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Friday Notes

Friday, December 1, 2017

Upcoming Events

- 12/2 PTF Wreath party 5PM at Town Hall
- 12/11 Principal's Coffee Hour 7:30-8:30
- 12/11 School Board Meeting 5:30 PM
- 12/21 Half day of school, PTF Caroling

PE News

Hi All from the PE Dept. It's time to think of skiing and I need your help. This Friday every K-6th grade student will get a "Ski Document". This needs to be filled out for each student; if you have any questions please contact the school or email me. I use the information that you provide to set up the whole ski program for Burke Mountain (the forms are pretty self explanatory but we need all information that is asked for).

For new students/parents- we are very lucky at PES for this program. We take ALL (K-6th graders) for 4 days of skiing at Burke Mt. where the kids are provided with skis/boards, boots and poles (every student also needs a helmet to participate and this is provided by the PTF). They receive an hour of instruction, have lunch and then practice what they learned for 1 1/2 hours, then we return back to school for dismissal at 3 P.M. AND this is all paid for by the PTF!! So please support them in any of the fund drives that they have. There is a raffle for 4 Burke Mountain lift tickets currently and we also hope you'll plan to attend the auction in March, we need your support!!!!

I also need chaperones---skiers and non-skiers!!! If you would like to help out---there is a form on your student's packet---fill it out and I will be in contact with you.

Remember: This is Vermont. We have to get outside!!!! ~Ms. K.

Dear Peacham School Families,

It was wonderful to welcome students and families back to school this week after our Thanksgiving break. Everyone seems to have returned refreshed and ready for learning. Speaking of learning, you will find your child's **report card** in their Friday folder today. These are the report cards for the 1st trimester of learning this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding your child's report card; report cards are records of student learning progress and we hope that they will spark conversations between you and your child and his/her teacher. Please sign the envelope that the report card comes in and send it back to school to indicate that you have received it.

School Closings and Delays

This is the time of the year that we begin to prepare for possible school closings or delays. If we have to close or delay school there are a few different ways for you to find out. The best way to find out is through our One Call systems. This is the phone systems where you get a mass phone message that details the closing to delay. **Please make sure that you have given Shirley all of the up to date numbers that you want listed in this system.** You can also find out about closings by listening to 97.7 or 105.5 or by going to their websites. Other websites where this information will be listed include: vpr.net, our school website and facebook page, WCAX.com, and ccsonline.org. This information will also be listed on the WCAX (Channel 3) TV channel.

Principal's Coffee Hour

We will have another coffee hour on Monday December 11th from 7:30-8:30. If you would like to attend the coffee hour and have your children with you, feel free to bring them in a bit early that morning!

Readers

If you are interested in reading with some of our students, or know a community member who is interested, please let me know. We have a few teachers that are looking for adults to read with some of our students to practice their reading fluency. Thanks! (ashley.gray@ccsuvt.net)

Santa Fund

Cheryl Stevenson will be organizing another Santa Fund this holiday season. If you have any non-perishable food items, gas cards, grocery store gift cards, or money that you would like to donate for local families in need, please bring these items to the school. Cheryl will make sure that they get delivered to families in need.

Thank you!

Student Absences

You will notice on your child's report card the number of absences and tardies that they have recorded for the first trimester. Please note that when students are not at school that we need to hear from a parent about their absence so that we know they are safe. If Shirley doesn't hear from you she will call your home on a day when your child is out. If we do not get a reason for an absence it is marked unexcused until we hear from a parent. Most importantly, we want to ensure that all of our students are safe and accounted for.

I hope you enjoy the weekend with your families!
Happy December!

My Best,
Ashley

Mission Statement: *The Peacham Elementary School is a community of learners and teachers dedicated to developing the ability of each individual to think and communicate clearly, to explore the world, to make responsible decisions, and to have concern for the common good.*