

Venture Elementary Newsletter

To Educate and Empower Each Student for Success in a Global Society

January 11 – January 15

Jan. 18 – NO SCHOOL – Staff In-Service

Feb. 10 – 15 – NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Break

Mar. 12 – 3 hour early dismissal for Staff
Inservice

- End of the 3rd Quarter

Mar. 16 – 17 – JK-8 Parent/Teacher Conferences

- 16th – 4 pm – 8 pm
- 17th – NO SCHOOL
 - conferences 8 am – 4 pm

Mar. 18 – 19 – NO SCHOOL

NWEA MAP Assessment: Jan. 4 - 15

- Our winter assessment window will be open during this time. Your children will be taking the assessment over these 2 weeks.
- Our teachers will use the data gained to monitor student growth from the fall and to move forward with plans to impact our student learning.

Electronic Devices:

With so many students receiving technology as gifts for the holidays, it is a great time to check in with your children about the use, dangers, and responsibilities that come with technology and social media. Many of the issues that happen in schools across the country are tracked back to issues that started on sites like Facebook, Snap-chat, and Instagram. Another that we are hearing more about from student conversations is Tik Tok. Unfortunately, schools do not have the tools to combat social media use, so we ask for your help.

Also, I would like to refresh you on our policy regarding electronic devices. This can be found on p. 8 of our handbook. It seems smart watches and other devices such as those were popular. Those devices also are covered under this policy.

- Student's cellular phones disrupt the learning environment. If students need to bring a cell phone or electronic device, including but not limited to, iPods, MP3 players, etc., with them to school it is to be turned off and stored in their lockers or backpacks. At no time are students allowed to use their cell phones or other devices during school hours for the purpose of communication. If a student is caught using their phone they will have it taken away and given to the office for a parent to come in and pick up. If you need to get a message to your student, please call the office and that message will be delivered.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation with this policy.

“There are about 95 essential things you need to know in life. The first is to be kind. The others you can figure out as you go.” - **Danny Steele**

Thanks and have a great week! Jay Swatek