

ZEIGER EXPLORERS

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Mr. Angelo Mills

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December 2, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DON'T FORGET

Mondays are Late
Start at 9:30AM

Food Drive
November 14 to
December 9

Report Cards Go Home
December 12

Choir Concert
December 13

Spirit Day—Pajama
Day
December 16

Winter Break
December 19-Jan 2

Grandparent Luncheon
January 25

Winter Break



Happy Holidays to all
our Zeiger families from
the staff at Zeiger!

Greetings Zeiger Families,

Oh my, the holiday season is fast approaching. That means that report cards are coming home soon, December 12th to be exact. Our students have been hard at work as evident by their grades in this first trimester.

Did you know we have an official paint color called Northwest Gray? Well those days are here as we prepared for winter. The bright side is our hearts become warmer because we can visit with families and friends during this holiday season. Please remember to send your student with a coat and hood or hat because they become sad when I have to announce indoor recess. Let us partner together so that they are having fun while they are learning at school.

Safety first. You know this is icy season too. Please remind your student to be careful as they step out of the vehicle when you drop them off in the morning. The bus drivers do a great job reminding our student bus riders too.

At the end of our school day, all students are escorted onto the blacktop out back. Students are escorted to bus lines then to the walking and daycare zone. A teacher escorts these students to their respective daycare vans. Teachers walk their students to the parent pick up zone and students are monitored by our parent pick up duties to make sure that they get to the right car.

I wish to extend an invitation to start a new family tradition. Come kick off your holiday season with the Zeiger Choir on Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm here at Zeiger. You are in for a real treat.

Speaking of choir. We have a safety concern. Parents, as you come in to pick up your student at choir rehearsal on Thursdays, please pull into a parking spot. We have cars waiting on 94th all the way to 128th on the road. May I please ask you to come onto the campus and wait in a parking spot. We want to extend a courtesy to cars wishing to move on by.

On behalf of Zeiger's administration and staff, I wish to take the opportunity to say happy holidays, safe travels, and best wishes for 2017.

Warm regards,
Angelo Mills, Principal

WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL

Students and staff in the Puyallup School District will observe Winter Break beginning December 19th and continue through January 2nd. Classes will resume on a regular **Tuesday** schedule on January 3, 2017.

CHOIR

December 13th is the choir concert for fall. Students need to report to the Zeiger gym at 6:45 and get in their places. Dress is black and white with one winter item.

FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

Wow, our winter food drive was a great success! We were also able to provide assistance for all of our families on the Giving Tree, thanks to all of our sponsors. This shows just how supportive our community can be when we all work together.

If you are in need of any resources check out Pierce County United Way by calling 211. You may also try Salvation Army and St. Francis House (253) 770-3974.

Thank you Zeiger families!!

LOST AND FOUND BOX

Our "Lost and Found Box" is very full. If you suspect your child may have misplaced an item of clothing, feel free to sign in as a visitor and look through our lost and found items. The Lost and Found Box is located in the primary hallway just past the library.

GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCH – January 25th

Mark your calendars!! On Wednesday, January 25th, we will honor our Grandparents or special guests by inviting those who are available to have lunch with their student. Pre-registration forms will go home in January.

DISMISSAL/TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

In order to ensure that your student knows his/her dismissal plans at the end of the day and to avoid several parents calling at dismissal we are asking you to:

Make plans with your child the night before or in the morning so they know how they will be going home from school that day. If you need to dismiss your child early for an appointment or have changes to end of the day transportation, please send a note with your student. All notes should include student full name, teacher and parent name.

If an **emergency** occurs, you may call the school office and we will gladly contact your student and their teacher to inform them of any changes.

From Our School Nurse

Cindy Sondker RN

Winter is here – and so are winter colds and other illnesses that attack young children. You don't want your child to miss school, but neither do you want to send a sick child to school and endanger him or her and other children as well. When *should* your child stay home from school? Here are a few guidelines you might wish to follow:

A runny nose is the way many children respond to pollen, dust, chalk, or simply a change of season. If it isn't a common cold, then it's an allergy and allergies aren't contagious. Don't keep the child home.

A bad cough or cold symptoms can indicate a severe cold, bronchitis, flu, or even pneumonia. Some children suffer one cold after another all winter long, and a run-of-the-mill cold should not be a reason to miss school. But if your child is not acting "right," has difficulty breathing, or is becoming dehydrated, it could be serious. Check with your pediatrician/family physician right away.

Fever is an important symptom; when it occurs *along with* a sore throat, an earache, nausea, listlessness, or a rash, your child may be carrying something very contagious. It is recommended that parents keep children home during the course of a fever and for an *additional* 24 hours after the fever has passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Student Council Meeting is December 7th from 3:00-3:40 in room 128. Please bring something to write on and with. Our next Spirit Dress-up Day is Pajama Day on December 16th. You can wear a robe if you would like. Please ask your teachers if you can bring slippers to change into.



Zeiger is an AVID elementary school. AVID stands for *Advancement Via Individual Determination* and focuses on providing students with the skills necessary to access post high school opportunities. AVID provides teachers with instructional strategies proven to increase learning and organizational systems that have shown to increase student success from kindergarten through high school.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, December 12th. Please look for this report card, sign the report card envelope and return it to your child's teacher.

Zeiger Elementary STEM Showcase

Dear Explorer Families,

Our Zeiger STEM Showcase (science fair) will be held on February 8th-9th, 2017. The showcase is a great way for students to be immersed into the world of science! Students who wish to participate are to complete a project of their interest at home. Projects that receive a "Judges' Choice" at the Zeiger STEM Showcase will move on to the District Showcase during the Puyallup Spring Fair.

We hope to see many students participate in the Zeiger STEM Showcase this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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