

# GATOR TALES



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## DR. CHAUSSEE'S NEWS

### WINTER WEATHER



This fall we've had an unusual number of nice days and which meant little time spent indoors for recess and not much worry about coats, hats, gloves, snow boots, etc. But, of course, that will come to an end, therefore, the weather becomes an important factor with school age children. After the Thanksgiving break, we know snow will be on the ground sometime soon. When snow arrives it seems that it complicates traffic and other safety issues at school. Again, as stated many times in the past, cooperation and patience will help out in every situation. Please keep these points in mind:

1. No matter how much snow there is, please park as close to curbs as possible. Large vehicles can not get through 155<sup>th</sup> St. very easily or at all when cars are not parked close to the curb.
2. If you're not sure where you can't park and get out of your car, NO PARKING signs are posted. Similarly, people sometimes wonder what the PULL FORWARD signs mean. Simply put, they mean to pull forward.
3. No matter what the weather, drivers need to stay in or near their car when in the front of the school at arrival or dismissal. This is a fire lane.
4. Each day is unpredictable in deciding whether to go outside for recess or not. Playground conditions, the temperature and wind chill, and precipitation all are factors in that decision. Sometimes that decision isn't made until mid to late morning. Therefore, the children should dress each day as if we are going outside. Many students come to school dressed inappropriately for the weather. Nevertheless, those students will go outside.

When school is cancelled due to weather, each family will get a call from School Messenger notifying you of the closing early in the morning.



### ZOO PASSES

Grace Abbott received a few Henry Doorly Zoo packets of four free passes to the zoo which expire at the end of this calendar year. If you are interested in receiving these free of charge, let Mrs. Wrenn or Dr. Chaussee know. The zoo has provided these to all schools in the metro area in celebration of reaching two million visitors this year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 15

Texas Roadhouse Night 5—7 p.m.

### November 17

1st Grade Fun Night 6:30 p.m.

### November 24 & 25

NO SCHOOL  
THANKSGIVING



## **NO PTO MEETING IN DECEMBER**

### December 8

Kindergarten Fun Night  
6:30 p.m.

## **MILLARD SCHOOL BOARD**

**Mike Pate, Pat Ricketts, Mike Kennedy,  
Dave Anderson, Paul Meyer,  
Linda Poole**

**Superintendent**

**Jim Sutfin**



## **BUNDT CAKE ORDERS**

**DUE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14!**

**GET THOSE ORDERS IN!!!**

(See separate attachment in the email)



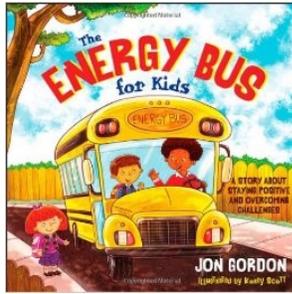
## **SPIRIT DAY**

**November 29**

**Twin Day!**



Sponsored by your Student Council



## SWAMP time 2016-2017 Get on the Bus!!!!

Our SWAMP groups met again on Wednesday, November 2, 2016. This week we learned Rule #2: Fuel Your Ride with Positive Energy. We learned that we possess the greatest power in the world! "It's the power to choose to be positive instead of negative." Joy, the bus driver, reminded George to "Dream Big!".

**Join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade fun night  
Sponsored by Grace Abbott PTO**

**When: November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Abbott Gym**

**Time: 6:30 - 7:30pm**



**Note to parents - No siblings please, so you can have a special night with your 1st grader.**

**Questions or to volunteer, contact Cara Robbins at [ckrob-bi@gmail.com](mailto:ckrob-bi@gmail.com)**

