

Parent Global 1/23/2022

Hello Postlethwait Families!

This week, we will be practicing a lockdown drill and a fire drill. We will be sharing information with your children about how to practice safety at school prior to having our drills. We have been reinforcing our expectations of no hoods, hats, or earbuds. These items inhibit their ability to stay alert and listen to directions. Earbuds may be worn when in class if it is part of the teacher's instructional plans, but they are not to be worn in the hallways, cafeteria, or gymnasium. Please review this with your child. Also, review what it means to be "alert" and talk with your child about what you feel they should do in cases of emergency. We will be talking about evacuating, hiding, reporting concerns to adults, not opening exterior doors for others, and being alert in our surroundings. Please remind your child to be in the area/classroom assigned to him/her/them and to use the restroom only after asking permission. We know that our middle school buddies love the extra freedom they have in middle school, and they don't always realize that rules are established for safety. We appreciate you going over all of this information with your child(ren)! Let me know if you have any questions.

The weather is bitter cold! If your child or family is in need of winter coats, gloves, or hats, please let me know. Please also have your children come to school with their winter gear, especially since we will be practicing fire drills. We are also teaching preparedness to our students.

Our district is taking part in the [Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Delaware](#) again this year! Please consider signing up for our team and/or donating. Go to www.plungede.org and register or donate for our team: Caesar Rodney School District. The Plunge is in-person and/or virtual this year. The in-person Plunge is on Sunday, Feb. 6th @ 1 pm in Rehoboth. Our school is also taking part in Plunge activities on Feb. 3rd. We will have a special "8th period day" and will have some Plunge fun during MTSS/Chinese Literacy classes, lunches, and during the 8th period. You are welcome to volunteer and join us. If you want to join in on the fun, send me an email. 😊

Postlethwait is taking part in the Spread the Word (STW) for Inclusion Campaign again this year for Unified Champion Schools/Special Olympics Delaware. [Here is the order form](#) for anyone wishing to purchase this year's shirt. We will be taking part in STW events in March and will share that information with you as time grows closer.

8th grade parents – Some students will be taking part in NAEP testing on February 10th. [Here is a letter that explains more.](#) As we get closer to the date, you will be informed if your child is to take part in this assessment.

Upcoming important dates:

January 10th – 28th – [Teacher of the Year nomination period](#)

January 24th – 28th – Mid-year diagnostics for Achieve, iReady, and HMH in MTSS and Chinese Literacy classes (HMH may run into following week as well if needed)

January 25th – Future freshman scheduling night at CRHS (more info to be shared by Dr. Kijowski from CRHS)

January 27th – Beginner band performance

January – We will conduct lockdown and fire drills this month

February – Chinese New Year

Black History Month

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

February 2nd – Report cards available online via Home Access Center

February 3rd – Polar Bear Plunge fun at PMS

February 4th – Student half-day for conferences

February 6th – Polar Bear Plunge @ 1pm in Rehoboth

February 7th – In-service day – no school for students

February 8th – PMS Spelling Bee

February 9th – [PTO Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser](#)

February 10th – Some 8th grade students take part in NAEP testing

February 20th – World Day of Social Justice

As a reminder, please review the [COVID self-screener](#) that you are to do with your child(ren) each day.

If you have any questions, please [contact our nurse, Jill Carroll](#).

Hope you have a great week!

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