

## Inclement Weather Plan

As the weather begins to cool, the expectation is for students to **go outside on appropriate days**. Students need to come each day **dressed for outside play**. When the temperature is below 20 degrees, students will be inside. On days when the temperature is between 20-32 degrees, we will make a careful decision as to whether an 'outside' or 'inside' day is appropriate. Wind chill, air quality and precipitation will always be taken into consideration when making these decisions. As the inevitable 'inside day' is needed, we are grateful to our Specialists who will supervise students in the school's vestibules, providing appropriate inside activities.

The front and back doors on the East end of the school will be open each morning at **8:00 a.m.** Students are welcome to choose to stay inside or go outside once they arrive at school each morning. If students choose to remain inside, they need to stay in the **East hall** by the lunchroom where supervision can be provided. To facilitate student drop-off, the front doors on the west side of the school by the kindergarten rooms will be opened at **8:45 a.m.** Students are welcome in classrooms after **8:45 a.m.** We will continue to have our PM Kindergarten students come to the front door. This will help us keep our students safe and our school secure.

# Explorer Events

March 2020

### Message from Mrs. Brown

We are so excited to support and celebrate **READING** during the 2019-2020 school year! **Our reading goal this year is to read 1,250,000 minutes as a school!!!**

Below please find our monthly "Just Jump into Reading" celebration schedule:

**March TBA:** Rodeo Reading Assembly -- Reading Celebration -- (two bikes, lots of books, rodeo tickets, boots)

**April 22 ... 2:45pm-3:15pm:** Reading Celebration with Mrs. Brown --

**May 11 ... 1:00pm-2:15pm:** Closing Assembly / Kiwanis / Golden Explorer-- (one bike, college grant certificates)

***We work each year to help students become better readers ... by encouraging ready every day!!***

Welcome to OUR Family ...



there's Room for ALL!

## February 2019 Calendar

**National School Breakfast Week** March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

|  |                |
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| <b>"Whoville" Hair Day</b>                       | <b>2</b>       |
| <b>PTA Family Arts/Parent Night @ 5:00pm</b>     | <b>2</b>       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Cabellas and Museum            | 4              |
| PTA Board Meeting                                | 4              |
| Daylight Savings Time – Spring Forward           | 8              |
| <b>Minimal Day (dismissed @ noon)</b>            | <b>10</b>      |
| Combined AM/PM Kindergarten                      | 10             |
| School Play (evenings)                           | 12, 13, 16, 17 |
| Kinder Zoo Field Trip                            | 13             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – Maturation @ 1:30              | 13             |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> – Maturation @ 2:30              | 13             |
| <b>SEP Conferences</b>                           | <b>18, 19</b>  |
| <b>Make Up Snow Early Out Day</b> (dismiss 2:30) | <b>20</b>      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Program @ 6:30      | 25             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Farm Field Days                | 25             |
| PTA Culver's Spirit Night 5:00-9:00              | 26             |
| ** Spring Break                                  | April 6 - 10   |

# SEP

## Conferences

Our third and final Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and **Thursday, March 18 and 19**. Please watch for a Google Document sign-up on Monday, **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from your student's teacher. We are so excited to celebrate your student's progress with you!

**Lost and found** items will be set out by the office during conferences. Please check and see if any of the items belong to your family.

**Early Out Day Friday,  
March 20, 2020**

## STOP ... WALK ... TALK

### The STOP Signal

Our school-wide "STOP signal" for problem behavior is STOP, using our words and actions. When we experience problem behavior, or see another student experiencing problem behavior, we can use this signal.

### WALK Away

Sometimes, even when we tell others to "STOP", problem behavior will continue. When this happens, we can "WALK away" from the problem behavior.

### TALK

When we use "STOP" and we "WALK away" from the problem, sometimes others will continue to behave inappropriately. When this happens, we can "TALK" to an adult.



<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/>

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/school-calendar>

## A "Must Use": NEBO App

The **Blackboard** (formerly ParentLink) app for Nebo School District is available in Apple, Google and Windows app stores. You can access social media, grades, news, and participate all on your mobile device. The Nebo Blackboard app is a mobile solution designed especially for students, parents and teachers. The app provides an intuitive way to interact and communicate. The **Nebo Blackboard app** can be used throughout a student's academic journey to stay on top of information and plan ahead. Get the app at: <http://www.nebo.edu/bb-mobile-app>

## School Wellness

We are so excited to continue our Health and Wellness/Gold Medal School focus at Spanish Oaks this year. We want to thank all of our families for their enthusiasm to celebrate birthdays and special occasions with their child's class. Due to the growing health concerns and allergies of many of our students, we would like to propose an **alternative** to the traditional "candy/sugar" treats. The following are just a few suggestions:

- A donation of your child's favorite book to the classroom library
- Fun pencils and/or erasers
- A goody bag with non-edible items

What a great way to support health and wellness at our school ... **Let's be healthy, Explorers!**

## School Spirit Day(s) ... FRIDAY!

We invite ALL students to wear their **grade-level class T-shirt on FRIDAY(s)** to show their school Spirit!

## Notes from the Office

- **Rainy/Snowy Days:** Please make sure your child knows what to do after school on rainy or snowy days. Please do not have one of the options be to call home.
- **Planning Time:** Below is our Planning Time schedule. This may be helpful when checking students out of school early. It will take a little longer to check a student out if they are at a planning time class.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12:00-12:30

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 12:30-1:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1:00-1:30

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 1:30-2:00

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 2:00-2:30

5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2:30-3:10 (not on Mondays)

- **Lunch Schedule**

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Recess

10:40 a.m. - 10:55 a.m. .... 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Recess

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m... .. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Recess

11:20 a.m. - 11:55 a.m..... 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:25 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. .... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:30 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. .... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. .... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lunch

11:50 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. .... 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Lunch

11:55 a.m. - 12:30 p.m..... 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Lunch

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m... .. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. .... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recess

- **Explorer Food Drive:** Looking ahead ... Our Explorer Food Drive will be held **during the winter months**. Please watch for more details on times and most-needed items. Thank you for your support!

## Outside Play

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### **"Teacher's Favorites Things" Board**

The PTA has updated our **"Teacher's Favorites Things"** display outside Mrs. Brown's office in the East hallway of the school. The purpose of this display is to not only get to know our amazing teachers better, but in the event a parent or student would like to "gift" them something, this information will help with useful gift ideas. There are items listed from their favorite snack and hobbies, to classroom supplies they could always use more of!



## **Attendance and Tardies**

We cannot excuse absences after 2 days. Absences can be excused in advance, but no longer than 2 days after the absence.

Please call or email both [deann.carter@nebo.edu](mailto:deann.carter@nebo.edu) and [stacey.johnson@nebo.edu](mailto:stacey.johnson@nebo.edu) to excuse absences. If you call after 9:30 a.m. in the morning to excuse your child, you will probably still receive a call from BlackBoard.

If you are checking your student out *early*, you must come to the office ... Please do not go to the classroom. If you call a few minutes ahead, we can have your student on their way to the office.

- Thank you, from the Office Staff!

### **School Schedule(s):**

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/spanish-oaks-daily-schedules>

## **School Food Drive**

Our annual School Food Drive ran from **January 6 – February 7, 2020**. Thanks to your generous donations, our school had a successful food drive! We received a total of 1,490 donations. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade brought in the most donations. Thank you to everyone who donated! We love being able to give back to our community!

All donations to **Tabitha's Way** will stay here locally to help stop hunger. This year our goal was to **EXCEED** last year's goal!! **All donations stay here locally** ... Thank you so much for your support!

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/news/food-drive-spanish-oaks-success>

# BE KIND SHOW RESPECT WORK HARD

**Our MISSION:** Ensure high levels of learning and success for all.

**Our VISION:** At Spanish Oaks we are focused on student learning, promoting a growth mindset through a safe, positive and fun environment.

## Inclement Weather Notification(s)

<http://www.nebo.edu/schools/status>

<http://www.nebo.edu/parents>

As we head into the winter weather months, please make sure to **UPDATE** your contact information in **SIS** ("edit" in 'Contacts' section). You will receive ALL notifications from both our school and the district through **Blackboard**. Explicit instructions on how to do this can be found at the above links, e.g., Main Phone (this is where you will receive ParentLink calls); Mobile Phone (this is where you will receive BlackBoard texts; only have one phone (list same # twice), etc.

### Growth Mindset

Every day our students will be immersed in *growth mindset* in our classrooms. The students will be asked to take educational risks. They will be praised not for their mental quickness or natural intelligence, but for approaching the process of learning with grit and determination. They will grow in ways they never thought possible.

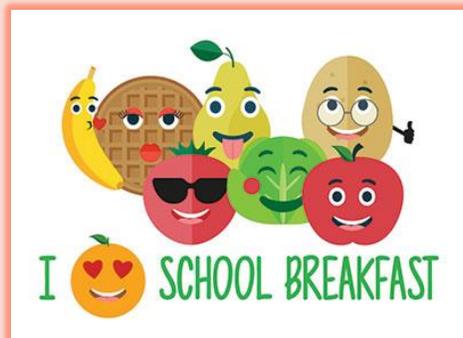
Here are some things you can do to extend and promote *growth mindset* in your home:

- Encourage your child to take risks and tackle new challenges at school.
- Praise your child not for the ease with which he or she learns a concept, but for the amount of effort put into learning it.
- Emphasize perseverance and effort in extracurricular activities. For example, "I'm proud of how much effort you put into that basketball game" instead of "I'm proud of how many points you scored in that basketball game."

## National School Breakfast Week March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

We are so excited to participate in National School Breakfast Week on March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>!

Parents, if you are receiving free and reduced lunch, you ALSO get free and reduced breakfast! When you use these services, it benefits our school.



<https://schoolnutrition.org/2-meetings-and-events/sn-events/national-school-breakfast>

## Chess EXTRA

It is time for Chess EXTRA!! Mrs. Laura Dyches began Chess EXTRA on Tuesday, **February 11, 2020**. This is for 4th-6th grade students during their lunch hour; for students who already know how to play & want to play against other students.

We will play every TUESDAY and THURSDAY until **March 19, 2020**. *This time is to practice chess for fun and maybe participate in mini tournaments!*

<http://spanishoaks.nebo.edu/content/extra-programs>

## Jump into Reading

Each of our students participate by completing their weekly/monthly classroom reading assignments. Each week they complete this, they receive a **"ticket"** from their teacher. If they exceed the required minutes, i.e., 2nd grade, 20 min/5 days a week, etc., then they can earn an *additional* "ticket". Teacher(s) keep track of these "tickets", as well as **total class minutes read** during the month, and turn them in each month. Every *other* month we give away books, posters and ... two (2) bikes. On the opposite month(s), we select one "reader" from each class to participate in a *Reading Celebration with Mrs. Brown*. Keep reading, students ... If we reach our goal of **1,250,000 minutes read as a school**, we earn a whole school celebration!!!

## PTA Carnival

Mark your calendars for our annual PTA School Carnival  
Friday, May 8, 2020 from  
5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.



## Bus Loading Zone

We will have buses coming to the school each day for two new classes joining our Spanish Oaks family this year. With this addition, the bus loading zone will be **actively used throughout the day**. Buses will need access to the bus lane at all times. Parent drop off and pick up will **no longer be permitted** in the identified bus loading zone. We need to keep the bus lane clear **at all times**.

Parent drop off and pick up will continue in both the East and West parking lots. Thank you very much for your support!

## BOX TOPS for Education

Box tops for this school year can be turned into your child's teacher ... **all year long!** Please look for the Box Top container in your classroom. The class(es) with the most box tops will receive awesome rewards! Funds received from box tops help buy school supplies for our school.

## Please Take A Look at Our Website!

- [SafeUT](#)
- [Sora](#)
- [School Google Calendar](#)
- Lunch Menu and Payment Link
- [Teacher Websites](#)
- Monthly School Newsletter
- PTA Website
- *ConnectEd* Math Site
- Parent Resources
- Student Resources
- 2019-2020 *Family Information Guide*
- School News w/ Articles and Photos
- [EXTRA Programs](#)
- Registration
- [Back to School / Open House](#)
- Behavior Rubric
- Library Website
- [Nebo District Mobile App](#)



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