



Unity West Rocket Report

January 11, 2010

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the time with your children at home. What a wacky first week back at school! First, all the late buses on Monday and then snow days on Thursday and Friday. *First Student* has agreed to contact Mr. Michael Shonk, Unit 7 Superintendent, if buses are running late in the future so he can notify parents through the *Alert Now*, emergency contact system.

There is school this Friday, January 15. It was listed as a Teacher Institute Day on an earlier calendar. There will not be school next Monday, January 18, which is Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Please be aware as you make plans for summer vacations that school will be extended for each Snow Day we have to use. May 28 was to have been our last day of school/Report Card Day. With the two snow days taken last week we are currently looking at:

May 28	Fun Day
May 31	Memorial Day – No School
June 1	Teachers Institute Day
June 2	Last Day of School/Report Card Pick-Up

A new law went into effect on January 1, 2010, which I am sure will impact all of us. It is now against the law to talk on a cell phone in school zones while driving. If you are parked in the school parking lot, waiting for your child to come outside, you may talk on your cell phone. Once the car begins to move, however, cell phones must be put away. Fines will begin at \$75.00 so be aware!

We could use some volunteers to help shelve books in our very busy library. If you would have time to help, please call our librarian, Julie Knott, at 485-3918, or e-mail her at knottj@unity.k12.il.us. Thanks very much!

Janet Ellis-Nelson

Important Dates

Tues., Jan. 12	6:30 p.m.	PTO Meeting in the Media Center
Fri., Jan. 15	8:15-2:50	School will be in session! End of Second Quarter
Mon., Jan. 18	No School	Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Celebrated
Tues., Jan. 19	2:50 p.m.	Report Cards Sent Home
Wed., Jan. 27	All Day	Group Picture Day ~ Inter-State Studio will be at Unity West to take group pictures of each class and of special groups, such as band and Student Council.

For additional information, see: www.unitywestelementaryschool.com.