

Windom Dual Immersion Principal Newsletter February 2019

School Events

- Saturday 9 - 9am-12pm-
Windom Reads
- Thurs/Fri 14-15 - Parent
Conferences
- Thurs/Fri 14-15 -
Scholastic Book
Fair
- Friday 15- No classes
- Monday 18 - President's
Day- No classes
- Tuesday 19-
Site Council
4:15pm.
PTO meeting
5-7pm

February 6, 2019

Dear Windom Families,

I hope you are surviving the cold temperatures of the beginning of the year and thank you for your patience while we navigate the challenges of Minnesota weather.

We are now beginning our budget and staffing plans for next year at the district and school level. Unfortunately, we already know that we will lose our Title 1 funding for next year which is about \$160,000. Therefore, we will most likely need to make some difficult decisions around staffing.

We honestly do not have a lot of control over most of the money that is allocated to Windom, since most of the money goes to pay for the positions that are considered essential in a school, such as classroom teachers, specialist, principal, social worker, and secretary. We have always chosen to use the money left over for Math and Reading Support Teachers and Associate Educators. (They help supervise in the cafeteria and also give students extra support in math and reading.)

At this time of year, we also would like to ask for your



input on how we do things at Windom. Your suggestions could affect how we spend some of our budget money, but more importantly, they influence how we operate. Many of the changes we have made over the last few years have come directly from your input from the surveys. Therefore, once again please share with us your thoughts by completing the survey attached, and returning it to the office. You can also answer the questions online by following this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HYBG8RJ>

It will also be available on the school's website.

I would like to remind you of a few important things:

- Don't forget to come to Windom Reads, this Saturday from 9am-12pm in the school's gym; we will have the special visit of Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey, a book exchange, pancake breakfast and activities for kids and adults.

- Parent/Teacher Conferences on the evening of February 14 and during the day on February 15. If you haven't yet, please contact your child's teacher for a time to meet.

- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Media Center at the same time as the Conferences. Plan to visit with your family,

Last, but not least, please remember that everybody should follow the Traffic Rules that were sent home and that are published in the school's website.

Volunteers are welcome to help direct traffic between 7:10-7:30am. Please contact keidy.Palusky@mpls.k12.mn.us or call 612-668-3370 if you can help.

Thank you for your support!

Warm Windom regards!

Jim Clark
Principal

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