

Early Release Day. . .

Don't forget on January 12th students will be dismissed at 2:07

School Mall. . .

We will be collecting names and addresses for the School Mall Program, which will kick-off on January 11th. Please look for more information at a later date.

End of Marking Period. . .

The 2nd marking period ends on January 22nd which is also a 1/2 day for school for students. School will dismiss at 11:07.

Report Cards. . .

Look for report cards to come home on Thursday, January 28th.



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Newsletter



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Dates to Remember

January 4th

School Resumes

January 11th

School Mall Kick-Off

January 12th

Early Release

January 22nd

1/2 of school



January 29th

NO School

Q & A

How can I help my child be more organized?

Q: I wondered why I hadn't heard about school events that other parents knew about. Then I opened my child's backpack. There were crumpled-up papers, a dirty T-shirt and a smushed-up dessert. His chronic disorganization affects his schoolwork—he loses things and can't find what he needs. How can I help him get on track?



A: There are cost to disorganization, as you and your son are already discovering. Luckily, organizational skills can be taught.

Talk with your son about why you're going to try to help him get organized. Remind him of the problems he's faced in the past. Wouldn't life be easier if he could find his assignments when he needs to turn them in?

Start by giving the backpack a thorough cleaning. Uncrumple the wads of paper. Together, decide what's important and what can be tossed. (You can also sign and have your child return the three forms the teacher is probably waiting for.)

Get a folder for each subject. Color code them so he can remember that green = science, and blue = math. Everything for that subject goes in its folder.

While he's getting used to the new routine, you'll have to help him. Do daily checks so he can get in the habit of putting things where they belong. He may never be super organized, but he'll be able to find his science home-