Templeton Website and Twitter
Templeton has a comprehensive website with many resources for parents. It has many helpful links, pictures and information. http://www.mccsc.edu/templeton Also, follow Templeton on Twitter at @Templeton_MCCSC

Templeton PTO
A reminder that the first Thursday of every month starting at 6:30 p.m. is the Templeton PTO Skate Night at Western Skateland. A great time to informally meet other Templeton families and students to enjoy together.

Kindergarten Registration
Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year begins February 1st. Registration packets can be picked up from the Templeton office starting February 1st. Kindergarten Open House, which is a chance to learn what a kindergarten day is like and tour the classrooms, is on February 11th from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Middle School ALPS Information
The MCCSC Office of High Ability Education has begun the middle school ALPS identification/application process for 2016-17 incoming seventh grade students. Any current sixth grade student may apply for the program. Application materials are due to the Office of High Ability Education on Friday, January 29, 2016. If you have questions about the identification/application process for the program, a Parent Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20 from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in the Tri North Middle School auditorium. You may also contact your child’s teacher, your principal, or Kimberly Williams, Coordinator of High Ability Education, at the MCCSC Administration Center at 812-330-7700 or kwilliam@mccsc.edu. Information about the program may also be found on the MCCSC website at www.mccsc.edu.
ISTEP scores for last school year were released by the Indiana Department of Education last week. As was expected, Templeton’s scores took a hit from the previous year, which was also the case with most schools across the state. The reasons for the drop across the state were: this was a new test given for the first time and this was also brand new standards that the state had adopted. Of course, we take full responsibility for the scores and are not satisfied with the drop. We continue to take great pride in Templeton and the programming that we offer. The family environment is one that we feel has a great impact on our students. This year we will again be taking a new test but this will be the second year for the new standards. Teachers and students are working diligently to give their best effort and to understand what the test is asking of them. As we wait for the state legislature to decide if they are going to pause accountability for one year, and leave us as an A, we are moving ahead to better understand the standards, provide interventions and enrichment based on the new standards, continue our work in inquiry based education based on IB and analyzing the data to fill any curriculum or instructional weaknesses that we may have. We appreciate your support of the students and staff at Templeton Elementary and if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call or stop in.

Winter Weather Reminders
As the weather changes, it seems like daily, it is a great reminder that winter weather is right around the corner. Already, it can be 32 degrees in the morning and 50 degrees by the end of the school day. Please keep this in mind when helping your student pick out outfits in the morning. We encourage layers so that students can adjust to the temperatures inside and outside throughout the day. We also encourage you to write your student’s last name on tags for jackets, hats and gloves as our Lost and Found gets full quickly.

Recess is also outside any time the wind chill is 20 degrees or higher. While student may not want to wear gloves and hats to school they are great items to have for recess.

Along with dressing appropriately, it is important to have emergency dismissal plans updated in the office in case school dismisses early due to weather.