



THE CHÁVEZ COURIER

A newsletter of César Chávez Elementary School

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Home of the Chávez Cheetahs!



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Dear Chávez Parents and Community Members,

Happy 2013! Hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable extra two days of your winter break.

Please keep in mind to listen to the Madison radio or television stations or local website to be aware of the weather related to school closings or delays. You will see an announcement at the bottom of your television screen from 6:00 a.m. until approximately 8:00 a.m. or the night before. Remember, the Safe Arrival Number is **442-2085** if your child will not be attending school for any reason.

Students should arrive at school on the playground no earlier than 8:15 a.m. when playground supervision begins. School ends at 1:45 p.m. on Monday and 3:17 p.m. on Tuesday through Friday. Students should be on their way home promptly after school.

It has been our policy and procedure at Chávez Elementary to have students outdoors for recess whenever possible. We do not permit individual students to stay inside unless the school is provided with written documentation from a health care provider that states there is a medical reason a student cannot participate in outdoor recess. It is a fact that students perform better at school when they can get a little exercise during the school day, so we want to be sure and provide this important opportunity to all of our students.

We will not go outside for recess when the wind chill reaches 0 degrees. Please refer to the wind chill

chart on this page. The office will monitor the weather and communicate with staff concerning the weather conditions throughout the day. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to offer students a choice of indoor or outdoor recess on cold days.

When students are outside for recess each day we strongly recommend snow pants to stay warm and dry. Students in grades K-5 must have boots on to leave the blacktop area. Students in 4K -1 will need snow pants and boots in order to leave the black top area.

Wind Chill Chart

Wind (mph)

| | Calm | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| 40 | 36 | 34 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 25 | |
| 35 | 31 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 17 | |
| 30 | 25 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | |
| 25 | 19 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | |
| 20 | 13 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | -1 | -2 | -3 | -3 | -4 | |
| 15 | 7 | 3 | 0 | -2 | -4 | -5 | -7 | -8 | -9 | -10 | -11 | -11 | |
| 10 | 1 | -4 | -7 | -9 | -11 | -12 | -14 | -15 | -16 | -17 | -18 | -19 | |
| 5 | -5 | -10 | -13 | -15 | -17 | -19 | -21 | -22 | -23 | -24 | -25 | -26 | |
| 0 | -11 | -16 | -19 | -22 | -24 | -26 | -27 | -29 | -30 | -31 | -32 | -33 | |
| -5 | -16 | -22 | -26 | -29 | -31 | -33 | -34 | -36 | -37 | -38 | -39 | -40 | |
| -10 | -22 | -28 | -32 | -35 | -37 | -39 | -41 | -43 | -44 | -45 | -46 | -48 | |
| -15 | -28 | -35 | -39 | -42 | -44 | -46 | -48 | -50 | -51 | -52 | -54 | -55 | |
| -20 | -34 | -41 | -45 | -48 | -51 | -53 | -55 | -57 | -58 | -60 | -61 | -62 | |
| -25 | -40 | -47 | -51 | -55 | -58 | -60 | -62 | -64 | -65 | -67 | -68 | -69 | |
| -30 | -46 | -53 | -58 | -61 | -64 | -67 | -69 | -71 | -72 | -74 | -75 | -76 | |
| -35 | -52 | -59 | -64 | -68 | -71 | -73 | -76 | -78 | -79 | -81 | -82 | -84 | |
| -40 | -57 | -66 | -71 | -74 | -78 | -80 | -82 | -84 | -86 | -88 | -89 | -91 | |
| -45 | -63 | -72 | -77 | -81 | -84 | -87 | -89 | -91 | -93 | -95 | -97 | -98 | |

Frostbite Times

30 Minutes 10 Minutes 5 Minutes

$$\text{Wind Chill (}^{\circ}\text{F)} = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$$

Where, T = Air Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{F}$)
V = Wind Speed (mph)

Parking Lot Safety

As the weather gets colder the traffic flow has increased. Due to MANY complaints concerning our traffic and parking situation at Chávez, the Madison Police are going to begin regular patrols during pick up and drop off. So, we ask for you to follow the rules of the parking lot.

Here is a review of traffic laws within our school area. Police will ticket you for these infractions.

1. Always use the **crosswalks** and crossing guards to cross streets. NEVER cross mid block.
2. NEVER leave your car unattended in the designated "**No stopping standing or parking**" areas. This is for quick drop off or pick up ONLY.
3. Do not park in the fire lane or within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.
4. **U-turns** are illegal anywhere on Maple Grove Road.
5. Do not double park in the drop off or pick up areas.
6. Obey the posted speed limit.

Other guidelines for **keeping our kids safe** and allowing traffic to move smoothly are as follows.

1. Please use caution as you enter and exit the parking lot.
2. **Turn right only** when exiting the parking lot onto Maple Grove Rd.
3. Park in designated spots in the front parking lot.
4. Drive the loop and not through the spots like the handicapped stall.
5. Travel in one direction only through the lot.
6. Do not leave your car unattended unless in one of the designated parking spots. You need to remain in your car if parked in the pickup or drop off areas.
7. Pull all the way forward in pick up drop off areas. This avoids empty spaces and maximizes the number of cars that can fit into these areas.
8. Have your children wait for you near the school building near the **bike rack** to be picked up.
9. Watch for our safety patrols as they use the crosswalk to safely cross students and parents to the marked parking stalls.

Please let Linda Allen (Principal) know if you are interested in participating on a Traffic Committee to solve these issues. Please contact her by email:

lallen@madison.k12.wi.us

Let's keep all of our children safe! Thank you for your cooperation.

Pre-Approved Planned Absences (PPA) Procedure

Missing school causes children to miss opportunities for learning. Parents/Guardians should make every effort to plan medical appointments, dental and orthodontist appointments, campus visits, vacations, trips, etc., outside of the school day or outside of the school calendar.

If a student **MUST** be absent for reasons such as a vacation or trip, a Request for Pre-approved Planned Absence (PPA) form must be completed. PPAs should occur only for special circumstances and no more than 10 days will be excused per school year.

- a) A Request for a Pre-approved Planned Absence form must be completed and submitted to the student's principal before the scheduled absence. This form can be obtained from the school office and requires the signatures of parent/guardian and the principal.
- b) After approval of the absence, arrangements shall be made for the completion of schoolwork missed over the course of the absence.
- c) The absence shall be included in the student's permanent record.

Prolonged Absence requiring Withdrawal

When a student will be absent beyond the maximum 10 days for which a parent/guardian can excuse a student a Request for a Prolonged Absence form must be completed. In such cases the student will be withdrawn and will be re-enrolled upon return to the District.

- a) For a prolonged absence, a Request for a Prolonged Absence form must be completed and submitted to the student's principal before the scheduled absence. The

expected date of return to the district is requested on this form. This form can be obtained from the school office and requires the signatures of parent/guardian and the principal.

- b) The withdrawal will be included in the student's permanent record.
- c) When possible, arrangements shall be made for the completion of schoolwork missed over the course of the absence.

MULTICO

On December 10, 2012 Multico, a performance company from West High School, came to Chávez to present original plays to our students in grades 2-5, focusing on themes and ideas that relate to real life situations, such as racism, gender, conflicts, and empathy. The Multico students then met with our students after the performance to discuss the issues that were raised. Multico has been in existence for 16 years. It is directed by Rebecca Jallings, a teacher and director of theater at West High.

LABEL CLOTHING

To increase your chance of a lost item being returned, consider labeling all items on the inside. Coats, hats, mittens, shoes, shirts and boots are often found in the lost and found. If items continue to sit unclaimed for the year they will be donated.

NOTES FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE...

Children should receive at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity daily. This could include "active travel to school", meaning, briskly walking or bicycling to school. Consider walking with your child to school or biking when weather permits. Doing so, will teach them good health habits for their future and will assure they will get the activity they need now!

The average child experiences 8-10 "common colds" a year. Please teach your children proper hand washing and to cover their coughs/sneezes.

Teaching by example is a great way to do this! Remember children with temperatures over 100, vomiting, or diarrhea should stay home.

Call the health office at 442-2008 for health related questions or concerns.

Spring Music Programs 2013

Here is the schedule for our school concerts for this year with Mary Rasmussen and Elizabeth Magargal. Each concert will last about 25 minutes. Please mark your calendars!

Wednesday, March 6

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| 10:45 a.m. | K-Skartvedt (<i>Room 105</i>) |
| 1:15 p.m. | K/1-Garcia (<i>Room 105</i>) |
| | K-Kalscheur (<i>Stage</i>) |
| 1:45 p.m. | K-Roltgen (<i>Room 105</i>) |
| | K-Jost (<i>Stage</i>) |

Friday, March 8

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| 1:15 p.m. | K-Johnson (<i>Room 105</i>) |
| 1:45 p.m. | K-Padley (<i>Room 105</i>) |

Thursday, February 28

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| 2:15 p.m. | First Grade | (<i>Cafeteria</i>) |
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Tuesday, March 5

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| 2:15 p.m. | Second Grade | (<i>Cafeteria</i>) |
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Wednesday, March 13

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| 11:15 a.m. | Third Grade and 3/4 's | (<i>Gym</i>) |
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Tuesday, April 23

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| 8:45 a.m. | Grades 4/5 Benish, Velden and Wells | (<i>Gym</i>) |
| 9:30 a.m. | Grades 4/5 Brand, Bray and Remiker | (<i>Gym</i>) |

Four Year-Old Kindergarten (4K)

Registration

All children who are four years old on or before September 1, 2013 and live in the Madison Metropolitan School District are eligible to participate in the 4K program. The half-day 4-year old kindergarten program will be held at several MMSD elementary schools and participating early care and education centers throughout the Madison community. The program is offered free of charge for families who live in the Madison Metropolitan School District.

Registration begins **February 04, 2013 from 1:00-6:00 PM** at all MMSD elementary schools except Lincoln, Randall and Marquette. Students can register at their K-2 or K-5 resident-area elementary schools.

When parents or guardians register their child for 4K, they will be required to show proof of age (birth certificate, baptismal record or medical assistance card) and proof of residency (utility bill, lease or mortgage). To save time you can pre-register online and print off a verification form.

Mark your calendar for August- you will still need to attend the enrollment session this August at your child's school to present your verification form, proof of residency and proof of age documents. Children are welcome to accompany parents, but they are not required to attend registration. Check online or contact your school to find out when your enrollment date will be in August.

For more information, visit mmsd.org/4k or call (608) 442-2933.

MMSD SAFETY

Tragic events, whether national or local, give us pause and remind us of the importance of our school safety systems and protocols. MMSD continuously reexamines and improves those protocols and we are confident in the personnel and systems that we have in place

Over the years we have continued to increase the resources dedicated to keeping schools safe with:

- *additional security personnel*
- *safety assessments and modifications to facilities*
- *a more integrated partnership with the Madison Police and other first responders*
- *the use of risk assessment tools when concerns arise*
- *regularly scheduled drills and staff retraining on security measures*

Most importantly, we focus on ensuring school safety through preventative measures such as:

- *a coordinated K-8 curriculum to explicitly teach positive behaviors, conflict resolution and anti-bullying*
- *expansion of the restorative justice program at the high school level*
- *systems and programs to develop closer relationships with students and their families*
- *regular monitoring, use of additional communication tools and direct intervention in investigating and addressing rumors and possible threats*
- *exemplary student services programs that assess and attend to the psycho-social-emotional needs of students*
- *increased interaction with community service providers*

MMSD has experienced school safety personnel, dedicated resources and community-wide support systems to ensure the well being of our children and their schools. We work every day to continuously improve these systems and protocols to make sure our children are learning in a safe and positive environment.

Thank you to Luis Yudice, Coordinator of School Security Services for presenting at our PTO Meeting.