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each tomorrow better.*

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Dear Crow-Applegate-Lorane Community,

As we step into the new year, I hope this update finds you in good health and high spirits. Our community is vibrant, and we are excited about the upcoming events and developments.

Inclement Weather Preparedness:

As we head into the winter season, I want to remind families to be prepared for possible inclement weather. This may result in school delays or closures to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Stay informed about any changes through our official channels. Updates regarding school delays or closures can be found on our website, www.flashalert.net, and through Remind messages. Additionally, we often call the phone number listed in our student information system. Now is a good time to ensure numbers are correct. Your safety is our top priority, and we appreciate your cooperation during unpredictable weather conditions.

2024-2025 School Year Calendar:

We are pleased to announce the formation of a board-appointed subcommittee that will be exploring options for the 2024-25 school year calendar. This subcommittee is comprised of dedicated individuals from our community, including parents, educators, and community leaders. We believe in transparent communication, and we want to kick start the discussion by sharing various sources of information.

One essential factor in calendar planning is the Oregon Department of Education's standard for required instructional time. As a publicly funded school, we are obligated to meet at least the minimum instructional minutes outlined by the state. For your reference, you can find the standard on the Oregon Secretary of State's website: [Link to the standard.](#)

We encourage you to stay engaged and share your thoughts as we embark on this calendar planning journey. Your input is invaluable, and together, we can shape an academic calendar that best serves the needs of our students and community.

Enrollment Growth and Expansion:

Exciting news is on the horizon as we proudly announce the continuous growth of our school community. Due to the increasing enrollment and the enthusiasm for our educational programs, we are delighted that starting next year, we will be expanding to two classrooms at most elementary grade levels. This expansion allows us to better accommodate the needs of



our students and maintain the high-quality education that CAL Schools are known for. We appreciate the trust and confidence you place in us as we grow together. At the center of our planning is ensuring a safe and welcoming learning environment, maintaining small class sizes, and prioritizing early literacy.

If you have incoming students or if you know any students who are hoping to join our schools, we encourage families to call the school office and have student names placed on a waiting list for 24-25 enrollment.

Elementary School Name:

Lastly, we are hoping for your feedback. A discussion has developed with the School Board about the name of our elementary school, and there is a proposal to change the name from “Applegate Elementary School” to “Crow Elementary School”. At this point, this is only a discussion and will ultimately be a Board decision, but they are hoping to gather feedback from the community. We’ve created a quick survey - please click [HERE](#).

I am sincerely grateful to be working alongside such talented and caring individuals and to be partnering with such an engaged and thoughtful community. Thank you for your continued support.

With warm regards,

Heidi Brown, CAL Superintendent