday Program at Kelvin Grove School in Lockport.



### **Hiring Substitute Nurses**

Looking for RN's or LPN's to work as substitutes at Richland. Further information can be found on our website. Please contact Mrs. Sakalas at [dsakalas@d88a.org](mailto:dsakalas@d88a.org) if you have questions.

### **\*\*URGENT – PLEASE REVIEW\*\*** **PICKING UP AND BRINGING** **STUDENTS TO SCHOOL**

Parents bringing or picking up their child/children at school are **REMINDED THAT THEY MUST** practice these safety rules:

Do not use the west drive off Caton Farm Road closest to the District Office. It is restricted to faculty and staff parking prior to the bus arrival, buses, and delivery trucks.

**DROP OFF** All vehicles are to enter at the east parking lot entrance and follow posted signs to the designated drop off area. Elementary students should proceed down the sidewalk along the elementary bus loop to the entrance of the elementary building. After dropping off your student(s), proceed around the parking lot to the same entrance, exiting there. This is a drop off only; if you need to wait with your child, YOU SHOULD pull into a parking place.

**PICKUP** When waiting to pick up a student, park at the east end of the parking lot.

**REMINDERS** It is illegal to drive around buses parked for loading children. **THIS WILL RESULT IN A LARGE FINE AND LOSS OF DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR TWO YEARS, EVEN WHEN THE BUS IS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.** Use designated crosswalks. Do not walk between school buses. Drive very slowly and expect a small child everywhere. During bus drop-off and pick-up times, cars **ARE NOT** allowed in the circular driveway. **Use of cell phones in school zones during school hours or when children are present is unlawful.**



**Richland School District 88A**  
**SCHOOL CLOSING GUIDELINES**

Safety is a priority for all of our students and their families. Decisions regarding school closures will be based on the overall conditions of the entire District. The Superintendent is responsible for the decision as to when school is open or closed due to inclement weather or emergencies.

**General Guidelines for Winter Related Issues (Please note the two charts used for reference.):**

- If the temperature reaches "double digit" (-10) degrees without wind chill factors, the District will strongly consider closing due to increased risk of exposure for students at the bus stops.
- If the temperature with wind chill reaches -25 degrees or below, the District will strongly consider closing due to the increased risk of exposure for students at the bus stops.
- Regarding forecasts of extreme cold, the District Administration will generally make the decision to close by 7 PM the day before.
- School Closing Related to Utility and/or snow/icy conditions: We will make every effort to make the decision to cancel school by 5:30 AM.

**Notifications will be issued as follows:**

- Phone calls to households in both English & Spanish via Blackboard Connect
- District Website ([www.d88a.org](http://www.d88a.org))
- Posted on the school voicemail as soon as a decision has been made and can be accessed by calling the school phone number 815-744-7288 then press 6 and follow the prompts.
- Emergency Closing Center Website ([www.EmergencyClosing.comlecc/search.jsp](http://www.EmergencyClosing.comlecc/search.jsp))
- Radio Station (WJOL)

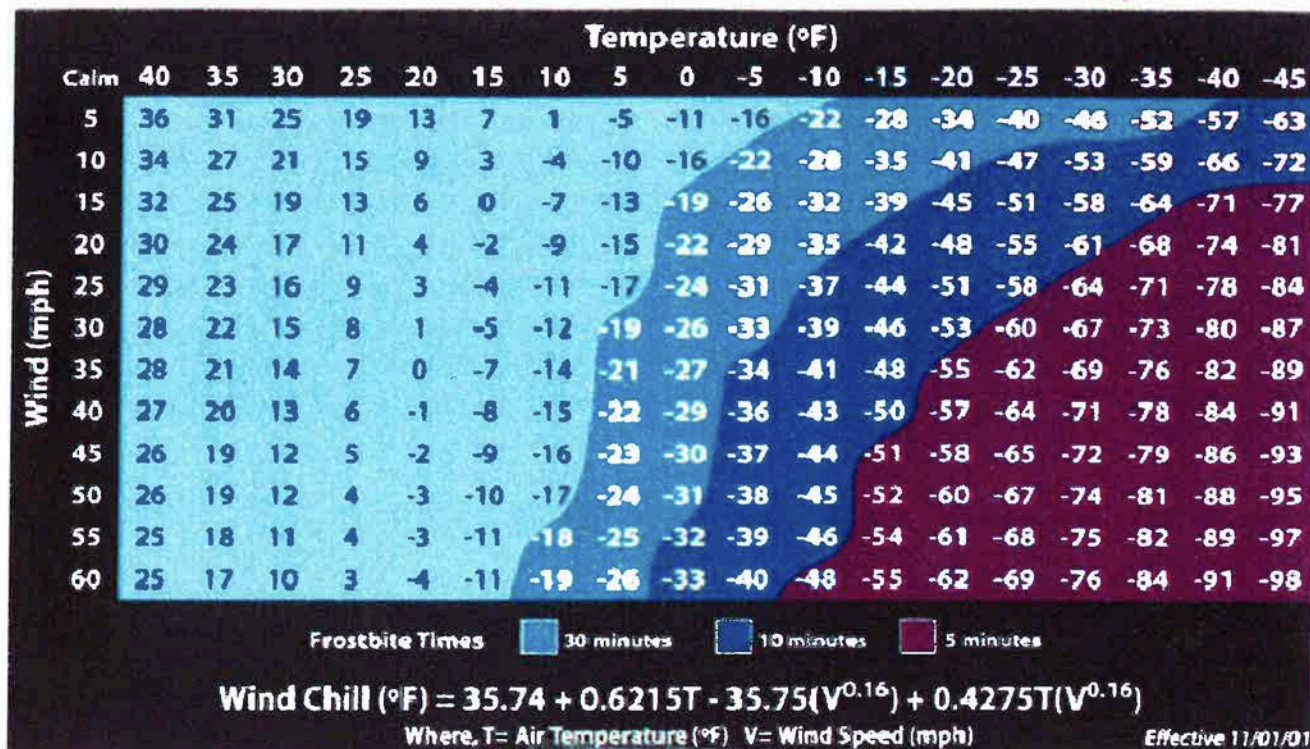
**Additional Information**

- If schools are closed, all school related activities are cancelled.
- If schools are closed, OASIS is not in session.
- 12 month employees are expected to report to work.

Temperature/Wind Chill Reference Charts



# NWS Windchill Chart



Wind Chill Temperature Table

Wind Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (°F)																	
	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
0	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	25	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95

LITTLE DANGER
INCREASED DANGER
GREAT DANGER

RISK OF FROSTBITE (see times on chart below)

- GREEN      LITTLE DANGER (frostbite occurs in >2 hours in dry, exposed skin)
- YELLOW    INCREASED DANGER (frostbite could occur in 45 minutes or less in dry, exposed skin)
- RED        GREAT DANGER (frostbite could occur in 5 minutes or less in dry, exposed skin)