

# Waterbury Weekly

Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student

December 16, 2019

Dear Waterbury School Community,

Are you looking for some interesting family activities to try during winter break? The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County's website offers a flurry of winter fun including sledding, snow tubing, ice fishing, cross-country skiing, and more! Here are just a few activities that are listed on their website:

When there's more than 3 inches of snow, individuals can snow tube down the 800-foot run on Mount Hoy at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville. Inner tube rentals are at the base of the hill and are \$10 per tube per day.

Visitors can also explore the forest preserves by snowshoes. If you don't have a pair, they can be rented for \$10 for two hours or \$15 for the day.

At Kline Creek Farm in West Chicago, visitors can enjoy 20-minute horse-drawn sleigh rides when there is at least 4 inches of packed snow. Rides are \$5 per person ages 5 and up and are free for kids under 5. Kline Creek Farm will also host several "Farm Life in Winter" days where visitors to the farm will see several different activities in action! Please note, starting January 1, Kline Creek Farm will be asking for a suggested admission donation of \$5 per person for ages 3 and up (under 3 free).

Cross-country skiing trails are offered at a variety of forest preserves including Blackwell in Warrenville, Fullersburg Woods in Oak Brook, Mallard Lake in Hanover Park, Meacham Grove in Bloomingdale, and Waterfall Glen in Darien.

A complete list of their winter programs and activities can be found on their website: .

<https://www.dupageforest.org/news/news-releases/winter-fun-2019>

I hope everyone enjoys our winter break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school in the new year!

*Dr. Debbie Guzan*

Principal



## **Last Chance to Win a Thornton's Gas Card! Fill out the 5Essentials Survey Today!**

Thank you to everyone who has completed the **5Essentials Parent Survey**! If at least 20% of Waterbury Elementary School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will be generated for our school. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. **Don't forget!** If you complete the survey prior to December 20 and fill out and return the survey slip that was sent home with your child, you will be entered into the raffle to win one of two \$25 Thornton's Gas Cards! The winners will be drawn on the afternoon of December 20.

## **The Weather Outside is Frightful! Let it snow.. Let it snow.. Let it snow!**

Please be sure to dress your child for the cold and snowy weather. Remember those hats, mittens, gloves, snow pants and boots! **Labeling your child's items is a good idea as there always seems to be many lost items in our lost and found.** Unless it is very cold or rainy the students will go out for recess.

Our lost & found area continues to grow! If you are missing any coats, hats, gloves, sweaters, or other articles, please stop by and check to see if anything belongs to your child. Please be sure to check by Friday, December 20, as we will give all unclaimed articles to a worthy charity during the holiday break!

## **EMERGENCY CLOSING CENTER**

As winter approaches, the possibility exists for storms that would require the Superintendent to order a delayed opening or an emergency closing. It is the parent's responsibility to be aware of delayed openings and school closings by listening to the radio or TV and making arrangements for childcare. We encourage you to sign up for the Emergency School Closing website:

<http://www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/ecc/home.jsp>.

For more information about delays and emergency early closings, please log on to our District website at <http://www.esd20.org/>

### **UPCOMING EVENTS** For the other side

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Program**

Monday, December 16  
Spring Wood Middle School  
7 PM

#### **Board of Education Meeting**

Thursday, December 19  
Spring Wood Middle School  
7 PM

#### **All School Pajama Day**

**Friday, December 20**

#### **Winter Classroom Parties**

Friday, December 20  
1:30-2:30 PM

#### **Winter Break**

Monday, December 23  
through  
Friday, January 3

School resumes on  
Monday, January 6

*Enjoy Winter Break!*



## **Mark Your Calendar!**

### **PTO Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15  
6 PM

### **No School – MLK Jr. Birthday**

Monday, January 20

### **Board of Education Meeting**

Thursday, January 23  
Spring Wood Middle School  
7 PM

### **Vision & Hearing Screenings**

Tuesday, January 28