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Plymouth Elementary School

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Plymouth Families,

It feels like winter might be right around the corner. With snow falling and temperatures dropping, please be sure that your student has snow pants, boots, a winter coat, a hat and gloves at school with them. If you need assistance in getting these items for your student, please feel free to reach out to me. We are fortunate to have many community connections with different groups that are willing to donate these items.

Along with the cold usually comes an increase in parents picking up and dropping off students. The drop off area to the east of the building is designed to be a moving line. Please refrain from turning off your car, and parking in the drop off lane at any time.

Moving forward as an authorized IB PYP school, Plymouth students and staff have created Essential Agreements for different shared areas of the school. These agreements are comparable to rules, except they are developed by the students and change as the need arises. Next time you are in the building, look around and take time to read our Essential Agreements for standing outside before school, the playground, and the lunch room.

Fortunately, construction is on schedule to be completed when students return from winter break. This means that students will be able to eat in the new cafeteria and have gym class in the new addition. Music classes such as general music, band, orchestra, and choir will also be held in the addition. Construction on the current gym/cafeteria will begin over break. If your student attends Campfire, it will be held in the art room until licensing is completed for the new space.

Margaret Doan

Plymouth Principal

UPCOMING DATES

December 20, 2017- Students dismissed at 3:55 pm. Winter break begins.

December 20, 2017- K-6 students will follow a Friday schedule. **Please check with band and orchestra teachers for clarification if your student has this class.

January 2, 2018- School resumes

January 9, 2018- PTO 5:00 pm

January 26, 2018 No school

LUNCH ACCOUNTS

Please check ensure that your child has a positive lunch account balance by checking online at <http://chartwellsk12.compass-usa.com/MidlandPublicSchools>. You may add money here or in the main office. If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please be sure to complete an application as soon as possible. This must be completed each year for your child to qualify. Application may be found at <https://www.lunchapp.com/>

PTO Update

Have you ever wanted to become more involved in your child's school? Joining PTO is a perfect opportunity to work with a group to make a difference at Plymouth!

Meetings will be held monthly on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. Please contact PTO president, Melissa Bressette at plymouthelementarypto@gmail.com for more information. Follow the PTO on Facebook at *Plymouth Elementary PTO* to find out more about upcoming events!

Attendance

Please be sure that your child attends school every day unless he/she is sick or has an appointment. Per the Midland County Law, the only excused absences are those accompanied by a medical note. If your student is going to be absent or late, please notify the office no later than 8:50 am. If you have questions about YOUR child's attendance, please call the office at 923-7616.

UNITED FOR SUCCESS

This year, in place of BRAVO, we will be using United for Success to streamline our volunteer process. If you are interested in helping out during the school day, attending classroom parties, or chaperoning field trips, please complete an application online at [United For Success \(Volunteers\)](#)

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AFTER SCHOOL CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES?

Check out the community flyers posted on the MPS homepage:

<https://sites.google.com/midlandps.org/communityflyers/>

Need more information?

Check out the *Parents* tab of the Midland Public Schools Page at <https://new.midlandps.org/pages/parents/>

or the Plymouth website at <https://pme.midlandps.org/> for more information specific to the school.