

School Happenings

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December 4, 2020

Greetings all!

I am sorry to say that our Christmas Concert will not be on Tuesday. We will record it and get it out to the public. We will record Pre-K – 4th grade on Thursday morning. Please feel free to send your child dressed up if you would like. On Monday, December 14, we will record 5-12 grades.

If you wish your child to attend or view the livestream of the funeral on Tuesday it will be an excused absence in the morning. Please call the school to let us know.

Our old elementary is set to begin demolition on Dec. 16. For the safety of our students kindergarten through fourth grade will have learning from home. Teachers will send home a packet for K-4 grades. We will hold our Christmas parties for them on December 15. 5th and 6th graders will attend class and will use the northwest doors to enter and exit. Please drop students off on 3rd Street (by the preschool).



2nd Grade musical instruments

3rd Grade homemade instruments



4th Grade musical instruments



NEW! Modification to CDC Quarantine Guidelines:

- CDC recommends 14 days of quarantine from the day of last exposure to a person with COVID-19. The quarantine period is the length of the incubation period (or how long it may take a person to become ill with COVID-19) for COVID-19.
- Based on evolving knowledge of COVID-19, CDC was able to provide alternatives that use additional information, specifically a close contact's development of symptoms and testing for COVID-19, to decrease the length of quarantine.
- CDC has provided two alternatives that have been adopted by SD-DOH:
 - Release from quarantine after 7 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Has a negative molecular or rapid antigen test that was collected on Day 5 or later, after their last contact with a person with COVID-19 (i.e., Day 5 of their quarantine or later)
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick
 - Release from quarantine after 10 days
 - Assumes the person in quarantine:
 - Has remained asymptomatic (has no symptoms)
 - Is not tested on Day 5 or later of quarantine
 - Continues to monitor their symptoms for the remainder of the 14 day period and will stay at home and seek testing if they become sick

We continue to mitigate the spread of germs by frequent handwashing and disinfecting classrooms often. We follow the recommendations from CDC and DOH on quarantining and isolation of close contacts.

Take care all.

