

Dear CES Families,

Welcome to Winter! The latest crazy weather has taken many of us off guard. We had so many warm days that didn't require a coat or warm clothing. Many kids brought a coat that was needed in the morning and then later discarded due to warming temps throughout the day. The result is a burgeoning Lost & Found! If your child is missing anything including lunch boxes, hats, gloves, roller blades (?!), gloves, pants, shirts, and, of course, coats, please send them to take a look or come in yourself and visit. The Lost & Found is located just outside the middle school area on your way to the music room and gym. We will begin our "Giving Wall" soon that is located in the Compass Cafe'. Once items have been left for four weeks (we tag them to keep track), they land on the Giving Wall where they are up for grabs to anyone who has a need.

As you know field trips are a big part of learning here at CES. We take more trips than any other school in the district. Along with planning lots of trips comes the increased risk of having to cancel due to weather concerns. I just wanted to take a minute to explain why we have to ask kids to bring their cold lunch, as planned for the trip, when we have to make these last minute (or even last few days) cancellations: Our kitchen staff must place their food orders two weeks in advance so that food can be delivered on time. All trips that take kids away from lunch must be scheduled at least two weeks in advance so that the order can be placed accordingly. When we cancel after that two week time period, there is not enough food ordered to accommodate the change in the number of students who would order a school lunch. This works in the reverse too--we don't plan a last minute trip that would take kids away from lunch so as not to waste food that has already been ordered. So far, we have been able to provide a sack lunch for students who did not bring a lunch on the days that their trip was cancelled thanks to our wonderful lunch ladies, Alisa and Sammie. They quickly found ways to provide a nutritious lunch for all of the kids but it wasn't the hot lunch that was on the menu. I hope this makes sense but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the school.

Last month I highlighted 3 of the Traits of our district's graduate profile. They were **Innovation, Civility and Knowledge**. This month I'm highlighting two more: Agility and Agency.

Agility: The ability and willingness to learn from experience and then apply that learning to perform successfully in new situations.

Agency: The capability of individuals to act independently with purpose. This includes self advocacy for both academic and social needs.

Thank you for being a part of our CES Family!

Mrs. Kelly Albrecht, Principal