

## Mrs. Hibbard's Notes

*Welcome December! The first trimester ends this Wednesday. It's amazing how fast the first 13 weeks has flown by! We've had a great start to the year and look forward to finishing 2025 on a strong note!*

*You will soon have the opportunity to conference with your student's teacher. On Thursday and Friday, December 11 & 12, students will be dismissed at 11:30 so that we can conduct parent-teacher conferences. If you are meeting in-person, please remember to sign-in at the front door when you enter the building. Thank you for taking the time to partner with your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you!*

*Throughout November, students practiced expressing gratitude and kicked off our season of giving by donating during our Pennies for Turkeys Fundraiser! Over \$818 was raised and will be donated to the Center of Concern and the Seneca Falls Backpack Program to provide meals for those in need. Thank you for your support!, and a special thanks to the Downtown Deli for including a collection jar at the café! In December, the Student Council will host a food drive to help families in our community who may be in need.*

*The holiday season is a great time to continue to share thoughts of gratitude and the gift of giving. We hope your family enjoys the holiday season!*

*-Mrs. Hibbard*

## Mark your Calendars

### **Monday, December 1**

PTO Family Paint Night, 6 pm, cafeteria

### **Wednesday, December 3**

End of Trimester 1

Gr 4/5 Chorus Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium

### **Week of December 8**

PTO Holiday Shop (*see page 3 for details*)

### **Tuesday, December 9**

Band Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium

### **Wednesday, December 10**

Gr. 3 Roller Skating, 3:15-4:30 pm, gym

PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm, library

### **Thursday, December 11 & Friday, December 12**

11:30 Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences

### **Tuesday, December 16**

Written Spelling Bee for grades 4 & 5

### **Monday, December 22— Friday, January 2**

Winter Holiday Vacation

## **School Resumes Monday, January 5, 2026**

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## Holiday Concert News

The holiday concert season is upon us. Our students have been working very hard to get ready for what promises to be a great holiday concert series. Thank you for supporting your son/daughter's interest in music! This year's concert schedule is as follows.

### 4th & 5th Grade Chorus and Stanton Singers

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

Students should arrive by 6:30 pm



### 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert

(6th grade Chorus also performs)

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 p.m.

High School Auditorium

Students should arrive by 6:35 pm



## Stanton Shining Stars

The Giving Tree is a project designed to help children at Cady Stanton School. Members of our school community generously donate each year. If you are interested, you also can become a Shining Star and help make the holidays brighter for our students. The suggested amount this year is \$40.00 although all donations are gratefully accepted.

To purchase a star, please put your donation (cash only) in an envelope, write your name and Stanton Star on the front, and send it to the office. We will add your star to the tree and use your donation to help a child enjoy the holidays. Happy Holidays and thank you for your support!



## Parent Handbook Highlight

In September, each parent receives a parent handbook full of important information about policies and procedures at Cady Stanton. This month, we are highlighting our **Awards** procedures:

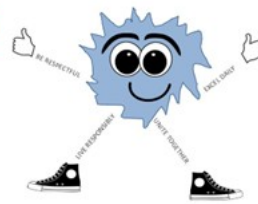
*At Elizabeth Cady Stanton, we promote personal achievement, improvement, work ethic, and good character. We do NOT recognize students for perfect or exceptional attendance. Although we value and understand the importance of our students attending school, we do not want students to come to school ill. If you would like to know what awards will be given in June, please ask your child's homeroom teacher. The fifth graders will have an awards and graduation ceremony in June. 3rd and 4th graders invite parents in to celebrate students' growth and achievement. More information will be shared this spring!*

## Cafeteria Charges

Did you know you can put money on your child's cafeteria account, see what they are purchasing, and pay off any charges all online? Check out more information at: [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).

## Lost and Found

Our pile is growing! When you are in the school for parent-teacher conferences please check the table outside the office for your child's belongings. Anything not claimed will be donated during Winter recess.



**PTO NEWS**

PTO will be hosting a holiday shop the week of December 9. Each grade level will shop on a different day:

4th graders—Monday, 12/8

3rd graders—Tuesday, 12/9

5th graders—Wednesday, 12/10

Each child will have the opportunity to shop independently for gifts for their entire family and will be given budget envelopes that will allow for you and your child to select the amount of money they can spend on each person on their list. **The maximum amount allowed for students to bring in is \$40.** This will ensure that all students have access to purchase a wide variety of items. A flyer with information and an envelope will come home with your student today. Volunteers will be needed!

The **3rd Grade Skate Party** will be on Wednesday, December 10 from 3:15 until 4:30. Permission slips will come home a week before. Students must wear a helmet in order to participate. Please remember to send your child with a signed permission slip, \$5.00, water bottle and a helmet. Your child will need to be picked up at 4:30 pm and there will be NO late bus for this event. Please enter the school from the back parking lot and meet your child in the gym and remember to sign your child out before leaving the building.



Thank you to Ms. Anna LaRocca who will run our family paint night this Monday, December 1. Families always have a great time painting!. Watch out for another paint night this spring!

**THANK YOU!**

Our next PTO meeting will be Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00 pm in the Cady Stanton Library. All are welcome to attend!



Join Us For A



# Holiday Food Drive

**"Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas perhaps means a little bit more!"**  
**-The Grinch**

DECEMBER 8TH

TO

DECEMBER 12TH

DONATIONS BENEFIT  
THE HOUSE OF CONCERN AND  
SF BACKPACK PROGRAM

SUGGESTED FOOD ITEMS:

CEREAL. SPAGHETTI SAUCE. CORN. PEAS. MIXED  
VEGETABLES. REGULAR (NON-WHEAT) PASTA.  
PEANUT BUTTER. JELLY. MACARONI AND CHEESE.  
SOUPS. RICE. CANNED FRUIT. ETC.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF EXPIRATION DATES

**THE WINNING GRADE LEVEL RECEIVES A PRIZE**



*Help Us Spread Some Christmas Cheer!*



Sponsored by 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council



## Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

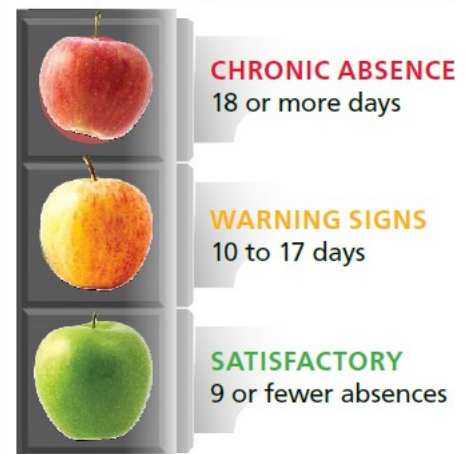
Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule non-urgent related medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If you are concerned that your child may have a contagious illness, call your school or health care provider for advice.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.

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### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!



## Parent-Teacher Conferences: A Tip Sheet for Parents

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. You and your child's school have something in common: You both want your child to learn and do well. When parents and teachers talk to each other, each person can share important information about your child's talents and needs. Each person can also learn something new about how to help your child. Parent-teacher conferences are a great way to start talking to your child's teachers. This tip sheet suggests ways that you can make the most of parent-teacher conferences so that everyone wins, especially your child.

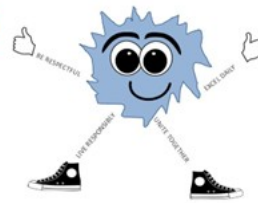


### What should you expect?

- **A two-way conversation.** Like all good conversations, parent-teacher conferences are best when both people talk *and* listen. The conference is a time for you to learn about your child's progress in school: Ask to see data about your child's attendance, grades, and test scores. Find out whether your child is meeting school expectations and academic standards. This is also a time for the teacher to learn about what your child is like at home. When you tell the teacher about your child's skills, interests, needs, and dreams, the teacher can help your child more.
- **Emphasis on learning.** Good parent-teacher conferences focus on how well the child is doing in school. They also talk about how the child can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your child's homework, tests, and notices before the conference. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask the teacher.
- **Opportunities and challenges.** Just like you, teachers want your child to succeed. You will probably hear positive feedback about your child's progress *and* areas for improvement. Be prepared by thinking about your child's strengths and challenges beforehand. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help your child with some of his or her challenges.

### Checklist: Before the conference

- ✓ Schedule a time to meet. If you can't go at the scheduled time, ask the teacher about other times.
- ✓ Review your child's work, grades, and progress reports.
- ✓ Talk with your child about his or her progress in school.
- ✓ Talk with others—family members, after school staff, mentors, etc.—about your child's strengths and needs.
- ✓ Make a list of questions to ask during the conference.
- ✓ Think about ways you would like to be involved in your child's learning so that you can discuss them with the teacher.



## What should you talk to the teacher about?

- **Progress.** Find out how your child is doing by asking questions like: Is my child performing at grade level? How is he or she doing compared to the rest of the class? What do you see as his or her strengths? How could he or she improve?
- **Assignments and assessments.** Ask to see examples of your child's work. Ask how the teacher gives grades.
- **Your thoughts about your child.** Be sure to share your thoughts and feelings about your child. Tell the teacher what you think your child is good at. Explain what he or she needs more help with.
- **Support learning at home.** Ask what you can do at home to help your child learn. Ask if the teacher knows of other programs or services in the community that could also help your child.
- **Support learning at school.** Find out what services are available at the school to help your child. Ask how the teacher will both challenge your child and support your child when he or she needs it.

### "BE HEARD"

*Keep these principles in mind for a great parent-teacher conference:*

Best intentions assumed

Emphasis on learning

Home-school collaboration

Examples and evidence

Active listening

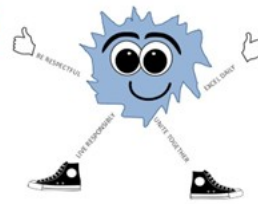
Respect for all

Dedication to follow-up



## How should you follow up?

- **Make a plan.** Write down the things that you and the teacher will each do to support your child. You can do this during the conference or after. Write down what you will do, when, and how often. Make plans to check in with the teacher in the coming months.
- **Schedule another time to talk.** Communication should go both ways. Ask how you can contact the teacher. And don't forget to ask how the teacher will contact you too. There are many ways to communicate—in person, by phone, notes, email. Make a plan that works for both of you. Be sure to schedule at least one more time to talk in the next few months.
- **Talk to your child.** The parent-teacher conference is all about your child, so don't forget to include him or her. Share with your child what you learned. Show him or her how you will help with learning at home. Ask for his or her suggestions.



## Congratulations to November's Students of the Month!

### 3rd Grade

Abigail J.  
Hannah C.  
Natalie J.  
Piper S.  
Rudy D.

### 4th Grade

Alice S.  
Frej H.-C.  
Nolan L.  
Marco S.  
Emma W.

### 5th Grade

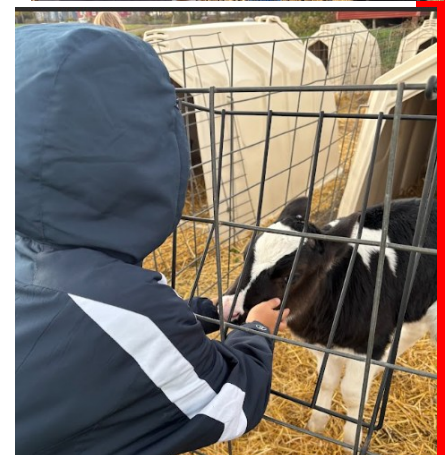
Kaylee S.  
Everett U.  
Aeralyn B.  
Lyra O.  
Ava D.

### Special Area (DML)

Shyanne W.  
River M.  
Kurtis S.



5th grade Students visited the Persoon Dairy Farm in Interlaken in early November. Thanks to our partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension, whose educators teach our 5th grade students a variety of health topics, the trip was fully paid for through a grant. It was a great experience for our students who loved learning about the farm and seeing the cows.



During our BLUE Bash we ended our theme of gratitude by thanking our WONDERFUL reading teachers! THANK YOU to these hard-working individuals who work with our students every day!



A fun game of “turkey toss” is a great way to practice skills of staying positive, encouraging our classmates, and accepting losing (and winning) in a positive way!



# December 2025-letter days



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 B Day PTO Paint Night 6 pm, cafeteria	2 C Day	3 D Day Grade 4/5 Choral Concert, 7 pm, HS	4 E Day	5 F Day	6
7 <u>Holiday Shop all week</u>	8 A Day	9 B Day Grade 5 Band Concert, 7 pm, HS	10 C Day Gr 3 Roller Skating, 3:15-4:30 PTO meeting, 6:00, ECS Library	11 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conf. D Day	12 Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conf. E Day	13
14	15 F Day	16 A Day Written Spelling Bee for Grades 4 & 5	17 B Day	18 C Day	19 D Day	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL!!	23 NO SCHOOL!!	24 NO SCHOOL!!	25 NO SCHOOL!!	26 NO SCHOOL!!	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL!!	30 NO SCHOOL!!	31 NO SCHOOL!!	Jan 1 NO SCHOOL!!	Jan 2 NO SCHOOL!!	