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December 2016 Newsletter

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
R November 28 Concept of the Week: Discipline	T November 29 Elves Shelves OPEN	W November 30 VOYAGES – 8:15 AM	TH December 1 Elves Shelves OPEN BOOK FAIR Speedway Lights	F December 2 Holiday Store OPENS Spirit Day!
T December 5 Concept of the Week: Cooperation	W December 6 Elves Shelves OPEN	TH December 7 Elves Shelves OPEN BOOK FAIR VOYAGES – 8:15 AM	F December 8 Elves Shelves OPEN BOOK FAIR Speedway Lights	S December 9 Elves Shelves OPEN BOOK FAIR Spirit Day!
V December 12 Elves Shelves OPEN Progress Reports BOOK FAIR Concept of the Week: Self-Control	T December 13 Elves Shelves OPEN LAST DAY! BOOK FAIR	W December 14 PSTAPT CONFERENCES NO SCHOOL BOOK FAIR	TH December 15 BOOK FAIR LAST DAY!	F December 16 PTSO MEETING 8:10 PTSO FUN FRIDAY! Spirit Day!
19	20	21	22	23
WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK	WINTER BREAK
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PSTAPT ~ Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time

Parent-Student-Teacher Academic Planning Time is a data-driven version of traditional Parent Teacher Conferences. Every parent/guardian and student will be scheduled for a conference. There will be no school on **December 14** for conferences to be held during the day. Please bring your child with you to the conference so everyone can participate in this academic planning time. The most recent assessment data, along with classroom performance, and an instructional plan will be discussed. Please contact the teacher with any questions. This will also be one of the last days of our **BOOK FAIR**, where quality books will be available for purchase for your children's reading enjoyment!

Winter Break & New Year Holiday

There will be no school on Monday, December 19th through Monday, January 2nd for the Winter Break and the New Year Holiday. *School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.*
 Enjoy this holiday season together with friends and family!

Garden Fundraiser

We have been getting great use out of our garden so far this year. With all these great activities and more to come, the garden is in need of donations. On December 14th, during parent teacher conferences, the Garden committee will be selling garden pavers for \$10. You'll be able to decorate the paver, which will be displayed in the garden for years to come. Not only are the pavers going to make the garden look beautiful, they are also going to serve a purpose. Grass and weeds have been growing in our garden and damaging the garden beds. We are going to build a wall of pavers to protect the garden from harmful weeds. Any other donations to the garden are greatly appreciated as well. We have put all garden fundraisers on our **WEBSTORE**, please visit the Webstore today! Thank you for your help in maintaining our garden.

Drivers, please help us ensure student safety at dismissal by

☺ Not making U-turns in the school zone

☺ Not blocking the bus lane

☺ Not double parking

☺ Not allowing your child to run across the street

Thank you for following the rules of the road to keep our students safe.

Parents ~ Be on the lookout for your election ballots for the School Organizational Team. Information will include responsibilities associated with serving as a member of the organizational team and the names of the parents running for positions. Completed ballots are due to the Front Office on December 9, 2016.



Elves Shelves-Holiday Store

This is a fun opportunity for your child to purchase holiday gifts for family and friends with a little help from our PTSO Elves. The Holiday Store will be open on December 6th through December 13th, parents will be notified of the shopping schedule.

We are in need of the following supplies for Elves Shelves, if you would like to donate, please leave items in the front office. Volunteers are also needed for the Book Fair and Elves Shelves, so please look for the Sign Up Genius!

Items Needed:

- Wrapping paper & tape
- Bows & ribbons
- Gift Tags & gift bags
- Tissue paper
- Grocery bags



Mark your December calendars...

- **6th – 13th Elves Shelves** (during students' Library time)
- **8th Speedway Lights Fundraiser** (don't forget to bring your flyer to the Speedway)
- **16th – Fun Friday**
- **16th – PTSO General Meeting** at 8:10 AM in the Library

Again, THANK YOU for all of your support! Our McTeacher Night at McDonald's earned \$631.88 for our school and at the Chipotle Family Night we made \$721.98! Come and join the fun by volunteering!

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Short Notes

A Fresh Start: A calm morning can help your child(ren) go to school with a positive attitude. Build an extra 10 minutes into their wake-up time so they won't be rushed when coming back to school.

Backpack Check: Use your child's backpack to spark conversations about school. Sit together while you both go through it, and talk about what's inside.

Be A Team Player: You and the teacher have the same goal: for your youngster to succeed. If the teacher shares a concern about your child's progress or behavior, ask how you can help. At home, make nice comments about the teacher.

Stay in Touch: Tell the teacher about any changes in your child's life, such as the birth of a sibling or a separation or divorce.

Remember: A note is required to excuse any and all absences!



After-school Questions

Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

1. "What's the coolest thing that happened today? What wasn't so cool?"
2. "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
3. "What made you laugh today?"
4. "What was the most creative thing you did today?"
5. "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

**COME IN AND CHECK OUR LOST & FOUND!
ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED OVER THE WINTER BREAK!**

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE CARS UNATTENDED IN THE DROP-OFF ZONE!

Gently used clothing is always needed in our Health Office!