

WINTER WEATHER



Dear BLES & ELC Parents:

As you can tell from the rain, wind and frosty windshields, Washington's winter weather is on the way. Please take a moment today to read and familiarize yourselves with our emergency procedures in case of inclement weather (as stated in our School Handbook):

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Bethany Lutheran School will be guided by the decision of the South Kitsap School District when it comes to weather related school closings. This means:

1. If SKSD is closed due to weather, we are too.
2. If SKSD is late-start, we are too; our late start times may not exactly match theirs, so double-check.
3. We will make every effort (weather/phone internet permitting) to notify the following news providers in the event of a change:
 - **KOMO 4 (AM1000/FM 97.7) & KING 5 (AM 1090); KIRO 7 (AM 710/FM 97.3)**
We will be listed as **Bethany Lutheran – Port Orchard**.
 - A text message through the "Remind" app may also be sent.
 - Social media may also be updated.
4. News reports usually broadcast between 5:00am – 8:00am. They also post online at the stations' websites. If you don't hear SKSD or Bethany announced early, please keep listening; it can take time to get through to each station, and sometimes decisions cannot be made until conditions can be verified in the daylight.

OTHER DETAILS:

DELAYED START: (One hour, two hour, 10:00am, etc.): No AM Extended Care, half day ELC. A late start may change to a full closure if conditions deteriorate, so keep listening if the weather seems to be worsening.

SCHOOL CLOSED: No ELC, Extended Care or after-school activities (sports practices/games; music lessons; field trips; etc.).

EARLY DISMISSAL: No PM Extended Care or after-school activities. If the school and/or ELC must dismiss early, we will call all parents to pick up their students. We will stay until all students have safely departed. Please be sure we (and your students) know of a relative, neighbor or friend who can pick them up if we can't reach you. *(Now is a good time for your family to develop a plan your children can follow if weather causes school changes and you can't get home!)*

HOT LUNCH FOR LATE START: SKSD will make every effort to send enough hot lunch on late start days to cover our highest average counts. They may have to make menu substitutions or send sandwiches if they are having power issues.

REMEMBER: Even if we have school, if the conditions in YOUR area are unsafe, PLEASE don't endanger yourself trying to get your students to/from school. Just call our office (360-876-1300) to say you will be staying home or picking them up early. The safety of our families is our top priority.

Above all, **NEVER** drop off your child at school without first speaking in-person to a teacher or staff member WHO IS IN THE BUILDING. We don't want anyone here alone.

Thank you!

Bethany Faculty & Staff