# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSURE AND DELAYED STARTS**

## **Delayed Start**

A delayed start will be called no later than 6:00am. A delayed start means that school will begin 2 hours later than normal. On delayed start days, students in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grades should arrive at the gym no <u>earlier</u> than 10:10am. Pre-Kindergarten students should go directly to their classroom. Pre-K students should also plan to bring a lunch, as their dismissal time will be 1:30.

### Delayed Start on Wednesday (Chapel Day)

If Chapel focus is a speaker, Chapel will be cancelled for that day. If Chapel focus is a class program (other than Pre-K) then Chapel will be held at 1:00pm that day.

### Closure (No School)

Cancellation will be called no later than 6:00am. However, if a late start has already been called and the weather conditions continue to deteriorate, a cancellation will be called no later than 7:00am.

#### **Early Dismissal**

- On a day when school is in session and the weather becomes questionable, <u>parents should expect a Parent Alert call and can check with the ECA website for updates on school closures.</u> An early dismissal, if called, will be called by 10:00am.
- The elementary campus will close at 12:00pm if an early dismissal is called.
- Parents should review the procedures with their children to make sure they know what to do and where to go if school is dismissed early or if the weather looks bad for the day. It is very important to listen to the radio, TV, or check the ECA website on stormy days.
- If the parent is concerned about the weather conditions, students may be picked up at any time.
- An early dismissal form with parental contact information is included in the summer packet. The forms are to be returned to the Elementary office and will be kept on file.
- In the event of an early dismissal, students will remain in their classrooms until 11:55, at which time we will do a blue flag dismissal. If a parent would like to pick up their student before noon, they should go directly to the office, and the student will be called down to the office and signed out by his/her parent/guardian.
- Students who have permission to walk home will be allowed to leave at the designated time. During
  extremely hazardous weather conditions, these students must be picked up. All other students will
  remain in their classrooms until a parent or authorized designate comes for them. The shuttle bus will
  run if weather permits.