

February 17, 2011

Dear Warren Hills Families,

With many winter days still ahead of us I want to reemphasize cold weather procedures and expectations that we have in place here at Warren Hills. Below I have listed guidelines regarding dress code and cold weather that are addressed in our in our “Liberty Public Schools 2010-2011 Elementary Handbook for Parents”. These guidelines are particularly important to me because when our young Wildcats are attending school we assume all liability for their safety, health, and wellbeing. Teachers work to put guidelines in place that will reinforce the information presented in our handbook. Please help support our teachers with their expectations to have students dress appropriately for the type of weather we are experiencing. In many cases when students are not dressed appropriately, they will be kept indoors for recess. Shorts, short-sleeve shirts, and light jackets are simply not appropriate for days when we are experiencing cold weather. Teachers will use their best judgment when it is time to head outdoors, but it is important that our students come prepared for the day. I have also listed some links below that explain the importance of dressing appropriately for cold weather. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your support and assistance in providing an environment that is safe and conducive to student learning and wellbeing.

Sincerely,
Steve Lumetta
Principal
Warren Hills Elementary

[Liberty Public Schools 2010-2011 Elementary Handbook for Parents – Dress Code/Cold Weather Procedures:](#)

Dress Code:

“Student dress will and grooming will be the responsibility of the individual and parent/guardian within the following guidelines: (Reference Bullet 9) When in the judgment of the principal, a student’s appearance or mode of dress disrupts the educational process or *constitutes a threat to health or safety*, the student may be required to make modifications.”

Inclement Weather”

“As a general guideline, students may be required to go outside if the wind chill index is above zero degrees. At zero or below, students have the option of either staying in or going outside. If your child has missed school due to a cold or other illness and you wish for your child to remain indoors during a recess period for a day or two to recuperate, a note from home to the teacher will suffice. **If it is necessary for your child to be excused for more than 3 days, a doctor’s note is required.**”

Here are some helpful links regarding the importance of dressing appropriately for cold weather.

<http://www.usd116.org/index.php/2011/01/20/cold-weather-tips-for-parents/>

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/145223/dressing_children_appropriately_for.html