January 6, 2014

Dear Ferson Families,

 Happy New Year to you and your family! Here at the Creek we are ready for a great finish to an already terrific school year. We wanted to thank all of our students, staff, and parents for a great Holiday Season at the school. The concerts, performances, events, parties, gifts, and fellowship was a wonderful way to finish the 2013 school year. We also wanted to recognize our Fifth Grade students for completing and graduating from the Too Good For Drugs program. They all worked hard with Officer Gartland to learn about healthy choices and how to live a drug-free life. Great job boys and girls!

 In the coming weeks we would want you to be aware of the following;

* Weather: Please know that students would be having outdoor recess unless it is below zero (with or without windchill). Please have them dress appropriately for conditions. Students would need a coat, hat and gloves for recess. If they would like to play in the snow, then they must have snowpants and boots as well. Final determinations about recess are made by the office throughout the school day. In the case of a snow day, a Connect-Ed message would be sent to all parents in the D303 community. There would also be information available on our webpage, [www.d303.org](http://www.d303.org).
* ISAT Testing: All students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade will be taking the state ISAT tests in March. Testing will be conducted the week of March 3rd to March 7th. There is no outside preparation needed for these assessments (you students are very well prepared!), other than a good breakfast and a good night’s sleep. Grade level specific testing schedules will be available for the week of testing. Please ensure that your child is present at school each day of the testing week. If an absence occurs, makeups would be conducted as soon as possible.
* Busing: Please know that your child cannot ride a different bus home, unless this is pre-approved by the Transportation Department. Alternate transportation arrangements are only approved for emergency situations. If you need to have alternate arrangements pre-approved, please call the Director of Transportation, Blanca Souders, at 331-228-5185. Thank you.
* Student Non-Attendance Days: Please mark your calendars! Students will not be in attendance on Friday, January 17th for the Teacher Work Day. Students will also be out Monday, January 20th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
* Kindergarten Registration: Please know that Kindergarten registration will be held from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Wednesday, February 5th. Please let any neighbors, friends, or relatives with Kindergarten-eligible children know of this registration. Please contact the office with any questions.
* After-School Enrichment: Please be on the lookout for our annual February After-School Enrichment catalogue. There are many awesome offerings available to our students. Information and forms are available at the PTO website, [www.fersoncreekpto.com](http://www.fersoncreekpto.com) . The school will also be offering an After-School Spanish program on Thursdays during the month of February. Information will be coming home via backpack in the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any comments, questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at 331-228-2300. Have a great day!

Yours in Education,

Chris Adkins