

# Davis Thomas Elementary Middle School

Alicia Lambert, Principal



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Parents/Guardians:

This is an informational letter regarding a new procedure that will begin this semester in regards to snow days.

Our school calendar has days built into it to utilize in the event of a snow day. We have currently already used 5 of these days. This year, the WVDE has provided an additional option for snow days called Reimagined Instructional Days, which we are calling "Polar School Days" or "Snow Packet Days". Teachers have provided each student 3 packets that they can complete and will reduce the number of snow days we are required to make up. Each packet constitutes 1 day of makeup work. Students will have 2 days from the Snow Day in which to submit the completed packet for a grade. Packets will be available on our school website if you lose them or need to make a copy for any reason at [www.dtembers.com](http://www.dtembers.com).

When school is cancelled, it is very important to listen to the complete message. Dr. Campbell will indicate if the cancellation is a normal snow day, or a Polar School Day that students need to complete a packet of work on. I will also have a recorded message on our school phone that you can call and check announcements to see if it is a snow packet day. It will also be posted on our school Facebook Page. If weather conditions are not safe for school buses to run, we maintain that it is not safe for our students to travel in private vehicles on rural roads to get to school for a meal; however, if school is closed due to frigid temperatures and it is safe for students to travel to school in a private vehicle, then a bagged lunch will be made by our cooks and available for students to pick up at the school between the hours of 10:30-12:30.

All staff will report to school on Polar School (snow packet) days and will be available to answer any questions regarding packet assignments between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. This can be through telephone calls, email, Engrade, or in some cases the Remind App.

Assignments that are included in the packets will be graded and recorded. Students will have 2 days upon returning to school to submit their completed packets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

Sincerely,

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