

Snow Days and Unexpected School Closures



As the temperatures begin to drop and the region prepares for another CNY Winter, the School District is preparing for the unavoidable snow days. Years ago, during days of inclement weather, children would listen to their radio, crossing their fingers, waiting for the joyous sound of “Morrisville-Eaton Central Schools are closed”. Inevitably, children’s radio alarms would come on just as Mount Markham’s announcement was coming through the speakers. With schools being announced alphabetically, those kids knew they were going to either have to find another radio station to try to hear their fate, or wait fifteen minutes for the next round of school closings from their favorite DJ.

As time passed, television stations took on a more active role in broadcasting school closures. Soon the Internet and social media became popular. As advanced forms of communicating school closures began to dominate, many radio stations have moved away from broadcasting this information. As long as the handful of identified radio stations continue to announce school closures, we will use their service.

Several people have asked the question, “When do you call a snow day?” There are many pieces that come into play when this decision is made. The most important variable is the ability to get students to school safely. In order to determine this, local highway superintendents are consulted along with district snowplow drivers. Weather forecasts are monitored, and superintendents from surrounding school districts are referred to. Decisions are made in the interest of student safety after a thorough review.

Sometimes, some parents believe that the roads are too dangerous and question why school is open. If a parent believes that their child/children may be put in a dangerous situation because school wasn’t closed, the caretaker has the right to keep the children home for the day. Please contact the transportation center as early as possible when this option is chosen.

To find out if school is closed, please refer to one of the following:

Facebook: Morrisville Eaton

Twitter: @molloyg1

Website: www.m-ecs.org

Television: WKTV (2), WSTM (3), WTVH (5), WIXT (9), and New 10 Now (10)

Radio: WIBX Stations (95.0, 104.3, 98.7, and 96.1) and Galaxy Stations (96.9 and 102.5)

In addition to the sources above, School Messenger, our automated phone system, will send out text messages, phone calls, and e-mails as long as we have accurate directory information in the program. These messages will be sent when a closure is decided, but no earlier than 5:45 A.M. If you do not receive this call, please contact: Jodi Shantal at 684-9300, so we can update our records.