

Second District News

BULLDOG BUSINESS

A few words from Mr. Harper,

There were so many things to be thankful for in November. We had several students who are starting to pick up some of the behaviors we have in our school. We are all looking for these behaviors to become habits and become what our school is known. I hope students are kind in areas of the school community, but they also carry that out into the community at large.

This month, we focus on all of the fantastic holidays that celebrate many cultures' sharing traditions. I hope all students can learn about holidays they have not experienced before and respect all cultures in our school. There are several holidays we as Americans celebrate this time of the year: Christmas, Hanukkah, Diwali, and Kwanza are just a few. Most of these holidays are associated with festivals and lights that occur over several days and nights. They are celebrated all over the world as well. We are all excited to have these holidays and have many different traditions to celebrate them. Would you please share any practices your family uses with the teacher to share with our school community?

We have several announcements for the December newsletter. We would also like to thank and acknowledge all parents who have supported our Night at the Stadium and our district-sponsored team sports. We hope you were able to participate in some of these events. We are slowly opening back up and will have a Holiday Concert on December 16th, but we will only be broadcasting this event live on our Facebook Page and our District Page. Thanks to modern technology, we can have a way that you can all see your child in their final Holiday Concert.

We are looking forward to the spring to have all of you live at the spring concert and there will be basketball signups for grades . Have a wonderful month!

Mr. Harper

December

6th—School Board Meeting

14th —Progress reports Mailed

16th Christmas Concert—Online only—More information coming

21st—First Day of Winter

23rd—31st—Holiday Break

January 3rd—Return to School



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- No PTO meeting this month We will resume on January 5th 2022.
- Basketball will be starting for girls and boys in December.
- Curriculum Spotlight—Eureka Mathematics and new tech procedures
- Nutrition Highlight—Mrs. Harding
- Kind word Wednesday Spotlight



Basketball

The Boys' Junior Bulldog Basketball program is having Sign-ups and a Clinic this Saturday (Dec. 4) at NOON at the Meadville High School Main Gym. All boys in Grades 2-6 who are interested in playing basketball this winter are invited to attend.

Kind Words for December



December Kind Words

- Kindness Count (Poem)
- Dependable
- Joyous
- Half-Full—Optimistic vs. Half-Empty—Pessimistic

Try to find ways at home to use these words positively with your child.

Mr. Harper

HEALTHY SNACK UPDATE (DECEMBER)

Curriculum Focus:

December

Eureka Mathematics

Over the past few years, there has been a focus on what we can do to help out students in Mathematics and Reading. This month we will be doing more new types of problems. Our 3rd through 6th grade students will be working on more questions they will see on their PSSA testing.

New Tech Procedures

We are asking that all devices be sent home every night and brought back to school daily through the winter months. We are doing this for several reasons but want to make sure we get in the habit as we go into the next three months. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

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Healthy Snack Friday continues at Second District in providing a nutritional fruit or vegetable for every student. This month students will get to consume cantaloupe, pineapple and tangelo oranges. There will also be an exotic vegetable called, jicama offered this month to try. Did you know that Americans consume twice as many calories in the winter months than any other time throughout the year? Research shows that Americans buy 40% less of fresh fruit and vegetables during the winter months resulting in eating food that is higher in calories and less nutritional benefits. With the winter months approaching, the Healthy Snack Friday Program strives to continue to provide nutritional snacks even when it is not plentiful and bountiful. Here are a few tips to reap all of the health benefits of produce, even when it is dreary and colder outside.

- Look for seasonal produce.
- Buying fruits and vegetables can be costlier in the winter months. Try buying smaller amounts and using them with other foods.

Choose from All Forms – such as frozen, canned, and dried.

Mrs. Harding