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Coffee with Molly

SNOW DAYS AND CRAZY WEATHER

Congratulations on surviving the last few weeks! Some folks called it Snowmageddon and others worst storm of the century. For most of us, it was just another storm! It impacted schools and organizations across the country and since it is just January - I think we may be in for more!

Snow days are always a challenge! Making the call to cancel, informing parents and staff, letting the media know....

Sometimes we make these decisions or recommendations before we know the severity of the storm! This means that not everyone always agrees with the decisions that are made!



People in recovery often talk about serenity prayer. It says, God grant me ability to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to understand and know the difference! While I am not in recovery- I find this a very powerful statement regardless of your religious non-religious affiliation. It encourages us to do our best, accept what is out of our control, act on what is in our control and have wisdom and understanding. It doesn't mention worry over every decision, nor does it mention trying to make everyone happy!

Snow days should be our opportunity to breathe, get caught up and plan for the future. We have no control over the weather- but we can control how we react to the challenges and issues that arise from it! Snow days, once the logistics are addressed, should give us a moment to pause, to think and reset or regroup.

So many people waste hours of their lives worried about issues and challenges that they have no control over! I know.... I have done it! As I have aged and matured, I have come to understand that worry is a complete and utter waste of time and energy. Plus, it changes nothing and makes us miserable! My current mantra when I feel worried or out of control is to turn it over to God and trust Divine Providence. I am not perfect at it- but it has stopped me from wasting time and energy!

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TAs we move through the winter, please do not forget to breathe and trust your judgement and your professionalism. Doing your best is enough. Remember what you can and cannot control! Think about using these snow days or challenges to your advantage and maximize your time!

Last week, during the midst of a huge storm and walking pneumonia- I decided to clean up and reorganize my office for 2026. I normally get so busy doing things that my environment and workstation are my last priority. I cleaned, actually cleaned, as well as went through every drawer, file and area. I was not feeling 100% and it took some time. The result was awesome! I reorganized myself, found important documents, and took out several bags of unnecessary stuff. When I walk into my office now, it feels lighter, more open and definitely more usable!

One school district in California closes its business division for two days every July/August. The staff are there but they lock the doors and do not answer the phones or emails. The entire unit, all groups- uses these days for a reset and reorganization. They recognize that it takes time and should be a priority. Their chief business official/officer tells me that it has made a huge difference in their productivity and organization!

So, think about the opportunity when you see snowy days! Most of all, stay safe and trust yourself! You are the right person for your job and your district!

