



Superintendent Newsletter

October will be the end of the first quarter for the 2023-2024 school year. During the past two months, we have been educating students to pursue the knowledge to help them reach their greatest potential. In this month's newsletter, I would like to discuss the end of the 1st quarter, remote learning policy, and promotion of reading night.

The first quarter of the 2023-2024 school year ends on Tuesday October 17th. This year, we chose to end the 1st quarter in the middle of the week since we started with a partial week at the beginning of the year. Prior to the end of the first quarter, here are a couple of tips for parent(s)/guardian(s). First, make sure that you are checking on your child's grades on Infinite Campus. If you need help with checking grades on Infinite Campus, please call the elementary/middle school secretary Mrs. Shannon Dirk at (605)-456-0102 or the high school secretary Mrs. Kathy Lamphere at (605)-456-2393. Second, if you have any questions regarding your child's grades, please contact their teacher at the school.

The next item I would like to discuss relates to the changing of weather from fall to winter. The Newell Board of Education approved policy IGCBA: Remote Learning during the June meeting. The policy was created by a work group of teachers and support staff led by Mr. Schoenfish. The work group met multiple times last spring to look at other school district remote learning policies and procedures and they created a policy that helps the learning of students. With the remote learning policy, the school district will use remote learning as an option for learning when we have advanced knowledge of a severe weather event that would put students and staff in danger to come to school. We will not be using remote learning without preparation from our students and staff.

The last item I would like to discuss would be reading night on Thursday October 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm. The reading night is a great opportunity for our school district to engage our families in the importance of reading for students. I would encourage everyone to come to the event to enjoy a good book, have some food, and watch how our students positively interact with each other.

Irrigator Pride!

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