

## Art City Elementary Cold and Inclement Weather Procedures

With the more severe weather conditions of winter we wanted to review our procedures to both reassure and help parents and patrons prepare and plan.



- We recommend that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:15 for supervision purposes, unless they are eating breakfast. Breakfast will begin service at 8:00. The building will be open at 8:00 for students to wait for the start of class in the commons area if the temperature is below 32 degrees, otherwise students will go outside until the first bell rings.
- Children should arrive at school dressed for the weather of the day so they can safely and comfortably enjoy recesses. In winter months, children should remember to bring shoes to change into from their snow boots. **All healthy children will be expected to go out for recess except in extreme weather conditions (wind chill, rain, snow, etc.).**
- If your child cannot participate in recess for health reasons, please send a note to this effect. If it is to be a prolonged indoor stay (longer than 3 days) please send a note from the doctor.
- Students will remain inside in extreme weather conditions such as: very cold temperatures (below 20 degrees), including wind chill, heavy rain and snowfall, unhealthy air/inversions (we check air quality daily).
- Please be considerate and safety conscious as you drop off and pick up students at school. The winter months see an increase in the number of cars. Remember to: not block the flow of traffic (outside lanes for quick stops and pull through), not block cross walk area, use parking stalls if you need to leave your vehicle or enter the building.
- In the event of a major weather event (severe storm, power outage...) The District's ParentLink system will be used to notify parents. This can be in the form of an automated phone call, text, or email. **For this information to reach you it is important that you keep your contact information, phone, cell phones, and e-mail address current within the online SIS system.** *If you receive a call from the school, please check messages BEFORE you call the school about a missed call. If we have an emergency, we need our phone lines open to communicate with emergency personnel. We will keep you updated through parent link.*
- Information will also be posted and updated on the district web page [www.nebo.edu](http://www.nebo.edu). If we need to evacuate the school, we would first go to the church next to the school. All teachers and staff members will remain with their classes to care for the students. Unless otherwise notified, we will release students only to responsible adults or family members who are listed as emergency contacts in the system.