

Cruiser Chronicle

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Dear Lovejoy Families,

Happy New Year!

As we begin another year we wanted to take a moment to share information about showing sensitivity and respect to all students. At Lovejoy we have students who have various forms of visible and invisible health issues. These health issues range from Alopecia, Eczema and skin conditions, to Asthma and Mental Health issues. Some of these health matters are visible (can be seen), while others are not. Please help explain to your child that students can't control these medical issues, they are not contagious and students should be thoughtful and respectful. If students have questions about these medical issues they can ask their teacher, but should be respectful in their questioning. If you have questions or concerns please contact Lovejoy or our school nurse. Thank you for helping us create a caring environment!

Winter is here! Please remember that students should be dressed appropriately for the weather! DMPS takes weather cancellations very seriously. Please check DMPS website (dmschools.org) and Facebook to look for weather announcements. Please also keep an eye on local news stations.

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January 16- MLK Day

Lovejoy Laundry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays for Lovejoy Parents/Guardians to do laundry at **no cost**. Laundry supplies provided. Call 242.8419 to make an appointment. Parents/guardians will be asked to volunteer while their cycle is running.

Up-to-date school lunch menus

are available at

www.DMSchools.org



Happy 2017!

Make this the best year yet!

Before & After School- 2nd Semester Updates!

Metro Kids Care will have spots open for 2nd semester. Hours are 6:30am until school starts and after school until 5:45pm. **Child Care Assistance and a Sliding Fee Scale are available.** You can fill out an application online or in person at school! Sign-up before spots fill up!

School of Rigor:

Lovejoy is one of the six *Schools of Rigor* in Des Moines Public Schools. We were chosen to be part of Phase 1 of this process, with all other schools following in the next two phases. Lovejoy teachers receive intensive professional development through this process. Due to this, Lovejoy students have two school days in which they do not attend school (Jan. 3rd and March 20th). This year we have increased our school day time to make-up for these two non-school days. To learn more about School of Rigor visit the District page: <http://www.dmschools.org/schools-for-rigor-at-dmps/>.

Readers Are Leaders!!

Do you read at home every night?! Fifteen minutes of reading can make a HUGE difference in your child's education. We encourage you to read with your child or set a "reading time" every day!

Did you know Lovejoy has a free Lending Library? Our library is located near the parking lot on the east side of the building. Students are encourage to take a book, and leave a book. Once they finish their book they should return it and get a new book!

Southside Library- The library is another great place to checkout free books! The library is located at 1111 Porter Ave.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!

If students aren't in school, they aren't learning!

If an emergency occurs, and your child can't attend school please call the office at 242.8419. Thank you!

2ND & 3RD GRADE MUSIC CONCERT

Thursday, January 19th!

2nd grade at 6pm & 3rd grade at 6:30.

Yearbook Advertisement!

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