



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

We have had a terrific first semester!
Thank you for supporting our students and teachers.

Our fifth grade Christmas program will be Thursday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pearl High School Performing Arts Center. We hope everyone can join us for "Lights! Camera! Christmas!". It is going to be a great show!

Our students will be taking iReady Diagnostic tests starting on December 1st. Please be sure your child is at school on time and eats a healthy breakfast for these tests.

We will have our "Snow What Fun Day" and Christmas parties on Thursday, December 18th. These parties will be for students only. Please check with your child's teacher for more information on Christmas parties.

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Kim Scutch, Principal

#### **December Events**

<u>December 1st-12th</u> I-Ready Diagnostic Testing

<u>December 11th</u>
PUE 5th grade Christmas Program
6:00 p.m. at Pearl High School

December 12th

December Student of the Month

Recognition

<u>December 18th</u>
"Snow What Fun" Day/ Christmas
Parties (students only)

<u>December 22nd-January 2nd</u>
Winter Break



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Happy Holidays! Fourth grade students will be learning about the history of ornaments this month and will then make ornaments of their own! Fifth graders will be working on a painted Santa Claus. They will also be introduced to oil pastels and will then use these to add details to their Santa picture.

REMINDER: Please download the BoxTops app on your phone and scan your grocery receipts. This gives money to our school to help buy fun art supplies for our students! Also, remember to send pencil store money with your student on Art day.



"Tis the season to be jolly!" We will be singing Christmas songs with the ukulele to finish up our semester-long unit on ukulele. By Christmas, students will have learned four chords on the ukulele. I am so proud of their hard work!

Our fifth-grade classes are presenting "Lights! Camera! Christmas!" at the Pearl High School auditorium on December 11th at 6:00 p.m. Students participating in the program will need to be at the PHS auditorium by 5:30 p.m. Notes with more information will be sent home the week of the program. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing these students on stage!









Reading at home can make a big difference! Students will not be able to keep their school Library book over Christmas Break. However, students/families are always welcome to visit the Pearl Public Library at any time. We also have a digital book Library called MackinVia which allows students to read electronic books (e-books) from home or school. Students can login to the MackinVia e-book Library through their Clever Portal or can download the MackinVia app for free. Students will be given a "Read-a-latte" Winter Break Reading Challenge before Winter Break, and they will receive a prize for completing this over the Winter Break.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Edmondson



Our focus is on fitness and teamwork during December as we play and work hard to strengthen our muscles. We will begin the month with Mr. Dear and his team of Taekwondo trainers from Tiger Rock. Their focus will be on muscle strengthening, balance, hand/eye coordination, and improved focus. We will wrap up the month with volleyball drills and games.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## CONGRATULATIONS



November Teacher of the Month Mrs. Heather Haycraft



Spelling Bee Winner (left) and Runner-up (right)



4th Grade Run from Drugs Top 10





5th Grade Run from Drugs Top 10





COMPUTER
Ms. Gray

During the month of December, both 4th and 5th grade students will discover the power of programming and will explore music creation through coding. They will also be participating in some fun Christmas games and activities!

Please remember to encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing! Happy Holidays!

### A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

**Nurse** Robyn



#### **Healthy Holidays!**





The holiday season is a wonderful time to celebrate, but it can also bring extra stress and sniffles. Help your child stay healthy by keeping bedtime routines consistent (even during the holiday break!), encouraging handwashing, and offering fruits, veggies, and water alongside seasonal treats. A bit of outdoor activity and downtime each day can also boost energy and mood. Wishing your family a joyful and healthy holiday season!