

School Closings

In the event schools are to be closed or the day is abbreviated due to inclement weather, we will be notifying the community through these channels. Please do not call the school since the phone lines should be used for emergency purposes only. Thank you for your consideration.

- Blackboard Mass Communication (formerly Parentlink) – a message from the District will be sent through our automated system. Please review your contact information in our Genesis Parent Portal (<https://parents.mersnj.us>).
- Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/MERSDistrict>
- The MERS district homepage - www.mersnj.us
- MERS app – The automated message will also be sent through the MERS app. Instructions for signing up for the app are on the District website (www.mersnj.us).

On rare occasions children will be bused home early to avoid hazardous traffic conditions, unexpected storms, or for other unexpected emergencies. All parents will be contacted through the Blackboard Mass Communication in these situations. If you are aware of such conditions and have not received a call, please reference one of the options above. Please remember that road conditions and visibility are the major factors in the decision making, more so than the number of inches of snow. Therefore, you should check a closing “site” at the slightest sign of snow or freezing weather. It is important that your child is familiar with your procedures for days with an early closing.

Consistent with the District’s policy for regular length school days, on emergent/inclement weather early dismissal days, preschool and kindergarten students without an adult present at the bus stop to receive them will be brought back to school. If you have an emergency and are unable to meet your child at the bus stop, please contact the school, and we will hold your child in the main office.

Please review the school calendar carefully for scheduled early dismissal days (noted as 4-hour days), and be sure to keep informed about emergent/inclement weather dismissals. If you do not want your child to take the bus on early dismissal days, you

must send a note to your child's teacher, and the student will be held for pick-up in the main office. In emergencies, please call your school's main number.