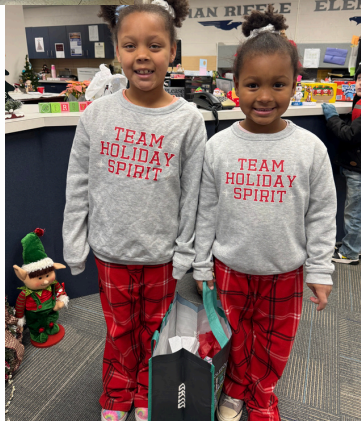


INDIAN RIFFLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JANUARY 2025

December Fun

The month of December was a whirlwind of learning and activities! I hope you all enjoyed your break - and the extra couple of days - making memories and enjoying time with family and friends!



Upcoming Dates



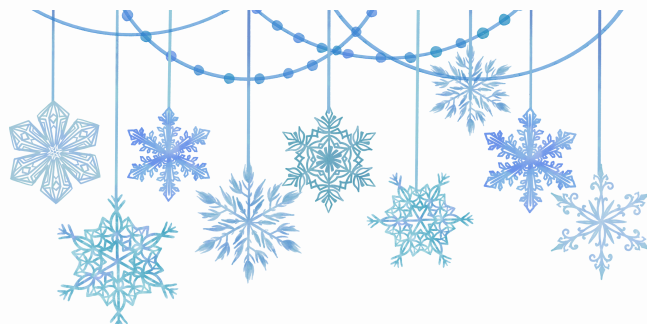
January 20 - No School
January 24 - Snowflake Dance
February 7 - Talent Show - 9 am
February 10-13 - Book Fair
February 12 - Gr. 4 and 5 to UD Game
February 13 - Conferences 3:30-7
February 14 - No School - Teacher PD
February 17 - No School

CALAMITY DAYS INFORMATION



It's that time of the year!

- When inclement weather makes it unsafe to transport students to school, the district will delay or close school in the interest of safety.
- When there is a school delay or closing, the Kettering Schools will post this decision on the district website. Facebook page and via our local TV stations.
- Families and staff also have the option to sign up for phone call and/or text notifications when we have a "calamity/snow" day.
- Please use [this link to receive a phone call and/or text message](#) when we delay or close school.
- Please note: Phone calls and text messages are made/sent out as quickly as possible, once a decision has been made to delay or close school. Every effort is made by the district administration to make these decisions between 5:15-6 a.m., so phone calls and text messages will typically go out very early in the morning.



REMINDERS



- Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. We do go outside whenever possible. If it is above 20 degrees, we have recess.
- Our day begins at 8:15. Students are expected to be in their seats ready for learning at 8:15.
- If your child has a fever or is throwing up, they must be fever and symptom free for 24 hours before they can return to school.
- Please call the office at 937-499-1720 if your child will be absent.

COUNSELOR CORNER

Welcome to 2025! I hope your winter break was restful and you were able to enjoy time with the people you care about.

January can be a long month for some of us. We are back in the swing of work and school, the days are shorter and cold, and a break feels very far away. If you or your child are struggling with the winter blues, here are some tips to support your mental wellness.

1. **Plan ahead to stay occupied.** What goals do you have for the next few months? How can you stay busy?
2. **Move your body every day.** Stay active to boost your mental wellness. Have a 10 minute dance party or go for a walk.
3. **Get some fresh air and sunshine!** Bundle up and get outside every day. Go sledding, hike at a local park, or just soak up some sun in your backyard!
4. **Connect with someone each day.** Stay in touch with people you care for! Have conversations with your kids about how they are doing.
5. **Do something for someone else.** Acts of service can be uplifting when you're feeling down. Volunteer for an animal shelter, check in on your neighbors, or donate to a cause that's important to you!
6. **Try something new!** Switch up your routine for some brain stimulation. Is there a hobby or activity you've been wanting to try?
7. **Don't forget your basic self-care!** Get enough sleep. Eat nutritious foods, drink enough water. It's hard to care for others when we don't care for ourselves. A healthy body helps you stay emotionally well.
8. **Get enough light during the day.** If you can't get outside, hang out in front of a sunny window.
9. **Ask for help.** It's okay and normal to feel overwhelmed or blue during the winter months. Talking about it can help!



Reach out to Mrs. Elrod if you or your student are struggling. I am always happy to help or connect you with resources in our community!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CONTEST

- The City of Kettering is holding a Black History Month Contest. Check out the flyers below for more information: [K-5 Black History Month Flyer](#)



CAREER NEWS

We have been excited this year to work with Nicole Will, Workforce Development Navigator, a grant funded position, within the Kettering City School District that is aimed at enriching the educational journey of our students by providing them with valuable career exploration, exposure, and experiences. Our goal is to equip every student with the knowledge and opportunities to explore a variety of career pathways.

Beginning in September, our district-wide monthly career focuses kicked off with Skilled Trades. In October, we explored Manufacturing/Engineering Careers, November was Healthcare Careers, and December brought Computer Sciences. In January, we will learn about Humanities and Public Service careers.

Every student, grades PK-12, will engage in this exploration. Elementary students will engage through weekly announcements and career posters. We are committed to supporting your child's journey toward a successful future by helping them discover and explore their career interests from an early age.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

DID YOU KNOW? MISSING JUST 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, OR ABOUT 2 DAYS PER MONTH, NEGATIVELY IMPACTS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.



PBIS FUN

We celebrated our second quarter PBIS award assembly on our last day before Winter Break! The next school-wide celebration will be at the end of the third quarter. Until then, we will continue our weekly drawings!

In January, all students will review Indian Riffle's PBIS expectations! Please ask your child about our 3 focus words for PBIS. What do they mean, what do they look like at school and what do they look like at home?

NEED HELP?



Click [here](#) for
Community
Resources

PTO NEWS

Be in the Know with the PTO!

- Eat at Jet's Pizza (3979 Indian Ripple Road) any Tuesday. Mention the PTO and your child's teacher. Every two months, the top classroom gets a free pizza lunch! This will be an ongoing event every Tuesday through May.
- The next timeframe is Jan. 7 - Feb. 25
- Need a small gift for your child's teacher? Check out the Indian Riffle [Amazon Wish List](#). We update the list regularly throughout the year! Orders will be shipped directly to the school. Donations can also be sent to the office.
- We'd love your help, making this year great. Can you help at any events? All volunteers have to be approved. Click [Volunteer Background Check](#) to start the BIB process!

Upcoming Activities

Jan. 24 - 6-8pm - Snowflake Dance

Feb. 11 - 5pm - PTO meeting, Indian Riffle library

Feb. 12 - 6-10pm - Dine to Donate with Raising Cane. 4384 Indian Ripple Road (by the Greene)

Feb. 13 - Parent-teacher conference meal (potatoes) - [Click here](#) to donate

Indian Riffle PTO Executive Board

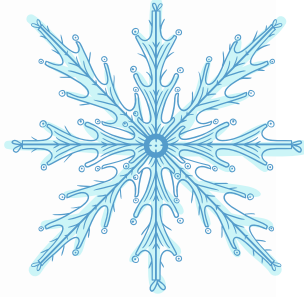

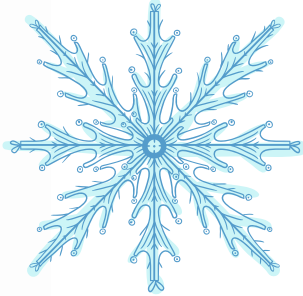

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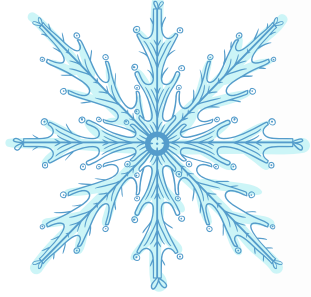

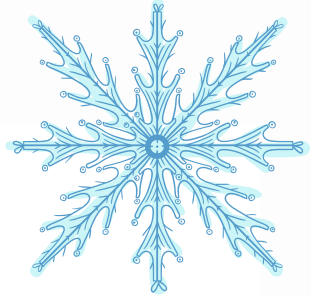
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