



Inclement Weather Procedures for B.E.S.

As we approach the winter months, it is important for Bloomsbury School District to put our inclement weather plan into action to keep parents informed. When it is necessary to close school or delay the opening of school, we will do our best to send out our announcements between 5:00AM and 7:00AM. All announcements will be made in the following manner:

- The Blackboard Connect Voice Blast System
- The District Facebook page (Bloomsbury Elementary School)
- Radio Stations WLEV-FM (100.7) & the HAWK (99.9 FM)
- WFMZ 69 News on Service Electric channel 8 (Listed as Bloomsbury School District/NJ)

School Closures:

It may be necessary to close school entirely for the day due to inclement weather. **At this point, we WILL NOT utilize virtual learning days for snow days. We will update families if this should change.**

Delayed Openings:

For delayed openings, the start of school will be delayed 90 minutes, which means school will not begin until 10:00AM for all grades PreK-8. Please note, lunch **WILL BE** served on these days. The following schedule will be in place during a 90 minute delayed opening:

- PreK → 10:00AM – 12:00PM (Students should not arrive before 9:45AM.)
- Grades K-8 → 10:00AM – 3:00PM (Students should not arrive before 9:45AM.)

Emergency Early Dismissal Days:

Unfortunately, there are times we may have to release students early due to weather conditions. On those rare occasions, we will do our best to announce the emergency dismissal as early as possible. Announcements will be made through **Blackboard Connect**, just like school closures and/or delayed openings.

Bloomsbury School District also encourages parents to create their own plan in case we are forced to call a school closure, delayed opening or emergency early dismissal. Please DO NOT wait until the day it occurs to have an emergency plan. The following tips are provided to help you with your plan.

1. Be aware of the weather conditions and possible storm developments from the night before or throughout the day. During this time, parents should be anticipating announcements from the school of a closure, delayed opening or early dismissal, depending on the situation.
2. Develop a family plan regarding who will be meeting/caring for your child and where he/she should go. In your absence, please make arrangements with a neighbor or relative to assist in child care. Most importantly, please discuss this plan with your child and your child's teacher so he/she knows who to expect and where they should go.
3. Please be accessible via phone/email in case an early dismissal must be called. We need to make sure we are able to get in touch with all parents on these rare occasions so you are able to make the necessary arrangements. Your child's safety is our top priority. It is imperative everyone is aware of the change to the school day.

****A Blackboard Connect voice blast will be sent on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 as a test run. If you have any questions, concerns, or know of anyone who did not receive the voice blast and should have, please contact Ms. Bolmarcich at kbolmarcich@bburyes.org.**

Here's wishing for NO SNOW DAYS!!