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# Nelson Family December Newsletter

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## Winter Parties-

Room Parents, Winter Parties are going to be on **Tuesday, December 18, at 2:45 p.m. unless otherwise specified.** Please visit with the Classroom Teacher for plans.



## Upcoming Events

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

**Mon. Dec. 10---9:00 a.m. Cab. & Principal Mtgs.**

**Thurs. Dec. 13---8:45 a.m. Santa to visit**

**Thurs. Dec. 13---1:20 p.m. Band and Orchestra Concert in the Gym**

**Tues. Dec. 18---9:00 a.m. Nelson Annual Christmas Singing & Essay Readings**

**Tues. Dec. 18---2:45 p.m. Winter Parties**

**Wed. Dec. 19---Last Day for Students before Break**

**Thurs. Dec. 20---End of Semester ½ Collaboration Day ½ In-Service**

**Dec. 21-Jan. 1---Winter Break for Staff**

**Wed. Jan. 2---Staff Work Day / No Students**

**Thurs. Jan. 3---Students Return**



## 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 14.** Our goal is 1,500 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. 13, 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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**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](http://www.literacyfirst.com)

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