



Woodbridge School District

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Superintendent

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Dear Beecher Road Families:

Thanks to the nearly round the clock work of our Town's Public Works Department and our district's custodial staff, school will open in Woodbridge tomorrow, February 14th. As you may be aware, there is additional snowfall predicted for this evening. We remain hopeful this will not impact our decision to open school on Thursday. However, if weather conditions necessitate a change in this decision, we will advise you tomorrow morning through an Instant Alert as well as the media.

In the aftermath of this severe blizzard, we ask for your cooperation to assure the safety of all of our children.

- Snow piles are high and restrict the view of drivers and pedestrians. Please try not to park waiting cars along the roadways. Please *Do Not allow* children to climb on snow banks along roadways.
- In preparing for tomorrow, parents should assess their children's bus stop *today* and plan in advance for tomorrow. If the bus stop has poor visibility, or children cannot stand far enough off of the road, please plan to drive your child to the next bus stop along the route.
- Please make sure that the children are exercising safe behavior at their bus stops. Parents should try their best to arrange for supervision of children at bus stops.
- It is imperative that we all take our time arriving to school tomorrow. The roads, albeit passable for bus traffic, may still have some slippery areas and additional caution should be exercised. Please be patient and follow established traffic procedures at both the North and South traffic areas.

Each of the BOWA districts will now be holding school for a portion of the April vacation. As of today, February 13th, BRS will have three make-up days. It is anticipated that this will be reduced to one make-up day pending the Board of Education approval on February 25th to reduce the number of student days from 182 to 180. The one make-up day is scheduled for April 19th. The 2012/13 calendar originally listed April 15th as the start for make-up days in April. The change of date to April 19th was a joint BOWA decision based on the unique circumstances we are experiencing this year. Of course, our wish is that there will be an early spring and that no more snow days will be required.

Thank you for the patience and cooperation you have demonstrated during this challenging and unprecedented time. We look forward to seeing our children tomorrow. Drive safely.

Best wishes for the scheduled Winter Break next week!

Sincerely,

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