

B L U E H A W K N E W S

STUDENT SAFETY

We continue to have vehicles drive up Columbia onto campus to drop off and pick up kids daily. As always, we ask that drop offs and pickups occur on Haley Ave. or 3rd Ave. Students are walking from vehicles, to and from breakfast, and between buildings in the mornings. Vehicle traffic on Columbia and in the staff parking area of the gym, cause a dangerous situation for our students, especially in the dark and on slippery days. We have staff posted in that area and signage, but parents continue to drive onto campus at those times, creating an unsafe situation. **Please help us keep our kiddos safe!**

Elementary Basketball

We are once again offering basketball for our **3rd through 6th grade boys and girls**. Practices will be Saturday mornings in January and February at the **K-8 gym**. Players will learn basketball skills and work into game situations. We are planning to showcase talent at halftime of upcoming high school basketball games soon. We hope to see you this Saturday, **weather permitting**. **Girls will practice at 9:00AM, followed by boys at 10AM** this Saturday, January 13th.

SKI TRIPS

Our first ski trip of the year, for 4th through 8th grade students, has been scheduled for Friday, January 26th. The trip is limited to the first 100 students in grades 4 through 8 to turn in paperwork. **Paperwork is due by Monday, January 15th**. Our second ski trip has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st. We are hopeful the weather will cooperate and there will be enough snow for the students to enjoy both trips.

FUN FRIDAYS

Our Student Council has chosen the Fun Friday themes for the months of January and February. This **Friday, January 12th, will be Compliment Day**. **Find opportunities to compliment 5 people**. The remaining Fridays are as follows:

- January 19th - NO SCHOOL
- January 26th - Career Day
- February 2nd - Anything But A Backpack Day
- February 9th - Team Day
- February 16th - Disney Day
- February 23rd - NO SCHOOL

Important Happenings

1/11	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/12	FUN FRIDAY - Compliment Day
1/12	Early out - 2:05PM
1/13	3rd-6th Basketball - JH Gym - Girls 9AM Boys 10AM
1/15	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/17	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/17	PTO Meeting - 4:30PM - Elementary
1/18	End of 1st Semester
1/18	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/19	NO SCHOOL - PIR
1/22	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/24	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/25	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/26	4th-8th Gr. 1st Ski Trip
1/26	FUN FRIDAY - Career Day
1/26	Early out - 2:05PM
1/27	3rd-6th Basketball - JH Gym - Girls 9AM Boys 10AM
1/29	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
1/31	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
2/1	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
2/2	FUN FRIDAY - Anything But A Backpack Day
2/2	Early out - 2:05PM
2/3	3rd-6th Basketball - JH Gym - Girls 9AM Boys 10AM
2/5	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
2/6	100 Day
2/7	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
2/8	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
2/9	FUN FRIDAY - Team Day
2/9	Early out - 2:05PM
2/10	3rd-6th Basketball - JH Gym - Girls 9AM Boys 10AM
2/12	REACH - 3rd-8th Gr After School Program - 3:30-5PM
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When Your Child Gets Teased

Does teasing end when kids graduate from elementary school? Does it stop when they move on from middle to high school? Will it magically disappear when they become adults? Or is it sadly true that most of us will encounter bullies throughout our lifetimes?

Because we can't ensure that the world will always be sweet and kind to our kids, common sense tells us that we ought to equip them with skills that allow them to cope with this sometimes less-than-considerate world.

Listed below are some basic principles that can help kids when they encounter teasing or bullying:

- Teach them that bullies get their power from our negative emotions. The more upset we get when picked on, the more powerful mean kids feel.
- Show your child how to trick bullies by pretending to be calm. If our children can learn to act calm when bullies hassle them, they become far less attractive targets.
- Teach your child to confuse or bewilder bullies by responding to verbal taunts with replies like, "Thanks for noticing" or "I appreciate the feedback."
- Help your child develop great social skills so that they are liked, accepted, and protected by positive peers. Kids who don't know how to relate in healthy ways often find themselves gravitating toward peers who treat them poorly.

Using these principles, parents can empower their kids to handle, and overcome, teasing and bullying. Instead of rescuing them, you can walk beside your kids as they move from the role of victim to victor.

Each week we will share Love & Logic tips here. We also have many Love & Logic resources available for loan.

Contact our school counselor, Ms. Taylour Freed, for more info.