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Principal Report
FRES & LCS
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December Highlights

December was a joyful and energetic month at FRES, filled with meaningful learning experiences, school spirit, and memorable events for students, staff, and families as we prepared for winter recess.

The early snowfall brought great excitement to our students, transforming recess into a time of creativity and collaboration. Students delighted in building snow sculptures, rolling large snowballs, and enjoying outdoor play, making the most of the winter weather in safe and supervised ways.

We were grateful to partner once again with our PTO to bring the TIGER Assembly to FRES on Friday, December 5. This important program reinforced positive character traits and social-emotional learning, and was well-received by both students and staff.

Family engagement was a highlight of the month. Our Holiday Concert on Thursday, December 11, featuring students in grades 3–5, was a wonderful evening that showcased student talent, growth, and hard work. The performance was well attended and reflected the strong collaboration among students, staff, and families. Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted in making the evening a success, and a special thank you to Ms. Kudlich, our music teacher, for her dedication, preparation, and hard work— it was truly a wonderful concert.

From December 15–23, our school community embraced Spirit Week, which brought daily fun, themed activities, and a shared sense of excitement throughout the building. Students and staff enjoyed dressing up, participating in school-wide activities, and celebrating the season together.

Additional festivities included Movie Day on Friday, December 19 for FRES and December 23 for LCS, with popcorn and water generously provided by the PTO, as well as classroom holiday parties and special activities that added to the joyful atmosphere. That evening, families gathered for PTO Bingo/Game Night, which was another successful and well-attended community event. The PTO also held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 22, continuing their strong support of our school. Superintendent Weaver attended the meeting to engage with families, discuss current initiatives, and gather valuable feedback to help inform future goals for both LCS and FRES.

Behind the scenes, our staff enjoyed opportunities to build community as well, including a cookie swap, gingerbread house contest, and other seasonal activities that contributed positively to staff morale during a busy time of year.

We concluded the month by wishing our school community a safe and restful Holiday Recess from December 24 through January 2. December was truly a month filled with connection, celebration, and school pride, and we look forward to carrying that positive momentum into the new year.

As we look ahead, we continue to seek a long-term substitute for a Kindergarten position beginning in February. We appreciate any assistance in sharing this opportunity within the community—please help us spread the word.

Upcoming Dates

- **January 13-15 ~ mid-year i-Ready Reading and Math assessments**
- **January 16th ~ Grades Close for Quarter 2**
- **January 16th ~ PTO Skate Night**
- **January 19th ~ No School ~ Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

FRES Discipline Log Summary – 2025

August/September 2025

- 35 discipline log entries required administrative attention.
- 14 of these were bus referrals.
- These incidents involved 19 students out of 198, representing **9.6%** of the student body.

October 2025

- 19 discipline log entries required administrative attention.
- None of these were bus referrals.
- These incidents involved 15 students out of 198, representing **7.6%** of the student body.

November 2025

- 8 discipline log entries required administrative attention.
- 1 of these was a bus referral.
- These incidents involved 7 students out of 198, representing **3.5%** of the student body.

December 2025

- 4 discipline log entries required administrative attention.
- None of these were bus referrals
- These incidents involved 3 students out of 198, representing **1.5%** of the student body.

FRES	August/ September	October	November	December					
Total Log Entries	35	19	8	4					
Total Bus Referrals	14	0	1	0					
ISS	0	2	1	1					
OSS	0	0	0	2					
Loss of Privilege	3	0	0	1					
Other	18	17	7	0					