Teacher Definitions

There are some words that mean something a little different to teachers than they do to the rest of the world. Here are a few examples:

**Wind chill** — an amazing phenomenon that explains why it is easily negative 5° outside, and it’s STILL NOT SNOWING!

**Snow Day** — an unexpected holiday that brings the same excitement and joy as other festive occasions, and can sometimes go on for several days at a time (in which case, each consecutive day is only half as enjoyable as the previous day). The unwanted side-effect of a Snow Day is that it may result in the shortening of Spring Break or the removal of a Teacher Workday several months down the road.

“**weather event**” — a strange new term that we used to refer to as a “snow storm”, but now it seems much more dramatic and exciting because the word “event” is used.

**2-hour delay** — the great tease… while it seems like a 2-hour delay would make things easier when you get up in the morning and make the rest of the day go by faster, it somehow doesn’t seem to do either.

**3-hour delay** — an extreme measure that makes everyone wonder why you are going to school at all… it can only be fully appreciated if you look at the big picture when you have a day off over Spring Break that under other circumstances would be a snow make-up day.