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Philip Salemi, Superintendent

Superintendent's Corner - December

Dear District 92½ Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

I want to start by thanking all of our parents and guardians who attended our School Visitation Day and Parent Teacher Conferences in November. It was awesome seeing the classrooms filled with family members who are invested in their children's education. Please be on the lookout for more opportunities to visit our schools.

Winter is here (as we all learned on November 26th) and so it's time to issue our regular, but still important, reminders about cold weather! In addition to walking to and from school, elementary school students from time to time will continue to go outside for recess. Please make sure your student is dressed warmly during these winter months. I also want to remind you how important it is that the school has your most current contact information. The district uses a 'call-out' phone system to notify families of emergency closings. The calls are sent to the phone numbers registered by guardians so it is important to provide the school with any new numbers or email addresses. If schools are closed due to weather, that information will also be posted on the district's website and social media channels.

Please be reminded that in an effort to increase student and staff safety, we are implementing a new Visitor Management System at all of our schools effective December 3rd. Raptor Technologies is in over 23,000 schools nationwide and now it will be in all of ours. This system replaces the paper-based sign-in sheet and requires the visitor/parent to present a government issued picture ID (any state or country) to enter school grounds or to check out a student from school. The system has the ability to provide alerts regarding people who may jeopardize the safety of students. The new system should not be viewed as a deterrent to parents/volunteers or access to the schools. Rather, the intent is to ensure all visitors are registered in the office and screened prior to having access to our buildings.

Finally, on behalf of the entire District 92½ staff, I want to wish you Happy Holidays and a healthy New Year. I hope you take time to spend time with family and friends. We will see you in 2019! We have a lot to look forward to in the New Year. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to email me at psalemi@sd925.org or call 708-670-1927.

Sincerely,

Philip Salemi
Superintendent