



December 7, 2009

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Elementary

Although winter has not officially arrived, based on recent weather reports, it appears this is an appropriate time to send out our annual letter related to winter weather.

There are two issues related to the colder weather that I would like to address. Please review and save the information below for future reference.

Inclement Weather: As we enter the winter season, there is the potential for winter storms that could cause closure of the school. In the event weather conditions warrant closure of Bond Academy, we will announce the closure on radio station, **CFRB 1010 AM and 680 NEWS**. Every effort will be made to announce the decision by 6:30 a.m. In addition to being broadcast on CFRB and 680 NEWS, the information will also be left on the Bond Academy **voice mail at 416-266-8878, extension 231**. **To complement the above modes of notification, we will distribute confirmation notice via email as soon as it is feasible.**

The decision to close Bond Academy will not be made without serious consideration, based on a number of criteria. Involved in this decision will be:

- The long term weather prediction; whether the severe weather conditions will end in the near future or will continue over an extended period of time. This could impact upon our ability to get our staff and students home safely.
- Our ability to ensure our staff will be available to provide supervision for our students. Many of our staff live outside of the city and it may be difficult to arrive on time to provide supervision and to maintain their program.
- The conditions of the roads and the recommendations of the authorities re travel.
- The condition of our parking lots. During one of our major storms, the company cleaning the parking lots was unable to keep up to the accumulation of snow and this created difficulties for staff and parents trying to safely enter Bond Academy.

Outdoor Clothing: When weather conditions permit, our students will be having recess outside during the weather months. Please ensure that the students bring appropriate outdoor clothing, including a pair of boots that are for outdoor use only. Students should not be using the same shoes for both indoors and outdoors, to ensure that the floors in our classrooms and gyms are maintained.

After School Program Extension: A reminder that if you are trying to reach the After School Extension, please call **416-266-8878, extension 410**

Sincerely,

John Healey