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Bloomington, MN 55431

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Dear Kids' SAFARI Families,

To help plan for weather-related emergencies this winter, here are the procedures Kids' SAFARI will follow in the event of a school closing, early dismissal, or cancellation of afternoon and evening services.

Full Day Closing

If Bloomington Public Schools is closed all day due to severe weather, Kids' SAFARI will also be closed.

Early Dismissal

In the event of an early dismissal (e.g. school is released prior to normal release time) all Youth and Family after-school programs will be canceled, including enrichment classes, piano lessons, Kids' SAFARI, etc. Your child will follow the school's emergency closing plan that you have completed and have on file at the school. Please ensure that your child is aware of your family's emergency plan in the event of an early dismissal.

Cancellation of After-School Activities

1. If the district dismisses school at its scheduled time AND cancels **all** after-school activities: Staff will call parents of children who are scheduled to attend afternoon Kids' SAFARI that day. We will inquire whether your child should ride the bus home or if you plan to pick up your child from school at the end of the school day.
2. If the district cancels afternoon and evening programs while Kids' SAFARI is in operation (at 4:00 p.m., for example): We will remain open until all children are picked up. Staff will call you to pick up your child immediately, or will notify your alternate emergency contact to pick up your child as soon as possible.
3. There may be times that some, but not all afterschool activities are canceled. In the event that Kids' SAFARI remains open on these days, staff will not contact you. The site will remain open until 6:00 p.m. as usual. Please plan accordingly to pick up your child by 6:00 p.m.

Closing Notification

Emergency closing information is available on WCCO Radio (830AM), metro TV stations (WCCO, KSTP, KARE, Fox 9, Bloomington Cable Channel 15 and on the Bloomington Public School social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) sites and at www.bloomingtonschools.org. Additionally, the district will notify families via its parent notification system of any school closing or delays.

These procedures are designed to protect the safety and well being of your children in case of bad weather. Your cooperation also ensures the safety of our staff in a weather emergency. Please note that fees for any school closing are not refundable. If you have any questions, feel free contact the Kids' SAFARI office at 952-681-6125.

Sincerely,

Alex Locke
Program Manager