



Mary A. Otondo Elementary School

March 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Guardians:

March Character Trait is Citizenship!

Citizenship means: I am honest in my work, leisure and relationships with others.

Citizenship means: I genuinely care for people and living things.

Citizenship means: I respect others and myself. I value different ideas and points of view.

Citizenship means: I take responsibility and contribute to my family, school and community.

Citizenship means: I make wise choices and have the courage to stand up for what is right.

2017-2018 Kindergarten Registration is on! Tell your friends and neighbors!

Parent/Teacher Conferences – Early Dismissal

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held March 28-30. On Monday, March 21, we will dismiss at 2:10 p.m. as usual. We will dismiss at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is a regular release day at 3:40. Please make sure you have made arrangements for your children on these early dismissal days. Your child's teacher will contact you with a date and time for your conference. Please make every effort to attend your child's conference. Thank you!

Cell Phones

Cell phones and electronic devices are not permitted without administrative approval. Parents and students must sign an agreement paper before students are allowed to have a cell phone at school. Cell phones must be off and in the student's backpack during the school day and while on the bus. The school and or District are not liable for damaged or stolen cell phones or devices.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND "SICK" CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

Do to the increased number of students with possible contagious illnesses; the following guidelines **MUST** be followed to help reduce the potential of infecting other students and staff.

Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if:

1. They have a fever and/or have been treated with Tylenol, Motrin or other fever reducing medication within the last 24 hours.
2. If they have vomited last night or before school.
3. If they have experienced hot/cold chills in the last 24 hours.
4. If they are coughing excessively.
5. If they are pale, unusually tired or lack energy.

Children need to be "FEVER FREE" for a full 24 hours before returning to school.

We ask that you comply with these guidelines because one contagious child can affect not only other students, but teachers as well. Our goal is to keep kids healthy at school. Children who are "sick" belong at home where they can rest and recover.

SPRING BREAK April 3-7, NO SCHOOL!

Reminders for eating in the Otondo Cafeteria with your child

All Parents/Guardians wishing to have lunch with their children **must** sign in at the office and obtain a visitors badge before entering the cafeteria. Parents may sit with their child at a table in the center of the cafeteria. We do not allow your child to have classmates sit and eat with them during lunch. This is meant to be a special time for you to spend with your child. Please do not share your lunch items with other students. At the end of the lunch period, parents **may not** follow students to the playground. Please remember to check out from the office prior to exiting the building. This is for student safety and liability.