

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As winter approaches, we must think about inclement weather and the potential for school closings. We all have childhood memories of snow days, building forts, sledding, and drinking hot cocoa after shoveling. There is value in these experiences, but snow days can add up quickly and learning opportunities can be lost. For this reason, Raven Stream Elementary, along with all schools in the district, will use Blended Learning in the event of school closings. Here are some important points about our Blended Learning Days:

1. The first school day cancelled will remain a “traditional” snow day. Assignments will not be given.
2. The second and following school days cancelled will include “Blended Learning” where students complete lessons at home.
3. Lessons may have a “blend” of online or traditional paper/pencil activities. Online activities may be available as a choice or option, but not as a requirement.
4. Blended Learning provides continuous and meaningful learning opportunities. Students will not have to make up any snow days in the Spring.
5. Teachers will include Blended Learning activity sheets in students’ folders, passports, or planners. Links to the activity sheets will also be available on your teacher’s website.
6. Teachers can be reached via their school email between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Our mission at New Prague Area Schools is, “To engage and support everyone in high levels of learning.” Our vision is, “To be a premier school district that models excellence and embraces the challenges of the 21st Century.” If we hold true to these statements, we must create innovative solutions to promote student learning. We are excited for the opportunities Blended Learning Days will provide for our students.