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Dear Muddy Brook Families,

Today your child will bring home materials that are part of a new pilot program known as **Blizzard Bags.** The Blizzard Bag Program has been developed to reduce the number of days that need to be made up at the end of the year due to school closures for severe weather.

In the event of a snow day, the superintendent will determine whether the day will be a Blizzard Bag day. If the superintendent declares a "Blizzard Bag Day," there will be no school, but students will be expected to complete certain assignments for that day. Materials in the blizzard bag will be identified as "Day 1", "Day 2", etc. with the total amount of Blizzard Bag days not exceeding five days. Students will have 5 school days after the declared Blizzard Bag day to turn in the completed materials.

We recommend that you and your child find a designated spot in your home for the Blizzard Bag materials. We also recommend that you have a conversation with your child about the Blizzard Bag, and you may wish to review the assignments with your child so that s/he fully understands his/her responsibilities for completing the work.

If for some reason the materials become lost or are unavailable the day of the Blizzard Bag/snow day, all materials for all days can be accessed on the Muddy Brook website here: <u>https://mbres.bhrsd.org/blizzard-bags/</u>.

Not every snow day will be a Blizzard Bag day. In fact, the first snow day <u>will not</u> be a Blizzard Bag day. The superintendent will expressly communicate the type of school closure through his all-call communication.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

## Timothy Lee, Principal

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