

**UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY BULLETIN
JANUARY 2019**

HAPPY NEW YEAR! - Wishing you peace, joy, and a bright start to 2019.

Wed., 1/2	School Reopens for Staff and Students
Thurs., 1/3	Board of Education Reorganization Meeting – 6PM
Mon., 1/7	PTO Meeting – Seabrook Media Center – 6:30PM
Wed., 1/9	Family Night – No Homework
Wed., 1/16- Mon., 1/21	ACE Music Trip to Atlanta, Georgia
Mon., 1/21	School Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed
Tues., 1/22	Board of Education Meeting – Woodruff School Library – 7PM
Wed., 1/23	PTO Book Fair Begins – check with your child's teacher for scheduled day
Fri., 1/25	Blue & Gold Day Woodruff Student of the Month Breakfast (first half of year) – 8:15 PTO Snowball Dance – Woodruff School from 7PM – 9PM
Wed., 1/30	Marking Period #2 Ends – Report Cards issued Feb., 5, 6, & 7

Text Alerts for School Closings: Our parents and students can get notified when our schools close by text message or email! You can subscribe to our school district's alerts by visiting NBC 10's website at www.nbc10.com and clicking on **WEATHER**. From there, click on the **SCHOOL CLOSING ALERTS** link then look for the **SUBSCRIBE TO MOBILE ALERTS** link to sign up. This will keep you informed of any school closings for our district.

Inclement Weather: We are in the winter months and that means there is the potential for school closings. Please send in any updates for your phone numbers to your respective school buildings as we will be using our automated system to notify parents of school closings and cancellations of evening activities. As you are aware, school offices are closed after 3:30pm and the automated system will call you for cancellations of after school programs and other events if the result of a decision is made to cancel the event. Every effort will be made to make a decision prior to dismissal so a notice can be sent with the students in addition to notification via the automated system. We will continue to broadcast school closing announcements on 6ABC, NBC10, the school district website, and WSNJ 1240 AM. You may also call (856) 455-2267 and an announcement will be posted should schools be closed.

Mark Your Calendars:

- PTO Snowball Dance on January 25 from 7pm to 9pm.
- Woodruff School Student of the Month Breakfast for the first semester on January 25.
- The Book Fair begins on January 23 and runs through January 31.
- Schools will be closed on Monday, January 21 in honor of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday and on Friday, February 1 for teacher in-service.

Internet and Social Media Safety: Given the prevalence of Social Media and Internet Communication that we use daily, especially our children, it is important to do the following:

- **Educate yourself about social media. Find out all you can about the dangers of social media and how it is very easy to become involved in something that can lead to problems.**
- **Establish an age limit for your child and know who your child is contacting via this medium.**

- **Talk to your kids about the dangers and consequences of social media, especially sharing information about themselves with others, including those they know.**
- **Keep the computer in a common area of your home and monitor cell phone information to set parameters for acceptable use.**
- **Set guidelines or rules and be prepared to give a consequence for violations of the rules. Remember, this is about safety and there are many things that can occur through social media outlets that are not positive.**

Parking Lot Safety: Please adhere to the designated drop off zones when bringing your children to school in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. The bus lanes need to be clear for the buses to move through to each school as they deliver the children in the morning or picking them up in the afternoon. Please respect the designated bus lane by not using them prior to 8:00am or after 2:00pm until 2:40pm. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Schools Closed: The Upper Deerfield Township Schools will be closed on Tuesday January 1 for New Year's Day and again on Monday, January 16 in observance of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Two Items of Importance: 1. Please adhere to the policy of signing your child out of school for appointments and other matters that necessitate your child needing to leave early. If your child leaves school early and plans on returning, you must bring them in to the school and sign them back into the building. 2. If your child rides the bus and you plan on picking them up from school, please notify the school office prior to 1:00pm of your intention to pick your child up from school. If there is an emergent situation, please report to the office so your child can be removed from the bus by the administrator or designee of the administrator. Please do not attempt to go the bus directly and have your child removed as this is a matter of safety.

Complete Care: CompleteCare Upper Deerfield Medical Professionals on the campus of Upper Deerfield Township Schools Interested in making an appointment or learning more about the services & programs of CompleteCare Health Network? Contact us at 856-451-4700 or on the web at www.completecarenj.org. Upper Deerfield Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm

Academic Assistance: Academic Assistance after school is available for students on designated dates from 2:15 – 3:15 PM under the direction of district teaching staff. This is an opportunity for the students to obtain additional assistance with their work. Transportation must be provided home from this activity. Contact your building principal for more information and space availability.

After School Pickup: When picking up your child from school at dismissal time, parents are reminded to park their car and meet their child in front of the school building where the child attends. Students are running between buses and cars to their parents' cars at dismissal. This is a safety issue and following the procedure regarding pickup and drop off of students will alleviate this concern.

Bus Safety: Please remind your children to use their seatbelt on the bus and adhere to the bus safety items of remaining seated, not moving from seat to seat and talking loudly.

PTO: The Upper Deerfield Township PTO meets the first Monday of each month in the Seabrook School Media Center unless otherwise noted. These meetings begin at 6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend and support the PTO in their mission to assist all our schools in the district. The meeting this month will be the second Monday, January 7, 2019.

Board of Education Meeting: On Thursday, January 3, there will be a reorganization meeting of the Board of Education. This meeting will take place in the Woodruff School Library at 6:00pm (Please note the time change). This month the regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00pm.

Quotes Worth Quoting:

“The time is always right to do what is right.” – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”
– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?’”
– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.-