



Week starting January 7, 2024

Dear Linden Families,

Welcome to 2024. I hope you had a restful winter break. Our students' transition back to their learning environments went well. In the next few weeks, my superintendent's message will change. It will be sent bi-weekly and include visuals to communicate our story. During the transition, if you have any questions, contact my office.

This weekend was our first official snowfall. For some students, this is their first snow experience; I remember having fun times as a child. Please remember that the safety of our students, staff, and families is always our top priority. Addressing the possibility of weather-related issues affecting our community is essential. We will closely monitor weather conditions and collaborate with local authorities to make appropriate decisions regarding school closures, delays, or early dismissals. City roads, sidewalks, parking lots, exterior school grounds, and bussing routes are part of the decision-making.

In case of any weather-related changes, we will communicate promptly via our usual channels, including district-wide notifications through phone calls, emails, social media, and our school website. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date with your school. You can also sign up for Linden's emergency alerts via text, email, or mobile apps using the City of Linden Nixle account by texting 07036 to 888777

Students have an early dismissal on Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, for teacher In-Service training. Lunch will be served. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's building principal.

Let us continue to make this year safe and successful for our district. Our "Keeping our Students Safe" public service announcement student video contest is part of our "It Takes a Village" initiative in partnership with the Mayor of Linden. The student submission deadline has been extended to March 1st. Students can win a monetary prize - \$500 for the elementary level, \$750 for the middle school level, and \$1,000 for the high school level. Students are to submit their PSA video on ways to positively enhance school safety and security to Mr. Chris Paskewich at [cpaskewich@lindenps.org](mailto:cpaskewich@lindenps.org) with permission slips.

Take care,

Atiya Y. Perkins  
Superintendent of Schools