Winter Fest
The Reiche Winter Festival is an annual school event that gives families an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon together. The festival brings Reiche staff, students, and their families together in a fun and relaxing setting. This year the Reiche Winter Fest will be held on Saturday, February 8th, from 2:00 to 5:00pm. This is a fun event for the whole family. There will be swimming, gym activities, games, crafts, face painting, a book table, and hot cocoa. It is also the last day of the Reiche Book Fair. Dinner will be served at 4:00pm. Come to Reiche on Saturday, February 8 with you family and enjoy the fun.

Its Cold Outside!
Students should wear or bring warm coats, hats, mittens, and boots to school every day! Students go outside for recess every day. Even on days that feel warmer, there is still snow on the ground and student should be fully dressed to play outside. The nurse does not have the capacity to loan out gear to students who forgot to bring it.

We highly recommend writing your child’s name inside all articles of clothing. We have a LOT of unclaimed items in the lost and found.

Managing Emotions
All students are currently learning how to manage big feelings with our Second Step curriculum. Our students know some great feeling words like frustrated, worried, confused, and disappointed. They are also practicing some calm down strategies like belly breathing, counting, or positive self-talk. In 2nd-5th grade students begin to learn the brain science behind these strategies, like making sure that our thinking brain doesn’t let our feeling brain (our amygdala) take over. Ask your child how to “stop, name your feeling, and calm down”. They might even have a song to sing!

Help Needed!
The Reiche Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) needs a lot of parent volunteers for upcoming events. It’s a fun way to be a part of the school community! Please join us! All are welcome! Go here to sign up: tinyurl.com/ReichePTO

Attendance – Did you know?
All absences from school are recorded as “excused” or “unexcused” according to state law. Maine law states that excusable absences are absences due to:
- Illness;
- An appointment with a health professional that can only be made during the school day;
- Observance of a recognized religious holiday when the observance is required during the regular school day;
- Family emergency;
- A planned absence for personal or education purpose which has been approved in advance.

If you are planning for your child to be absent from school for personal or educational purposes, you must notify your child’s teacher and the front desk before the absence. If you are planning an extended absence (7 days or more) for personal or family travel, please submit a written request to the Lead Teachers for approval.