

BRIMFIELD GRADE SCHOOL

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Birthday treat and class party snack policy clarification

As a reminder, we have changed the birthday snack and classroom party snack policy for this year. All food items that will be shared with other students must be prepackaged, and have a nutrition label and an ingredient list. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY BAKERY ITEMS.** This includes any cookies, donuts and cupcakes. Unlike last year, bakery items will not be accepted even if they have the nutrition and ingredient label. Examples of appropriate food items are: Oreos, Little Debbie's, ice cream sandwiches, popsicles, candy bars, etc. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the school nurse **Before** purchasing any food items.

LUNCH ROOM REMINDER

Parents are welcome to come and eat lunch with their children during their classroom's designated lunch time. However, due to health reasons, any food brought into the school can only be served to your own child and not shared.

FLU SEASON

Winter Flu season is here and it seems to be hitting parts of Illinois very hard this winter. Right now we are seeing an increased number of flu cases at the high school. **If you suspect your child may have the flu, keep them home and call your family physician.**

What is the flu?

Influenza (also known as the flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is different from a cold. The flu usually comes on suddenly. The difference between a common cold and the flu are listed below.

SIGNS/ SYMPTOMS	FLU	COLD
Symptom onset	abrupt	gradual
Fever	usual, lasts 3-4 days	rare
Aches	usual, often severe	slight
Chills	fairly common	uncommon
Fatigue, Weakness	usual	sometimes
Sneezing	sometimes	common
Stuffy nose	sometimes	common
Sore Throat	sometimes	common
Cough	common, can be severe	mild to moderate
Headache	common, can be severe	rare

Remember the best way to prevent the spread of illness is with frequent hand washing!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/31—1:50 Dismissal**
- 2/2—Midterms Sent**
- 2/19—NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENT'S DAY**
- 2/28—1:50 Dismissal**
- 3/2—End of 3rd Quarter**
- 3/6—Report Cards**
- 3/7—P/T Conferences**
- 3/8—P/T Conferences**
- 3/9—3/16—NO SCHOOL**
- SPRING BREAK**

New Dismissal Policy:

In the case of adverse weather a 2 hour delay start or early dismissal can be used at the discretion of the superintendent. For more information please visit the website @ www.brimfield309.com

PARENTS:

With the change in weather temperatures, please be reminded of the handbook policy that **students are not allowed on school grounds before 7:50am**. When temperatures are below 20 degrees, we will allow walkers/riders to enter the building **after 7:50am** and wait in the primary hallway or cafeteria quietly until the bell rings.

During cold/inclement weather, Kindergarten students will be dismissed from the busses at **7:55am** and let into the building before the bell rings to avoid congestion.

Please dress your child warmly! If you are in need of gloves/hats/warm coats, please contact Lonna Sumner, our school nurse, so we can provide cold weather clothing for your child