

Terminal Park Elementary

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Terminal Park families,

We appreciate those of you who participated in our super hero family reading night. It's wonderful when we can all get together and celebrate learning as a school community. The following information is intended to help you be more aware of what is happening at our school and better able to partner with us.

Think Time

We have recently trained staff and students on the Think Time strategy to help students improve their behavior. After students receive a nonverbal reminder and a specific verbal request to change their behavior, they will be given an opportunity to go to another classroom to fill out a reflection form about what their misbehavior was and what they need to do differently to be successful in class, and then they will return to their class ready to do better. It is important that students do not feel they are "in trouble" when they have Think Time but that they feel empowered to reflect on their behavior and take control to demonstrate appropriate learning behavior. If students receive Think Time too frequently (three or more times a week), they will be assigned a session of Study Room during their lunch recess. As usual, ongoing or significant concerns will be communicated to parents so that we can partner with you to help students improve.

Arrival/Dismissal Safety

Please park in appropriate spots when dropping off or picking up students at school. Cars should not be in the bus lane. Please make sure to use sidewalks and crosswalks when walking onto campus or leaving campus; this not only improves safety during arrival and dismissal but also models safe pedestrian behavior for all of our students. We appreciate when parents meet students on campus and walk with them to parked cars to help ensure that everyone is being safe.

Wet Playground

We spend the majority of our school year with wet weather and a soggy playground. We do our best to block off muddy areas and encourage the students to be careful to stay dry and clean, (we have indoor recess occasionally when weather is really bad), but some students still accidentally or intentionally get wet or muddy. We recommend that students keep a change of clothes in their backpack if you wouldn't be available to bring them new clothes during the day. Our health room is currently accepting donations of used shirts, pants, and socks and new underwear that we can use when students need to change clothes and no clothes from home are available.

Replacement Levy Election - February 9

Please make sure to complete and mail your ballot by February 9. For additional information on the levy, go to www.auburn.wednet.edu/2016levy.

Automated Phone Call System Change

Due to a recent ruling by the Federal Communications Commission, the Auburn School District is revamping some processes to be able to use our messaging system, School Messenger, to better connect with families, giving families choices in how messages are received from the school and district. For the time being, this means that the only automated phone calls you will receive are absence calls, low-balance food service calls, and, if necessary, school schedule change phone calls such as an emergency late start or school closure. We believe the expanded options will be effective tools to communicate with our families and are working to get the new functionality available in the near future. As soon as we have the new processes in place, we will provide families with even better options for staying connected.

We appreciate your cooperation and support to assist with your child's education and help Terminal Park improve!

Tom Dudley, Principal

FEBRUARY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HR LATE 1 MISSOULA CHILDRENS THEATRE AUDITIONS 3:15-5:15	2 MISSOULA CHILDRENS THEATRE PRACTICE	3 SMILE! CLASS PICTURES	4 MISSULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE PRACTICE	5 MCT PERFORMANCE 7:00 ARHS	6 MCT PERFORMANCE 1:00 ARHS
7	18 1 HR LATE START	9	10	11	12 	13
	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY OBSERVED	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 1 HR LATE START	23	24	25		27
28	29 1 HR LATE START					