

December 2016

Truman Newsletter



From the Principal

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Recess with family and friends! I'll admit that it was a little hard to come to school this Monday morning after the break, especially in the snowstorm. In light of the weather change, I thought I would do my best to inform you of how we handle the weather here at Truman.

It is expected that parents will appropriately dress their child for that day's weather conditions with the understanding that the students may have outdoor recess. The following clothing should be considered based on that day's weather and/or the day's potential weather:

1. Coat – sufficiently warm based on the weather (e.g. a jacket or hoodie on a cool day, a raincoat or something waterproof on a drizzly day, a heavy coat on a very cold day)
2. Footwear – appropriate footwear for the weather condition (e.g. regular tennis shoes or the like on a warm sunny day, snow boots or something similar on a cold day with snow on the ground)
3. Miscellaneous – this may include gloves, scarfs, earmuffs, etc. as appropriate for the weather

The following factors will be considered when determining whether or not to have an indoor recess:

- Temperature – below 20°
- Precipitation – what form of precipitation (snow, rain, etc.) and how much (e.g. a very light rain or even a mist as opposed to a downpour)
- Air Quality - (see the [Air Quality Recess Guidance](#) on the school website as mandated by state law)
- Sunny/Cloudy/Windy – this accounts for the “feels like” temperature (e.g. the temperature is 24° but it is very windy so it feels like it's 15°, or it is 18° but it is sunny outside so it feels like it's 23°)

During the morning and afternoon recesses, the grade level teachers will consider the factors and make a determination as to whether or not it will be an indoor recess based on the current conditions. During the lunch recess, the determination will be made by the main office and recess aides.

The parent/guardian has the right to exclude their child from outdoor recess on a day-to-day basis. Such a request must be made in writing. Any requests that exceed 3 consecutive days must include a doctor's order for indoor recess in order to be accepted.

From the PTA

Happy Holidays!!

We need your help in gathering box tops. Around this time is a great time to gather box tops from grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors (one person even told me she raided her grandma's pantry to gather as many box tops as she could). Those .10 cents add up. We have raised over \$600 from box tops, so help us keep getting those benefits. The money from box tops goes to field trips and other PTA sponsored event during the year.

We will be doing a Secret Santa Shop December 5th - 9th, before and after school. This is not a fundraiser, it is just an opportunity for kids to shop for their family and let it be a surprise for them.

We would love to see you at our next PTA meeting January 5th. Fresh ideas are always welcomed.

From the School Community Council

The Truman Community Council will be meeting this month on Monday, December 12 at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room. The public is welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the school and to raise any concerns you might have. To learn more about Community Council, go to www.trumansoars.org. The Council's agendas, minutes, members and more can be found under the “Parent Resources” tab.

Important Reminders

- The Parent Portal (portal/graniteschools.org) is available for you to access student grades, lunch balance, attendance, etc.
- Please use the drop-off and parking zones as intended (i.e. park in the parking lot and drop off/pick up in the drop-off zone). This helps us ensure the safety of all students.
- Remind your child that toys stay home or they will be a parent pick up.
- In order to ensure that only authorized persons have access to your child, we require everyone to show ID in the office.

Upcoming Events

- PTA Meeting (9:15 am) - come be a part of the meeting
- Picture Retakes (10:00 am) - For students who were absent on 9/30, enrolled after 9/30, are returning previous pictures, or have payment envelope in hand.
- Santa's Secret Shop (5th-9th) - Students can buy something small for loved ones.
- School Community Council Meeting (5:00 pm) - come participate and let your voice be heard about what is going well and what can improve here at Truman.
- THS Madrigals Assembly (2:45 pm) - the Taylorsville High Madrigals will come perform for us.
- Parent Sing-Around (2:45 pm) - parents are invited to come hear the children sing some holiday favorites.
- Winter Recess (Dec. 23rd - Jan. 2nd) - See you all next year!!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 9:15 PTA Meeting	<i>2</i> Early Day	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Picture Retakes Santa's Shop	<i>6</i> Santa's Secret Shop	<i>7</i> Santa's Secret Shop	<i>8</i> Santa's Secret Shop	<i>9</i> Early Day Secret Santa Shop	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> 5:00 School Com- munity Council	<i>13</i> Dress for Success THS Madrigals	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Early Day Leader Lunch	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 2:45 Sing-Around	<i>22</i> Early Day	<i>23</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>27</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>28</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>29</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>30</i> Winter Recess (No School)	<i>31</i>