

Delayed Dismissal - SV

Today, 5-1-2018, I delayed the dismissal of school for about one minute. This action was taken to ensure we did not dismiss students into an unsafe situation. See Long Version for more info.

Report Cards – SV (Short Version)

We gave students their report cards at the end of school with instructions to deliver them to parents. Please ask them for it. :))

SBA prep – SV

Students are able to do practice SBA exam questions at home. Importantly – the practice is designed to help students become more comfortable with their computer. The practice is not designed to further a child’s academic preparedness. Students are doing this at school so this is Optional.

LONG VERSIONS BELOW

Delayed Dismissal - LV

Today, 5-1-2018, I delayed the dismissal of school for about one minute. I had received a report that there was a police action taking place in one of the neighborhoods that we serve. Specifically, I understood that the police were looking for two suspects. I decided to keep students in school until we got word from Sammamish PD that all was clear. At nearly exactly 2:10pm I got word that the suspects were in custody. As soon as we knew that all was normal we released students. Your child may let you know that this rather novel event took place today. Students were never told why we retained them in class for a minute or so.

Report Cards – LV (Long Version)

The report cards that we are sending home are officially “progress reports”. The child’s final semester grade is the information that survives in our system. For all kids it would be a great idea to ask them how they feel about their report card. Lots of kids will not know how they feel immediately. Give them a few days to verbally process it. Their first answer to this question is not likely to be their real answer. I suggest giving kids some time and opportunity to process this stuff because I want them to “own” their grades as much as possible.

If you are surprised and see that your child is struggling in a few classes it is very appropriate for us to team-up to help-out.

SBA prep – LV

Some parents have asked if kids can do an SBA practice test at home. The answer is yes!

Teachers are going through practice tests in math, science, and LA/SS, so this is an optional activity. These practice tests prepare students for the technology and also helps them understand what the test will look like. The practice test does not further prepare students academically for the exam. We have found that this helps to make students more comfortable and students perform better as a result.

When clicked, the link below takes students to the SBA practice tests. When you open the page, scroll down and click “Go to the Tests!” Then simply click “Sign In” and then choose your child’s grade level and the test they want to practice.

<http://www.smarterbalanced.org/assessments/practice-and-training-tests/>