

October 7, 2015

## Dear Robert Frost Elementary School Families:

It is hard to believe that it is already October and we are six weeks into the school year. Since our first day of school, students have learned new routines, received devices, and we are working to build a positive school community at Frost. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) time, Brain Breaks, and Integration are all part of our everyday routine, in addition to our core content areas and specials. I have spent time visiting classrooms and enjoy seeing students engaged and excited about learning.

On October 16, the students will gather to enjoy the next PBIS assembly. We will be welcoming Mr. McBrien, The Magic Storyteller. We will also be celebrating the behavioral success we have experienced over the past six weeks. In addition, we will have a discussion about some PBIS components we can focus on to improve, specifically in the area of "Disruption." We will be having a booster activity starting October 26 to reward students who are demonstrating appropriate transitioning behavior from one learning space to another. This unstructured time has proven to be a bit of a challenge for many students, so we will revisit expectations through the use of a "Cool Tool" in every classroom. We are confident we will see improvement-we can do it!

Frost is in the process of hosting evening conferences. Conferences are scheduled for October 7 and 8. If you have not already scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out to the teacher so that you are able to meet and partner to enhance opportunities for your child.

We mentioned this in the last newsletter, but wanted to send another reminder that the Robert Frost Elementary School Website is up and running. It looks fantastic! Please take some time to visit the website at: frost.ccsd59.org. We have also created a Frost Facebook Page and Twitter account that are linked directly to our website. These links can be found on the bottom left corner of our website.

During arrival and dismissal, please adhere to safety signs along roadways and refrain from parking or driving through the bus drop off area. This will help to keep the traffic moving and more importantly, keep our students safe. Additionally, during dismissal, please stand back away from the door so that the teachers and students are able to safely open the doors and ensure that students are dismissed and released to the appropriate adults.

Please note the school start and end times. Our school day begins at 8:45 A.M. and ends at 3:35 P.M., except for Wednesdays when we dismiss at 2:35 P.M. Students who eat breakfast or students who participate in the morning broadcast are the only students who should enter through Door #1. Students can begin entering for breakfast at 8:25 A.M. All other students should go to the back blacktop/playground area (inclement weather days will be an exception).



Outdoor supervision begins at 8:25 A.M. Teachers will pick up their students at the 8:35 A.M. bell from the blacktop area. Please make every effort to have your students arrive to school on time. All students should be in their classroom and ready to learn by 8:45 A.M.

Parents are our partners in the important job of educating the children of our community. Please keep an open line of communication with your child's teacher and keep the school informed of any information that might be helpful in educating your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that school is not in session on Thursday, Friday, October 9, and Monday, October 12. Enjoy the extra time with your children! I look forward to our continued work together!

Sincerely, Jessica McCormick