



**Upcoming
Events**

1/4

**School
Resumes**

1/12

**Citizen/
Student of
the Month
Luncheon**

1/13

**Kindergarten
Jump Start
Ends**

1/16

**No School—
Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**

1/19

**Carpenter /
Olson Field
Trip**

1/20

**Sayles /
Nordby Field
Trip**

1/26

**Class Picture
& Personality
Photo Day**



Coyote Courier

From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

It is amazing to me that we are already half way through our school year! I feel good about the progress that we have made and I am excited for our future. I want to thank everyone again for the warm welcome and for working so hard to help our students achieve success. Our second half will seem just as fast, maybe even faster so hold on and stick with us as we continue to work hard every day.

We will likely be facing cold temperatures, snow and ice for a few more months so please make sure your students bring a warm jacket, gloves and a hat as we

will be going outside as often as possible. If you are in need of any of these items please let us know and we will see how we can help. Also, please know that although our awesome maintenance department works very hard to clear snow and ice, now and again the weather hits us at just the wrong time. Keeping that in mind, please drive and walk safe and remember to take your time.

Have a restful break filled with things that make your heart smile and I will see you all in January!



Before you head off for break, here are a few assignments for everyone:

1. Sleep in
2. Go sledding
3. Sleep in
4. Eat sugar
5. Enjoy family time
6. Sleep in
7. Bake cookies
8. Make a snowman
9. Make a snow angel
10. Make a snow fort



Sincerely,

Mr. Hopkins

Holiday Canned Food Drive Update

Purple Sage students participated in our annual canned food drive again this year. Nearly a ton of food and supplies were collected to be donated to and distributed by the Middleton Food Pantry. The 3rd graders were the overall winners of the grade level competition, collecting 538 items! They will be enjoying a pajama day in January.



Members of Miss Oien’s class (Lincoln Bowers, Clayton Troxel, Kielyn Coombs, Zoey Blackwell, & Hayden Wingett) pose next to their snowman “thermometer” showing their winning number of items donated.

Individual contributors whose names were drawn for the hot chocolate and donut party are: Nate Wilson, Tyson Campbell, Winnie Uriguen, Kinley Wrigley, Conor Marron, Diego Palacios, Laney Leavitt, Ryan Jachim, Kathleen Martin, Lucas Holmes, Bitner Corder, and Peyton Hickam.

Thank you all for your generous support!



Student Leadership members (Preslee Lenz, Berkley Royce, Taydon Widmer, Olivia Lammey) help load up the food to be donated to the Middleton Food Pantry.

Counselor's Den

Character Trait of the Month:

Cooperation

Cooperation is the process of working together to the same end; acting together for a common purpose or benefit.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller



Instructional Focus: Conflict Management

Using Kelso's Choices student will learn how to handle conflict. They will be encouraged to solve "small problems" on their own, by choosing options from the "Peace Wheel." These options include:

- Go to another game
- Talk it out
- Share and take turns
- Ignore it
- Walk away
- Tell them to stop
- Apologize
- Make a deal
- Wait and cool off



If students have a "big problem," such as bullying or safety concerns, they will be encouraged to talk to an adult.

Students and Citizens of the Month – December

The following students were recognized in a special luncheon given in their honor:

Students of the Month

1st Grade— Brooklynn Nelson, Michael Anzalone, Lucas Holmes, Nancy Sotelo

2nd Grade— Bronson Ross, Jason Caballero, Payzlei Serpa, David Strebe, Daniel Correa Hernandez, Remington Wright

3rd Grade— Lincoln Bowers, Ainsleigh Nye, Owen Avenius

4th Grade— Michael Martinez, Wyatt Topping, Peyton Rodriguez

5th Grade— Berkley Royce, Madelyn Voss, Collin Conner

Citizens of the Month

1st Grade— Kathleen Martin, Abilene Joslin, River Downs, Wyatt Finch

2nd Grade— Olivia Blackwell, Chloe Wiesner, Robert Madrigal, Kimberly Sotelo Arizmendi, Megan Kraupp

3rd Grade— Hayden Wingett, Trey Howard, Matt David Reyes

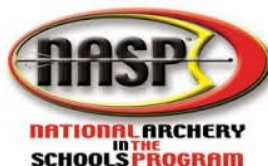
4th Grade— Daniel Gulley, Logan Ong, Madison Law, Cade Dean

5th Grade— Jayden Brown, Konner Wrigley, Jasmin Bedolla

Forrester's Archery Aces

During the month of November Mrs. Forrester taught the sport of archery to her 4th and 5th grade students. She is a certified archery instructor through the National Archery in the Schools Program. She also teaches Bow Hunter Education through the Idaho Fish and Game.

Archery levels the playing field for all students. Anyone and everyone can enjoy the sport of archery.



Mrs. Forrester covers many PE Standards through her Archery Unit. Through research, archery has been shown to improve students' concentration and focus which carries over into the classroom. The students at Purple Sage Elementary are fortunate to have this opportunity to participate in archery. Mrs. Forrester is the only elementary PE teacher in the state of Idaho that teaches the ancient sport of archery.