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Dear IES Parents & Guardians,

As we prepare to wrap up the 2022 Fall Semester here at IES, I would like to make you aware of a few things.

We are currently in the middle of cold and flu season. If your student is feeling unwell or showing symptoms, please keep them home and call the school. If your student will be out for multiple days due to illness, we highly recommend that you make an appointment for your student to see a physician. In addition, we would like to encourage you to submit documentation verifying that your student was seen by a physician, as well as a proposed return to school date. This documentation will help us in making sure to provide your student with work during the time they will be out. It will also help us in making sure our attendance records are accurate.

During all this, we would like to assure you that we have been taking extra precautions to keep our students safe and healthy. With the cold weather upon us, we are ensuring that students are dressed warmly before going outside. We continue to mandate masks for anyone inside the building. We have a lot of KN-95 and N-95 masks, so please notify the school if you would like us to send some home with your student. We have sent home COVID Home Test Kits with every student to make sure our families have the tools they need to make the best decisions possible for their students. If your student didn't receive a kit or if you need more, please call the school and we are more than happy to send your student home with more. We have also invited a Health Educator from the Isleta Health Center to conduct presentations with our students on hand washing. Furthermore, we have increased the frequency of which we sanitize heavily trafficked areas of the school.

On another note, we have several exciting events coming up for our students. First, we have our Winter Spirit Week, which will begin on December 12th and will conclude on December 16th. A flyer was sent home about this on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. If you did not receive this flyer, please call the school and we can send one home with your student, or you can check on our school website at www.isletaelementary.com. Please make sure that your student is dressing appropriate to the school setting. Second, we will be finishing our 2nd round of Genius Hour activities on Friday, December 16, 2022. On this day, at 2:15 p.m., we would like to invite our parents and

guardians to come see what their students have accomplished over the course of the last several weeks. Our students are proud to show off their newly acquired skills! Lastly, Tuesday, December 20, 2022, is the last day of school before Winter Break. It is also an Early Release Day, so students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. We are planning to do something a little extra special for our students on this day. We will allow them to wear their pajamas to school and they may bring a blanket and pillow. We will all convene in the gymnasium to watch the G rated movie *The Polar Express*. During the movie we will take a break to enjoy some hot cocoa made by our fabulous kitchen staff!

I would like to end by saying that we have thoroughly enjoyed your children this semester. Time has certainly flown by, and we are only looking forward to enjoying them more next semester. We have several exciting events planned for our students in the upcoming semester. We look forward to seeing students back to school on Thursday, January 5, 2023!

As always, Go EAGLES!!!

Sincerely,

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