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# Nelson Family December Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events-

**Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 8, 9**---Vision & Hearing Checks

**Thurs. Dec. 1**---Nelson "Lit. First" Coach in

**Sat. Dec. 3**---4:40 p.m. Nelson Singers to sing at the Village Christmas Lighting at the Public Library

**Wed. Dec. 7**---5:30 p.m. Nelson Site Council Mtg. in the Media Center

**Thurs. Dec. 8**---7:00 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade & Nelson Singers Program

**Mon. Dec. 12**---1:30 p.m. Nelson 5<sup>th</sup> Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation

**Fri. Dec. 16**---Nelson P.T.A. "Movie Night"

**Tues. Dec. 20**---1:20 p.m. Nelson Band & Orchestra Program in the Gym

**Thurs. Dec. 22**---9:00 a.m. All School Singing & Reading of Essays

**Thurs. Dec. 22**---3:00 p.m. Class Parties

**Fri. Dec. 23**---11:40 a.m. School Dismissal / No Pre-K and No Lunches served



## Nelson Singers to Perform at "Village Christmas" this Sat. -

Our very own Nelson Singers will be performing this **Saturday, December 3**, during the Haysville Village Christmas Lighting activities at **the Public Library at 4:40 p.m.** **Nelson Singers** should plan to arrive no later than **4:30 p.m.** You will want to come out to support the Nelson Singers and hear their great singing under the direction of Ms. Richert.

## Winter Program-

Everyone is invited out to the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Program on **Thursday, Dec. 8**. **The Dress Rehearsal will be at 9:30 a.m. in the gym** and the **evening performance will be at 7:00 p.m.** The Nelson Singers will also be singing. Parents, please remind students that they will need to arrive at **6:45 p.m.**

**\*\*\*We are asking all of our Nelson Family to bring in can food items to place at the door prior to going in for the program to help out needy families around the Haysville area.** Plan now to come out and enjoy this delightful program. See you then.



## Nelson Band and Orchestra Winter Concert

Everyone is invited out to the Band and Orchestra Winter Program on **Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 1:20 p.m. in the gym**. We will see you then for this delightful time of seeing how far our students have come and you will get to hear some seasonal music.



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**Holiday Shop**-The Nelson Holiday Shop is currently going on to help students & parents with their holiday purchases. The hours remaining this week are today, **Wednesday, Nov. 30 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**. This **Thursday, Dec. 1, the shop will be open from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**, and this **Friday, Dec. 2, the shop will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**. Come on out and support the school and the many student activities here at Nelson while taking care of some of your shopping needs at the same time.



**Site Council Mtg. Wednesday, Dec. 7**-We plan to have our regular monthly scheduled Site Council Meeting on **Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 5:30 p.m.**. The agenda includes, but is not limited to:

\*\*Assessment Updates

\*\*National & State Legislative Issues

\*\*Upcoming Calendar Items

\*\*Various Nelson Drives & Initiatives

We will plan to see all of those involved with this important group at that time.



**D.A.R.E. Graduation**-We will be having our D.A.R.E. Graduation activities on **Monday, December 12, at 1:30 p.m.**. This will be in the gym for fifth grade students and parents, etc.. We will plan to honor our fifth grade students then for their hard work in this area.



**Holiday Food Drive Reminder**-Parents, please encourage your child to participate in the annual food drive to help fill the food cupboards in Haysville. The Holiday food drive will run from now through **Monday, December 12**. Our goal is 1,000 food items. If our goal is met, Mr. Mitchener will dress as an Elf. So bring your food items (non-perishable-cans and boxes) and keep them in your classroom until it is announced over the intercom to bring them to the front hall to be counted. They will be counted on Thursday of each week so that you will know how close we are to having the Elf for a day. There will be a special pizza party away from school for the class that brings the most items in. However, to qualify for the top class a minimum of over 100 items must be met. Let's make our goal and know that we are helping others in our community.

## **P.T.A. Movie Night**

"Family Movie Night" is **Friday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nelson Gym**. "Secret Life of Pets" will be showing and we are again inviting families out to this special cost saving night with popcorn and treats available for purchase along with the movie.



## **Winter Parties**



■Room Parents, Winter Parties are going to be on **Thursday, December 22, at 3:00 p.m.** Please visit with the Classroom Teacher for plans.



**Early School Dismissal on Fri. Dec. 23**-Parents, this is just a reminder so you can plan ahead. There will be **no Pre-School on Friday, Dec. 23**, and **grades K-5 will be dismissed at 11:40 a.m.** Busses will run at that time and there will be no lunches served. Enjoy this time with your family.

## Literacy First:

Did you know that student's must learn approx. 3,000 new words per year in order to acquire the vocabulary knowledge needed in high school?

- Three hundred to five hundred of those must be taught explicitly.
- Some of the best ways to ensure your child is learning new words is to have conversations with them every chance you get. Talk to them while you are making dinner, driving them to swimming lessons, waiting for the dentist or doctor to come in. Make every opportunity count—they are only young once!
- Sometimes it is difficult for children to learn new words. To help make cognitive connections, try having your child illustrate the word they are learning or create a game out of it.

If you have any questions about Literacy First please feel free to contact your child's teacher, myself or check out the official website: [www.literacyfirst.com](http://www.literacyfirst.com)

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