Canyon Elementary Cold and Inclement Weather Procedures

With the more severe weather conditions of winter we wanted to review our procedures and help parents and patrons prepare and plan.

- We recommend that students arrive at school no earlier than 8:00 for supervision purposes. The building will be open for students to wait for the start of class in a supervised and warm gym or commons area.
- Children should arrive at school dressed for the weather of the day so they can safely and comfortably enjoy recesses and travel to and from school.
- In winter months all healthy children are expected to go out for recess except in extreme weather conditions (wind chill, rain, snow, etc.).
- If your child cannot participate in recess for health reasons, please send a note to this effect. If it is to be a prolonged indoor stay (longer than 3 days) please email or contact the teacher directly to clarify and explain the circumstances. Supervision becomes more challenging when students are both inside and outside.
- Students will remain inside in extreme weather conditions such as: very cold/wind chill (general guideline is 20 degrees or lower) temperatures, heavy rain and snowfall, unhealthy air/inversions (we check air quality daily) are all taken into consideration. Students will have viable inside or outside options when the temperature is 20-32 degrees.
- Please be considerate and safety conscious as you drop off and pick up students at school. The winter months see an increase in the number of cars at the school: watch for children (umbrellas, hoods, hats…make it more difficult for them to see cars); please do not block the flow of traffic (inside lanes are for waiting/sitting; outside lanes for quick stops and pull through), don’t block cross walk areas, if you need to enter the building please pull into one of the parking stalls (do not leave your car in the pickup/drop off zones unattended).
- In the event of a major weather event (severe storm, power outage…) The District’s ParentLink (automated phone system), web page, local news stations will be used to notify parents this can be in the form of a phone call, text, or email. Everything will be time and date stamped. Information will be posted by 6:30 a.m. If school is not cancelled, it will still be communicated “the decision was made to keep schools open”. For this information to reach you it is important that you keep your contact information current within the online SIS system both email, phone, and cell numbers. If you have not updated parent contact information, cell phone numbers, and email addresses – please do so. Information will also be posted and updated on the district web page www.nebo.edu. If we need to evacuate the school we would go to East Meadows Elementary (1287 S 2130 E) or Larsen Elementary (1175 E. Flonette Dr.).