

**DECEMBER
2023**

PARK AVENUE ELEMENTARY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Update from the principal:

December is always a very busy month in elementary schools with all of the exciting events and learning opportunities that students have throughout the month. Teachers have been weaving in many holiday lessons and experiences with their curriculum to expose students to the various holidays that are celebrated here in the United States and around the world.

Each day starting on December 11 during Powwow, we have collaborated with the high school to provide live holiday music during Powwow. Some of our adults within the building also play instruments, so they will be performing on days that high school students did not sign up. This is a wonderful way to spread holiday cheer, while also exposing our students to musical performances by people they may know.

Our PTO has worked very hard to plan a wonderful Holiday Santa Shop for our students which will take place on December 18-19. Our gym, library, and computer lab will be decorated and vendors will be set up, and students will visit with their homeroom to do some holiday shopping for their family/friends. Thank you to our PTO, the parent volunteers that have signed up to help our students shop or wrap, and the vendors that will be present. This festive event would not happen without you.

Please remember that we will be going out to recess on any day that it is nice and above a certain temperature, so please make sure that your child comes to school with coat, hat, and gloves. We want to provide as much outdoor play for students as possible to exert their excitement and energy, help us by making sure they're dressed appropriately.

I hope that you have a wonderful Holiday Season with your loved ones. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns,

Ally Schleichert

UPCOMING DATES:

- 12/8- PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL (NOVEMBER)
- 12/11- 5TH GRADE FIELD TRIP
- 12/14- HOLIDAY CONCERT (GRADES 1 & 4)
- 12/18-12/19- PTO HOLIDAY SANTA SHOP
- 12/20- HS HOLIDAY CONCERT AT PARK AVE
- 12/21- 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE
- 12/22- 1/2- HOLIDAY BREAK
- 1/3- SCHOOL RESUMES
- 1/5- PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL (DECEMBER)
- 1/8- SMILE DENTAL PROGRAM VISIT
- 1/8- PTO MEETING
- 1/12- 2 HOUR EARLY RELEASE

COUNSELOR'S CORNER: MRS. KARA STRINE



This month's focus is **Empathy**. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships. Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership!

Family Challenge: Review the definition of Empathy as a family! Remember that Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Find a time to sit together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice Empathy. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Empathy as you listen to each other. ● What is 1 way a family member has shown you Empathy lately? ● Share about a time when you felt like someone really listened to you.

Reminder: Send students with **Hats, Coats, and Gloves** for outdoor recess!



MONTHLY CHARACTER TRAIT OVERVIEW: **EMPATHY**

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH **GRATITUDE**



Nariah Crow
Nolan Tobin
Allyssa Pierce
Wesley Mahaffey
Summer Hovis
Peyton Snyder

Ava Hankins
Maggie Shields
Ava Fisher
Brynn Mahaffey
Hazel Wolfel
Elly Staats

Izayah Phelps
Fiona Williams
Cole Newson
Owen Barnhouse
Dakota Foust
Ariel Campo

Arrah Buschman
Antonio Tijerina
Edwin Cordial
Josie LaRoche
Brixden Pfleiderer
Jase Whittington

Reward:

**Pizza with
the Principal**

December 8

