

**A note from:
Mrs. Wade
Elementary
Principal**

December is the month that starts the possibility of bad weather. With bad weather, the potential for school closings and early dismissal exists. When real threats of bad weather occur during the night, we will be out early driving the streets and country roads of our district.

Our primary concern is for the safety of our children as they ride our buses and walk to and from school. Announcements of school closing will be made through our automated system, One Call. **If you have had any changes with your phone number(s) during the school year, please call the school secretary (Jill).**

We have a very generous community. Every year we have members of the community who help families out who are having a rough time. If you are in need of some assistance this year, please contact the office and talk to Jill or myself. We will do our best to help coordinate this.

Christmas Break:

**Monday, December 24 –
Tuesday, January 8**



Highlighted Events:

Thursday, December 6

Fairland Elementary Little Theatre will be presenting, *A Little Mermaid*. We will have two showings at 1:30 (students) and 6:00 (parents).

Monday, December 10

Mrs. Mishmash grade class will be presenting our monthly assembly at 8:10 AM in the Gym.

December 17

Third grade is going to the PSU planetarium

December 19-21

The PTC will be conducting their annual Santa's Workshop. Students may go to the workshop and buy Christmas presents for their family.

Thursday, December 20

- Fourth and Fifth Grade Spelling Bee at 8:15 in the Elementary Gym.
- The Elementary Christmas Program will be held in the HS Gym at 6:30. It will be led by Mr. Newman. Students are asked to be at the gym by 6:15 and stay for the entire program. The program will last about one hour. If you are unable to stay for the entire program, please do not attend. The program will not be in grade level order this year. We hope to see everyone there!

Friday, December 21

This is the last day of the 2nd quarter. Grade cards will go out after the break. We will have our annual gift drawing at 8:15 a.m. Each day that the students do not get in trouble from Thanksgiving to the end of the month of December, they earn a ticket for a chance for their name to be drawn for a new toy. If you would like to donate a new toy for the drawing, please call or drop it off by the office. The more toys we have...the more winners we can have. That is always a good thing! Class parties will be in the afternoon around

A Parents Night Before Christmas

Twass the night before Christmas when all
through the house
I searched for the tools to hand to my spouse.
Instructions were studied and we were inspired,
In hopes we could manage "Some Assembly Required."

The children were quiet (not asleep) in their
beds,

While Dad and I faced the evening with dread:
A kitchen, two bikes, Barbie's town house to boot!
And, thanks to Grandpa, a train with a toot!

We opened the boxes, my heart skipped a
beat....

Let no parts be missing or parts incomplete!
Too late for last-minute returns or replacement;
If we can't get it right, it goes in the basement!

When what to my worrying eyes should appear,
But 50 sheets of directions, concise, but not clear,
With each part numbered and every slot named,
So if we failed, only we could be blamed.

More rapid than eagles the parts then fell out,
All over the carpet they were scattered about.
"Now bolt it! Now twist it! Attach it right there!
Slide on the seats, and staple the stair!
Hammer the shelves, and nail to the stand."
"Honey," said hubby, "you just glued my hand."

And then in a twinkling, I knew for a fact
That all the toy dealers had indeed made a pact
To keep parents busy all Christmas Eve night
With "assembly required" till morning's first light.

We spoke not a word, but kept bent at our work,
Till our eyes, they went bleary; our fingers all hurt.
The coffee went cold and the night, it wore thin
Before we attached the last rod and last pin.

Then laying the tools away in the chest,
We fell into bed for a well-deserved rest.
But I said to my husband just before I passed out,
"This will be the best Christmas, without any doubt.

Tomorrow we'll cheer, let the holiday ring,
And not have to run to the store for a thing!
We did it! We did it! The toys are all set
For the perfect, most perfect, Christmas, I bet!"

Then off to dreamland and sweet repose I grate-
fully went,
Though I suppose there's something to say for those self-
deluded...



Santa's Sillies...

Question: Why does Santa have 3 gardens?

Answer: So he can ho-ho-ho.

Question: What do you get when you cross a snow-
man with a vampire?

Answer: Frostbite.

Question: Why was Santa's little helper depressed?

Answer: Because he had low elf esteem.

Question: What do you get when you cross an
archer with a gift-wrapper?

Answer: Ribbon hood.

Question: What do you call people who are afraid
of Santa Claus?

Answer: Claustrophobic.

Question: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Answer: Snowflakes.

Question: What was so good about the neurotic
doll the girl was given for Christmas?

Answer: It was wound up already.

Question: What kind of bird can write?

Answer: A pen-guin

Question: What do you get if you cross Santa with
a detective ?

Answer: Santa Clues!

Question: What happened when the snowwoman
got angry at the snowman?

Answer: She gave him the cold shoulder

