



January 2, 2012

Please remember that students will go outside for recess if the temperature is above 28 degrees (factoring in the wind chill.) Remember to send warm coats, snow pants, boots, gloves and hats so they can enjoy the fresh air!
Helpful Hint – Make sure all items have your child's name in them!

Winter Weather School Closure Information

Happy New Year and Welcome back from Winter Break.

The arrival of the New Year has brought more seasonal, winter-like weather and we would like to remind you of our policies related to school closing – This information can also be found on our website at

<http://mrcserie.org/closings.html>

Weather Related or Emergency Closing Procedure

Montessori Regional Charter School services the 14 surrounding districts and we coordinate with transportation services from 9 of those districts.

On any given day, the weather can vary widely across those districts. As the only public regional charter school in the area, MRCS must always make our own decision regarding weather related closings.

We will not automatically follow either the School District of the City of Erie or the Millcreek Township School District.

School closings will be communicated through our telephone broadcast system (Please be sure that your contact numbers are current) and

On the following stations and listed as **Montessori Regional Charter School**.

Channel 12 WICU Channel 54 WQLN
Channel 66 FOX Channel 35 WSEE
Channel 24 WJET

Due to the fact that we coordinate with so many transportation systems, it is unlikely that MRCS will ever call for a two hour delay. In the event that your school district has a two hour delay and MRCS is in session, then you may either drive your child to school or send your child on the delayed bus. This will be considered an excused tardy.

Please also be aware that **when MRCS remains in session** and:

- **Your home district has announced a closing due to a snow day:** If your child receives bus transportation from their home district and that district has announced a *snow day closing*, bus transportation will not be provided by your home district. We strongly encourage you to arrange alternate transportation to and from school that day. If this is not possible, the absence is considered a snow day for your child.
- **Your home district is closed due to a scheduled break:** If your home school district is closed due to a *scheduled break*, bus transportation will be provided by your home district.

Please contact us with any questions you may have by emailing office@mrcserie.org or by phoning 833-7771.