



Just the Facts

Dwight-Englewood Lower School

January 8, 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 11 Thursday Grade 2 Field Trip – Englewood Community
- 15 Monday Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
All School Martin Luther King Community Day of Service **NEW FORMAT**
- 19 Friday Grade 5 Field Trip Rescheduled - Metropolitan Opera

February

- 2 Friday Sarah Weeks Author Visit - Details to Follow

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS...

OUTDOOR RECESS...

Except for days when temperatures make it too cold or it is too rainy for students go outside, students spend recess and sometimes snack out of doors. Parents are reminded to send their child to school with the appropriate outerwear for rainy and cold weather including a hat, gloves, and a Chapstick to keep in their pocket. Also, when it snows, children should be sent with boots and snow pants so they can go outside.

REMINDERS...

SNOW PROGRAM LETTER

In the case of a delayed opening or school closure due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the school will notify parents using our automated system. The length of a delayed opening may vary depending on circumstances. Therefore, the message will include the start time for classes. Parents should call the main switchboard and listen to the message if they have any uncertainty regarding a delayed opening or closure of school.

Please see attached snow letter regarding school work required for Grades 2-5 for any subsequent snow days for the remainder of this winter season.

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Dear Lower School Families,

I hope this finds you safe and sound after the recent severe weather and school closures on January 4th and 5th. Hopefully the snow days gave you time to “enjoy another cup of tea”, to paraphrase our Head of School, Dr. De Jarnett.

Many children look forward to snow days as an unexpected surprise and a break from the routine. Secretly many teachers enjoy an unexpected snow day; however; once the number of school closings increase, teachers become concerned about students missing important instructional time and routines.

To help maintain consistency, routines and progress, the Lower School has a “Snow Day” program” for Lower School students in 2nd through 5th grades. Although the work is not a requirement, we highly encourage students to complete it at some point during their day(s) away. This work can be completed by students independently, provided an internet connection is available.

Second through fourth grade classroom teachers will explain the “Snow Day” program and will provide students with a hard-copy of the assignments. Fifth-grade teachers will also explain the program to the students and will update the Google homework document to indicate the work that should be completed. We hope this program provides some routine and continued learning without being a source of stress for students or their families.

Wishing you a happy and safe winter!

Kim Lewis
Lower School Principal
Dwight-Englewood School