

PCA Eagle's Nest Weekly News

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Can you believe we are in the final week before Christmas break? We will be dismissed this Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Thank you to the moms who have volunteered to help with the Christmas party in the classrooms.

Kindergarten; Heather Heaton & Katie Tibbitts

1st grade: Shannon Smallwood

2nd grade: Elizabeth Klingenberg & Jessica Odell

3rd grade: LeAndra Harris & Laura Richey

4th grade: Carmen Grey

7th grade: Carmen Grey

If you would like to help, please let the teacher know. Thank you!!



There is a very large box in the PCA foyer for new Christmas toys. These toys will be delivered to families in the area who aren't able to purchase toys for their children. The pick-up for these toys will be this week. If you would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.



Sunday, December 21st, the Princeton Bible Church will perform their Christmas Cantata, Two From Galilee. The first performance will be during the Sunday morning service at 10:15. The second performance will be at 6 p.m. Sunday evening. You will see many familiar faces performing. Mr. & Mrs. Odell, Mrs. Kiser, Officer Rob, Miss Beverly, Mrs. Skaggs, Mr. & Mrs. Butler, Matthew Butler, and Elizabeth Henrikson are just a few familiar faces you will see. Plan to come to this cantata and see a wonderful message.

UPCOMING SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Dec. 19 2 p.m. Early Dismissal for Christmas
Dec. 21 10:15 & 6 p.m. PBC's Cantata
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25 **Jesus' Birthday! Merry Christmas!**
Jan. 5 8 a.m. PCA resumes
Jan. 16 NOON DISMISSAL
Jan. 16 end of 2nd 9 week period
Jan. 19 NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Junior's Birthday
Jan. 21 Report cards issued
Jan. 23 6:30 p.m. Family Reading Night
Jan. 26 Registration begins for 2015-2016 year for our current students.



Dear Parents,

I know we are all very grateful for all the wonderful teachers and staff at PCA. We all enjoy giving them gifts on their birthdays and Christmas. Sometimes I find or make a good gift, but many times I am left wondering "What do they really like?" So I asked them for their favorite gift cards, so I decided to share with all of you just in time for Christmas. This is not mandatory, just thought I would share just in case anyone else is doing last minute shopping like m. 😊 Some of the staff have not responded yet, so I will add to the list and have it available in the office throughout the year.

Carmen Grey

Elisha Pollok - Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Hallmark, Bath n Body, Subway, Joann Fabrics, Hobby Lobby, Prime Quarter, Monicals. Family Christian, Apollo Theater, Family Video, Becks Gas Station

Melissa Ackerman – Menards, Hobby Lobby, Apollo

Wendy Luft - Olive Garden, Subway, and Starbucks. Amazon, Young Living oils

Kim Finley – Olive Garden, Oriental Gardens, Dark Chocolate

Tom and Bev Odell - Wendy's, Dairy Queen, Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, Princeton Chamber

Marty Kiser - Walmart, Sullivans, Bergners, Four Seasons, Princeton Chamber

Christina Batchelor – Olive Garden

Ken Wilson— Bass Pro Shop, Culvers, Wendy's

Marlene Wilson— Target, Hobby Lobby, Starbucks, Panera

VOLLEYBALL:

Volleyball pictures will be this Wednesday after school. The order forms are in the office.

BUNDLES OF LOVE:

If you are participating in the Bundles of Love, please turn in your boxes by Thursday, Dec. 18th. The Money will be sent off on Friday so we can bless other children. Thank you very much for being a part of this special project.

Kindergarten ~ Mrs. Ackerman

Here is a look at what we will be doing this week:

Phonics: We will continue to practice reading one-vowel words and short sentences. We will fill in missing letters from words and review the *one vowel rule: when there is one vowel in a word, it usually says its short sound; mark it with a smile*. We will also review the *double consonant rule*. I will assign the students to reading groups this week. We will begin meeting in reading groups after Christmas break!

Math: New Concepts: the dime and after numbers in the Teen family. Review: counting to 100, reading clocks set to the hour, counting by 10's, 1 – 3 Addition Families, and naming numbers 0 - 99.

Social Studies – Children of the World: This unit introduces kindergartners to the geography of our world and to children who live in other countries. This week we will review the name and location of our country and study the map to hear the names of the other countries we will visit.

Bible – Christmas: The kindergartners will know that Christ is born! The shepherds and wise men worship Him. They will recognize that God loves them and sent His son, Jesus, as a gift. They will focus on giving to others. Remember to practice Luke 2:11 every day!

Other Notes:

Remember to continue reading for a Book-It pizza hut certificate! A new form has been sent home for December.

2nd Grade ~ Miss Luft

Our Christmas party is Friday from 12:30-1:50. Mrs. Odell and Mrs. Klingenberg are in charge of the party. Bundles of Love are to be back to the school by Thursday, December 18th.

Have a blessed Christmas break!



Merry Christmas

3rd Grade ~ Mrs. Finley

This week we will focus on Christmas during Bible class. The memory verse (*Ephesians 2:13*) is, "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ." The test over this verse will be this Friday. I goofed and told the students it was due today... Then I looked at last week's Take-Home Note and remembered that I assigned it later in the week. Sorry for any inconvenience!

Spelling List 15 is full of Christmas words. The test over them will be this Friday, December 19.

We are learning about liters, grams, and kilograms in math. We will also learn how to convert units of measurement from larger to smaller (X) and smaller to larger (divide). Fun!

We will finish chapter 7 in English this week. We will do some extra work in alphabetical order and guide words. Did your 3rd grader tell you about the gift of dictionaries that was presented to our class by two ladies from the Troy Grove Grange? They bless us every year with dictionaries for each 3rd grader. We will keep these in our desks, and they can be brought to school every year to use in class. The boys and girls were excited. I hope they get lots of use out of them!

In science, we will explore the forest.

If you are participating in Bundles of Love, the containers of change are due this Thursday.

Our classroom Christmas party will be Friday from noon to 1:45. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Ritchey will be coordinating the party. Thank you, ladies! You are wonderful! Anyone who wants to may bring a snack or wrapped candy or treat. If you have any questions, you may direct them to Mrs. Harris or Mrs. Richey. We have 9 students (including Layla, who will be here for the party). I will supply plates and napkins. I believe drinks are supplied.

Christmas break is a great time for the children to be reading for Book It and for the Six Flags reading program.

Most of all, Christmas is a time of quiet reflection and joyous celebration of Jesus, our Lord and Savior who was God's gift of love to mankind. Oh how He loves you and me!

4th Grade ~ Mrs. Odell

We are reviewing the year's verses this week.

Thank you to Mrs. Grey and Mrs. Junger for driving us last Thursday for our fieldtrip. We had over 30 items for the mitten tree and it was such a nice time at Country Comfort. The Lord has gifted us in so many ways and it is such a privilege to share with others.

We will test on spelling list 16 Wednesday and then begin list 17. We are learning dry measurements and fractional equivalents in math. We will write a book review on it when we return from break. We are starting a chapter on "Building a New Nation" in history and we are still studying "matter" in science. We are choosing speeches this week so the children can have theirs to begin memorizing during Christmas break. They might need help/counsel from you in making their decision.

Our class Christmas party will begin at 12:45 on Friday and school dismisses at 2:00. I pray that your family will have an incredible time together focusing on Christ and the beauty of His magnificent plan for us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

5th Grade Language Arts ~ Mrs. Van Den Bussche

We have a very busy week ahead of us. In Grammar we have been working with action and linking verbs, discussing direct objects and predicate nouns and predicate adjectives, as well. There will be a quiz Thursday over this to ensure mastery. Worst case, the quiz will be Friday morning before the partying begins.

In Literature we are reading "After School". The quiz over this story which takes place in the Soviet Union during the Cold War will be on Wednesday. The vocabulary test over List 1 for this unit will be Thursday. The students have known this for over a week and should have been studying.

Our spelling test is tomorrow, as usual, but naturally with the upcoming break no new list will be given.

Party preparations!! The students voted to have a White Elephant gift exchange. Girls will be exchanging with girls and boys with boys. Students need not purchase anything. They should instead find something from home that they no longer enjoy and believe someone else would. This ought to be a lot of fun! I will be serving the students breakfast, but we are asking the girls to each provide a drink and the boys to provide a snack of some sort- bag of chips, package of cookies, etc.- for the afternoon. Finally, I would welcome your presence in the afternoon as the students play games. No planning necessary. :) Please let me know if you are willing to come hang out with us.

I wish you a most blessed Christmas as you celebrate with wonder and awe the virgin birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Enjoy the time with family.

6th Grade, Jr. High Science and History ~ Mrs. Cook

6th History & Science: Testing will be on Wednesday. History is cumulative.

5th History: Testing on Thursday

5th Science: Testing on Wednesday

7th/8th Science: Chapter 7 test Wednesday

7th/8th History: We are working on a replica of stained glass and learning about Martin Luther. We begin the Renaissance when we return.

7/8th Grade Jr. High Math & Spanish - Mrs. Bermudez

Merry Christmas (*Feliz Navidad*) to all my students! May you have a blessed and joyful holiday season! ¡ Nos vemos el año que viene! See you next year!

Some of the 7th/8th graders are doing a \$3 gift exchange for Friday's Christmas party. We need some volunteers to bring some snacks and drinks on Friday. Please let your child know what they can bring. Also, if any parent would like to volunteer Friday, we will need some help with monitoring games and food from 11:30-2.

We are also collecting money for Samaritan's Purse. Please bring in any donations of \$\$\$ before Thursday so we can pick what we'd like to buy as a class.

8th Algebra I- We are factoring polynomials. Make sure you are mastering how to FOIL!! Some students are still struggling with this so it is affecting their factoring work.

7th Math- We will begin chapter 8 on Math in everyday life. I hope Santa is bringing a few students a basic calculator! Some students still need one for math class.

6th Math- Test this week. We are learning about graphs this week. I hope Santa is bringing a few students a basic calculator! Some students still need one for math class. I like to teach students how to use a calculator. We are learning percents and discounts; this is a good time to learn how to use one!

5th Math- We will begin working with Algebraic equations and 3 digit divisors.

7th/8th Spanish- We are presenting our power points about Christmas in our Spanish country.

6th Spanish- We will be presenting our posters about our country's Christmas in class.