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A few notes for Phoenix families:

Picture Retakes

A reminder to all families that Picture Retakes will be held on **Monday, Dec. 12, 2022.**

Winter Concerts

Thank you to all students and staff for their hard work in preparing for our Winter Concerts being held on Dec. 15 this year. Excitement is in the air.

Winter is here!

As the weather turns colder, thank you to all Phoenix students for remembering to dress for the weather. Warm coats, hats, mitts, and boots help to make sure recess and the lunch hours are comfortable and fun.

Indoor Recess Guidelines

Indoor Recess is scheduled if the wind chill hazard is at or over -28°C .

When the wind chill hazard is between -25°C and -28°C , a shortened outdoor recess may occur.

On days when there is insufficient wind to produce a wind chill hazard reading, temperature will be the determinant concerning indoor recess.

If the temperature is -29°C or lower, recess will be indoors. If the temperature is between -25°C and -28°C , a shortened recess may occur.

Safety First

Pick-up and drop off times are very busy times at Phoenix School. A reminder to all Phoenix families to follow traffic signage including speed limits on Alboro Street and in front of the school. As well, when dropping off students, parents are reminded to please escort them across the street to ensure a safe arrival. The staff parking lot is not available for student pick up or drop off.

Snowstorms, Bus Cancellations and Cold Weather

With the cold winter season upon us, the St. James-Assiniboia School Division (SJASD) is prepared to address weather-related emergencies or extreme circumstances to keep students safe in the cold months ahead. In the event of an emergency, the Acting Superintendent may decide to close all, or specific schools, and/or discontinue bus service in whole or in part due to:

- Severe weather;
- Snowstorms;
- Adverse road conditions; and/or
- Other emergencies.

Actions taken are done so in the best interest of student safety.

Bus Cancellations

When the weather is too cold for buses to be running (ambient -35°C, or a wind chill hazard of -45°C or greater), the Metro Superintendents may decide to cancel buses. The message is then relayed to transportation departments and administrations. This decision is determined based on the weather conditions at 6:00 a.m. taken by Environment Canada at The Forks.

If buses are cancelled, schools may still be open. Students will need alternate transportation as morning cancellations will remain in effect for the remainder of the day. In the event of inclement weather circumstances occurring during the day, routes may be cancelled throughout the school day. Please be advised that students should not be heading out to the bus nodes during extreme cold weather/snowstorms and families are advised to check the SJASD website for bus cancellation updates in the morning.

The Division website, www.sjasd.ca, will be updated with cold-weather announcements found at the top of the home page. The Division will also contact parents via School Messenger (automated information service) to advise them of bus cancellations. A Metro Superintendent representative will also ensure the news media is alerted to cancellations with information available on CJOB radio and the CJOB website at www.cjob.com. If you have any concerns about your child getting safely to and from school, please keep them at home.

School Closures

In the event of extremely adverse circumstances, including severe snowstorms, the Acting Superintendent may decide to close all or specific SJASD schools. The decision to close schools is a coordinated process involving all Metro School Divisions. This decision is based on several factors, including emergency vehicles access to schools. In the event a school is closed due to extreme weather conditions, school principals will communicate this message to all families via School Messenger.

Exceptions for Phoenix School

As Phoenix School is the only school in St. James-Assiniboia School Division located outside the city limits, there are specific guidelines in place to determine school closure. When Environment Canada determines that there are blizzard conditions and the TransCanada West Highway is closed at the Headingley weigh station, the decision to close Phoenix School will be at the discretion of the Acting Superintendent.