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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the winter weather approaches we are reminded that New England experiences all kinds of weather situations, some of which require that we alter our school or bus schedules. These decisions are made after consultation with our town Public Works staff and others. When making decisions to alter our schedule, consideration must be given to road conditions or other factors (such as weather related damage and power outages) throughout the community. There will be times when we will have to delay the opening of school, cancel classes, or dismiss students early. We understand that these decisions can cause inconvenience and create a challenge for families. Each decision is made for the safety of children. You are also encouraged to make your own assessment of weather and other conditions and keep your child home if you feel it might be too dangerous.

Decisions to alter the schedule are often made before 5:30 a.m. but changing weather conditions can cause us to make a call at any time. We use an automated calling system to alert you of these decisions. A recorded phone message is sent to your home and cell phones along with an e-mail message using the parent phone numbers on file with your child's school. In addition, we can send a SMS text message to the cell phone contact on record in the school office. In order to receive the SMS text message, you need to "opt-in". The process is simple and only takes a few seconds to complete. Simply send a text to **68453** from your cell phone(s) with the word "yes". If you do not opt-in, you will not receive the SMS text message. **We highly encourage you to complete this process.**

When the school start time is delayed it will be delayed by 90 minutes. Arrive at bus stops 90 minutes later than your regular time and please remind your child to dress appropriately for the weather conditions as buses may be delayed due to poor conditions. Early closings will result in schools closing 2 hours and 45 minutes earlier than the regular dismissal time. Please be sure that you have made arrangements for your child if you are not home during the day. A schedule of delayed opening and early closing times has been included on the next page.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Lyman

EARLY-CLOSING DAYS / EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

HOURS—REGULAR SCHOOL DAY	
Grades K-4	School starts - 8:55 AM; School ends - 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	Session starts - 8:55 AM; Session ends - 11:45 AM
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts - 8:05 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

90-MINUTE DELAYED OPENING*	
Grades K-4	School starts – 10:30 AM; School ends – 3:30 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	CANCELLED
Afternoon Preschool	Session starts - 12:50 PM; Session ends - 3:30 PM
Grades 5-8	School starts – 9:35 AM; School ends - 2:50 PM

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING OF SCHOOL	
Grades K-4	School dismisses – 12:45 PM
Morning Preschool & Half-Day Kindergarten	School day extended, dismisses – 12:45 PM <i>Note: Lunch will be provided</i>
Afternoon Preschool	CANCELLED
Grades 5-8	School dismisses – 12:05 PM

For information regarding school closing due to inclement weather or other emergencies, tune in to one of the following radio or television stations:

Radio: WILI 1400 AM & 98.3 FM, WTIC 1080 AM, WTIC FM 96.5, WRCH FM 100.5, WZMX FM 93.7

Television: WFSB (3), WVIT (30), WTIC (6), WTNH (8)

School Messenger recorded phone messages will announce school closings or other emergencies. Information is also available via a message on your school's main phone number.

**Stay tuned. If weather conditions deteriorate, a delay could become a full-day cancellation.*

The GIVING TREE

Every year we put up an evergreen tree in the office for children to decorate with mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for local families in need. Both adult and child sizes are needed. We are requesting that all donations come in prior to December 16th. The items will be picked up by the Mansfield Youth Services Department for distribution.



We will also accept used warm coats and outerwear.



The children really enjoy seeing the tree fill up and knowing that they have helped keep someone else warm during these cold winter days.

Monetary donations to Mansfield Youth Services will be accepted this year as well.

Thank you so much for your community support.

Calendar of Events

Dec. 7.....	3:30-5:00 Science Sampler LAST DAY
Dec. 9.....	Pajama Day for CCMC 4th Gr. Science Enrichment
Dec. 15.....	3:30-5:00 Green Thumbs Club
Dec. 19.....	6:30-7:30 PTO Meeting
Dec. 23.....	12:45 EARLY DISMISSAL NO Preschool Classes
Dec. 26 to Jan. 2.....	NO SCHOOL- Winter Vacation
Jan. 16.....	NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Jan. 19.....	3:30-5:00 Green Thumbs Club
Jan. 23.....	6:30-7:30 PTO Meeting