

# Estabrook Newsletter

December 14, 2009

## Greetings!

Brrrrr! Winter weather is officially here! We appreciate students bringing in their winter weather gear, so they can enjoy the snow at recess time.

This is the perfect time of year to review school delay and cancellation procedures. In the event of a delayed start time or school closing, Dr. Ash will send out an automated telephone message to parents. The school district will also post relevant information on the LPS website <http://lps.lexingtonma.org/snow> by 6:00 a.m. Parents can watch the television channels 4, 5, 7 and Fox 25 or listen to WBZ radio. In regard to school delays, parents should follow the Superintendent's guidance about start times, but generally speaking:

**One hour delay** - students may enter school grounds at 9:15 a.m. Students proceed to lockers and classrooms at 9:30 a.m. Students are marked tardy after 9:45 a.m.

**Two hour delay** - students may enter the school grounds at 10:15 a.m. Students proceed to lockers and classrooms at 10:30 a.m. Students are marked tardy after 10:45 a.m.

In all cases, the buses will follow their normal routes, **but with the same delay as the schools.**

In the event of an early dismissal, the school follows written parent directions from your pink "early dismissal form" sent into the office at the beginning of the school year. Parents are asked to review their early dismissal plan with their children. Please contact Terri Carfagno, Administrative Assistant with any questions, concerns or needs: [tcarfagno@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us](mailto:tcarfagno@sch.ci.lexington.ma.us).

Our deepest appreciation goes to Estabrook families for your overwhelming generosity for local charities. The gifts, cards, coats and puppy blankets reflect the spirit, care and love of our community. Thank you!

December also brings report card time. This is an important time to reflect on individual successes and goals for

## A Thank You

Thanks to the Estabrook PTA, the art room has a new set of DVD's, called, "Getting to Know the World's Famous Artists." The videos are a fun and informative introduction to seven important artists; DaVinci, Michaelangelo, Rembrandt, Monet, Van Gogh, Cassatt and Warhol. I wonder how these artists would feel if they were to come back to life and see Estabrook students learning about them? Estabrook is fortunate to have such supportive parents!

~ Mrs. Durrell

the future. Learning is a journey where encouragement, support and praise mean so much to each child. We are so proud of each and every student at Estabrook! Until next week...

Warmest regards,  
Sandra A. Trach  
Principal



## Lexington Education Foundation Stars – The Perfect Gift!

Looking for a way to thank all the teachers in your child's life this holiday season?

A LEF STAR (Staff Teacher Appreciation & Recognition) is the perfect gift. It always comes in the right size, it doesn't require batteries, and you won't have to find a parking space at the mall. When you make a minimum donation of \$20 to LEF, or \$50 for a team award, each STAR recipient receives a certificate acknowledging a donation in their honor. For the teachers who make a difference in your child's school day, it's the ideal way to let them know you value what they do while benefiting the entire Lexington school community. Can a coffee mug do all that? You may purchase STARS online at [www.lexedfoundation.org](http://www.lexedfoundation.org).

The Lexington Education Foundation thanks you!

## Reminders

Students arriving at 8:45 a.m. or after must enter school with a parent.

All visitors must sign in at the main office.

## Please Note!

Coats For Kids + Puppy Blankets Deadlines

Friday, December 18