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Nelson Family December Newsletter

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Winter Parties-

Room Parents, Winter Parties are going to be on **Monday, December 18, at 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.** Please visit with the Classroom Teacher for plans.



Upcoming Events

Dec. 4, 5, & 8---Hearing & Vision Checks Finished at Nelson

Tues. Dec. 5---Nelson Lit. First Consultant Visit Day

Thurs. Dec. 14---District Guiding Coalition Mtgs.

Fri. Dec. 15---8:15-11:00 a.m. P.T.A. Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus \$1

Fri. Dec. 15---1:20 p.m. Winter Band & Orchestra Concert in the Gym

Fri. Dec. 15---2:30 p.m. Nelson Annual Christmas Singing & Essay Readings

Fri. Dec. 15---6:00 p.m. Doors Open for Movie Night

Mon. Dec. 18---3:00 p.m. Winter Parties

Tues. Dec. 19---Students last day before break

Wed. Dec. 20---End of the Semester ½ Collaboration Day ½ In-Service /No School

Wed. Jan. 3---Staff Work Day / No Students

Thurs. Jan. 4---Students Return to School



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 **Friday, December 15**. Our goal is 1,200 food items. If our goal is met, Mr. Mitchener will appear as one of Santa's helpers. So send in food items (non-perishable-cans and boxes) and these will be kept in the classroom until it is announced over the intercom to have them tabulated for the week. 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.



Nelson Band and Orchestra

Winter Concert -Everyone is invited out to the Band and Orchestra Winter Concert on **Friday, Dec. 15, 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 each day **Wed.-Fri. (Nov. 29-Dec. 1) from 4:00-8:00 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.

P.T.A. News.

Pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus-Nelson P.T.A. is offering a very special opportunity for your child to have a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The cost is only \$1 and anyone is invited to take advantage of this. This will be on **Friday, Dec. 15, from 8:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.** in the main hall.

Movie Night-“Family Movie Night” is **Friday, Dec. 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Nelson Gym, doors open at 6:00 p.m.** We are again inviting families out to this special cost saving night with popcorn and treats available for purchase along with the movie.

Literacy First News:

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

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