

March 2009

Our mission is to create a learning community that prepares all students to be productive, responsible, and successful.

Old Man Winter and the School Calendar

With the cold, snowy, and icy winter we have had, our school calendar has changed almost as much as the weather. Each year, five emergency days are built into the calendar to account for cancellations. Any cancelled days above the five days, are not made up. Since we have already surpassed our five days for this year, the official ending date for this school year will be June 3rd. June 1st will be the last full day of student attendance, June 2nd will be Teachers' Institute, and June 3rd will be Report Card Day.

Although it seems like we just started this year, it is already time to begin planning for next year. The 2009-2010 school calendar was approved at the February board meeting and a summary of the important dates are listed below.

August 18-Teacher Institute

August 19-Half Day Student Attendance

August 20-First Full Day Student Attendance

October 9th-Teacher Institute

November 5th and 6th-Parent/Teacher Conferences

December 18th-2:00 Dismissal

December 21st-Winter Break Begins

January 4th-Teachers' Institute

January 5th-School Resumes

April 2-5-Spring Break

May 24th-Report Card Day (if no snow days used)

June 1st-Report Card Day (if all snow days used)

12:17 Dismissal Days-September 18th, November 25th, January 15th, April 1st, April 30th, May 14th

School Holidays-Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, MLK Day, Presidents Day, Pulaski Day, Memorial Day

Important Upcoming Dates for March:

March 2nd-No School-Casimir Pulaski Day

March 3rd-13th-ISAT tests grades 3-8

March 13th-12:17 Dismissal/End of 3rd Quarter

March 20th-Report Cards Sent Home

Through the school improvement process, we hope to promote a positive atmosphere and increased communication and welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. Please use the opinions and ideas link on our website at www.okawvalley.org to share any ideas or concerns.

“Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education.”

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy