

Happy Holidays,

Winter has arrived in full force and even caused there to be a school closure for the first time in a number of years. As a reminder to parents, school closures in Valdez are rare occasions, but it does not mean that you have to send your child if you do not feel that it is safe. I frequently get phone calls and visits about why we did not close school on this day or the next. The decision to close school comes after much thought and deliberation. Alaskans are a hardy breed, but please take time every day to survey the weather and make your decision. If you do not think it is safe, do not send your children to school. If you make that decision, please call the school and let the office know so we can excuse the absence.

This is also the time of year when we give thanks for everything that we have been given. I am thankful for the wonderful town that I call home! I am thankful for an elected school board that gives of themselves to assure that our students receive the best education available. I am also thankful for all of the wonderful staff that work diligently each day to support the students of Valdez. Finally, I am thankful for the parents that entrust us to educate their children. We all know that education is probably the most important thing government does for its citizens and we promise to always do our best to make you proud to have your children attend school in Valdez.

Thank you,
Jacob