

Shelledy Newsletter

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Mission Statement: We do our BEST together!
Hacemos nuestro mayor esfuerzo juntos

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Upcoming Dates:

January 8: Third quarter begins

January 21: NO School; MLK Holiday



Safety

Reunification Drill: On December 19th, Shelledy staff participated in a reunification drill from 2:00 – 3:00. A few reminders to consider if parents should ever have to have to pick up their children outside of normal drop off/pick up times:

- You will start the process by entering the front of the school and completing paperwork in the library
- You will need your driver's license or another form of picture ID to pick up your children

Weather Protocol:

Winter is here! Know what to do if there is a delay or school closure...

When temperatures drop, snowflakes fall, or ice is in the forecast, questions about weather-related delays, early dismissals, and cancelations are never far behind.

Some of those questions can be hard to answer late at night or in the wee hours of the morning, so be sure to ask us in advance if you have a specific question about their schedule, and check out the answers below to get prepared.

Where should I look for updates about cancelations, delays, and early releases?

There are multiple places to check, including:

- The home page at d51schools.org
- The district's Twitter account (@district51) and Facebook page
- Local media outlets
- Calls, emails, and texts (if you opt in) sent by the school district. To opt in for texts, text "Yes" to 67587.

How does D51 decide to cancel school?

D51 keeps a constant eye on the forecast each winter. When bad weather is predicted, D51 administrators, safety officers, and grounds crews work with Student Transportation of America bus drivers well before dawn to test road conditions all over the district to determine whether the roads should be passable with safe driving.

What if school is not canceled, but I don't feel the roads are safe for me or my child?

School will continue if roads are passable – not necessarily perfect. Caution is advised for all drivers. Still, parents and guardians have the final say on their child's safety. If you would prefer to keep your child home for the day, please call the school office and the absence will be excused.

When does the district make the call to cancel?

The district tries to make a decision by 5 or 5:30 a.m. and notify parents as soon as possible. If a two-hour delay turns into a Snow Day, the decision may come a little later than that, but a decision usually will be made no later than 6 a.m. on the day of the cancellation. Sudden change in the weather may necessitate a later call. Please keep your phone nearby – the autodialer system can take time to cycle through so many numbers.

When do classes let out if there is an early release due to weather?

Schools will let out as soon as the district and bus crews determine there's a need to let out early and notify families. The release time will be announced in a call, text, and email from your child's school. Elementary schools and middle and high schools

will get out at different times, as most buses take both an elementary and a secondary route each day.

How do Snow Days, delays, and early releases affect kindergarten and preschool students?

Cancellations that apply to all District 51 schools apply to all District 51 preschools as well. If there is a two-hour delay, that means both morning preschool and morning kindergarten are canceled altogether, but afternoon kindergarten and preschool will take place as usual.

In the case of an early release, check social media and d51schools.org to see if afternoon preschool and afternoon kindergarten are canceled or letting out early. Extended Hours will release its own information about operations on bad weather days.

How can I track my child's bus during a delay or early dismissal situation?

Your best bet is to check the free SafeStop app. You can register for SafeStop by typing in your child's Student ID Number at safestopapp.com, then download the app from the Google Play or Apple App Store. The app uses GPS on local school buses to show you where your child's bus is during its route. Any time there is inclement weather, buses will drive slower than usual, so expect delays.

PTO News

Parents Night Out!

Our next event/fundraiser will be a parents' Night Out on



February 8th from 5:00 – 8:00! We will have fun activities, games and dinner for the kiddos while parents enjoy a night out. The cost will be \$30 for the first kid and \$10 for each additional kid in the same family. Please look for more information and RSVP forms in Thursday folders.

Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to read with our students. If you are interested in sitting side by side with a student and just reading with them, we would love for you to join us! Please contact our office if you are interested and we can provide you some more details. 970-254-6460



5th Grade Leadership News

Our 5th Grade Leadership Team, along with Mr. Hassler, have been selling popcorn on Fridays to raise funds for the purchase of a new Gaga Pit. Right before the break, it arrived and was assembled on the intermediate playground. Thanks to all of you who purchased bags of popcorn to support this new outdoor playground game.

