

Blackboard Connect

December 21st, 2018

Greetings, Big Woods Parents –

We completed our fourth month of school today and celebrated the upcoming winter break with an all-school assembly & classroom parties. Our break begins on Monday, December 24th and continues through January 1st. **School resumes on Wednesday, January 2rd, 2019.**

Enjoy family time, and travel safely.

Respectfully, Lee Brown

P.S REMEMBER TO READ!

Important Announcement: Visitor Registration System (VRS)

As you know, the safety of our students is our highest priority. Currently STMA partners with Wright County law enforcement and Homeland Security to review, evaluate, and update our practices.

Big Woods will pilot the Raptor Visitor Registration System (VRS) beginning January 2nd. We will use Raptor on a 'test' basis until we learn more about the system and become comfortable with the process. **To begin, we will use the VRS to check-in visitors for lunch, as well as anyone picking a student up early from school.**

- ★The VRS verifies the identity of a visitor, keep track of check-in and check-out times, and print custom visitor labels with photo IDs.
- ★The VRS provides a consistent system to track visitors and volunteers across the district.
- ★The VRS provides custom alerts and screens visitor information with a national database.
- ★The VRS checks visitors against custom databases set by each school, which contain custody alerts and banned visitors.

STARTING JANUARY 2ND:

Be prepared to present your MN driver's license or approved picture ID if

- 1). you plan to **eat lunch** with your child, or
- 2). **pick your child up early** from school.

Please share this with visiting family members. Thank you!

SAFETY REMINDERS

Parents may say goodbye to their children outside Big Woods or in the school office. If students bring birthday treats or large items, the office staff will deliver them to classrooms.

Thank you for assisting us with safety by waiting until 7:20 AM to drop off your children.

If you meet your children outside after school, we require hand-to-hand contact with a parent.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

If we have a late school start, the kitchen staff will not serve breakfast.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY PARENT NEWSLETTER

We will email the next newsletter in mid-January.