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Dear Parents & Families:

Much to the children's delight, we awoke to snow last Monday and the "kind" days of November seem only a pleasant memory. Our goal is for school to be in session every day, but New England weather keeps us on our toes. Typical snow day cancellation means an early morning recorded Connect-Ed call is sent to everyone informing them of no school or a delayed start to the day. The most bothersome scenario for elementary schools and parents is an **early dismissal due to snow**. Fortunately, we have Connect-Ed to assist us in contacting you, so please be sure your phone contact information is current. A Connect-Ed call will go out as soon as the decision for early dismissal is made by Dr. Oakley. **Unless we receive a phone call, email, or note, children will be put on the bus to go home on early dismissal days.** Parents should have a plan in place to assure that someone will be home when the buses drop children off. **Surround Care is cut back to one hour after the dismissal time** when early dismissal occurs. For example, early snow dismissal at noon means surround care students must be picked up by 1:00. Early dismissal decisions are generally made by 11:00, and Spring Street will be dismissed at Noon, but parents are encouraged to pick up students at any time if they have a concern about driving conditions. If a delayed opening to the school day is called due to road conditions, it will change the starting times for all areas.

**IN CASE OF DELAYED OPENING, THERE WILL
BE NO MORNING KINDERGARTEN OR
PRESCHOOL CLASSES.**

**IN CASE OF DELAYED OPENING, AFTERNOON
KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL CLASSES
WILL BE HELD AS USUAL.**

With delayed opening, the regular dismissal time remains at 2:30, and buses will run as close to their regular schedule as the road conditions allow. This weekend, take a moment to familiarize your child with plans for a possible early dismissal.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING:

Once again, students enjoyed shopping for holiday gifts for their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and siblings at the ELF SHOP. It gave them an opportunity to make some important monetary decisions and sharpen their math skills. Children felt they had a great amount of responsibility in

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picking out that special gift for each family member. Thank you to the PTO volunteers who began planning the ELF SHOP in the summer by obtaining great, reasonably priced gift choices for each age group. Volunteers transported, arranged and priced the merchandise for student shoppers. They also made sure there was enough help during the shopping days to assist students with gift selection and payment.

BOX FOR SOCKS:

We are collecting new socks for the homeless and poor in the Brockton area. *Woody's Project* is the name of the organization one of our K teachers, Mrs. Walsh, has made contact with, and when our box of socks is full, many of the areas needy will enjoy the comfort of clean, dry, warm socks. A simple pleasure many of us may take for granted. Adult sizes are requested. Look for the Woody's Project Box for Socks in the Kindergarten wing where children may drop off their donations.

RECESS:

It is the policy of the school to have outdoor recess whenever possible. Indoor recess will be held only when weather conditions do not permit outdoor activity. Parents should dress children according to weather conditions with the proper footwear and outer clothing for outdoor recess.

NO SCHOOL OR EARLY DISMISSAL WHISTLE DUE TO SNOW OR EMERGENCY:

The **No School** whistle at the W.B. Fire Station will sound at 6:45 a.m. The **Early Dismissal** will sound by 10:30 a.m. The early dismissal whistle will be **one long burst** followed by **two short bursts**. This procedure is not a substitute for the TV, radio, website and Connect Ed.

BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN: You may simply clip the box top coupons from hundreds of participating products found in your local grocery store and send them to the school. Spring Street School receives 10 cents for each box top we collect. Place in an envelope marked with your child's name and teacher's name. Some of the products with Box Top logos are Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Yoplait, Green Giant, Gold Medal and Progresso. The money goes toward purchases that enhance our school's learning environment and school programs. Tell your friends and relatives to save them too. Let's start cutting and collecting today and see how much we can earn for our school. Visit the website for more information - <http://www.boxtops4education.com>.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DECEMBER MEETING: The next School Committee meeting is December 10th at the WBMSHS at 6:30 p.m.

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