

L.E.A.D...it's up to me!
Learning to Empower Myself to Achieve my goals will Determine my success!

DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Dear Carroll Elementary Parents/Guardians:

I hope you are prepared for a wonderful holiday season and excited to spend it with your family and friends. We are excited to wrap up "2016" and move forward into "2017" as we continue to work diligently to reach our academic goals for this year. We appreciate your effort and dedication, as you provide additional support from home, to help your child be successful. It has been very rewarding to see the growth our students have made since the beginning of the year.

We continue to have many things planned for the month of December. In December, our PTO will be sponsoring Secret Santa's Shop. We will be enjoying our holiday band and choral concert, along with conducting our holiday classroom celebrations. Please review the calendar dates listed below for further details.

Even though it is only December, our third, fourth and fifth grade teachers and students are continuing to prepare for the upcoming state mandated assessments. The 2017 ELA and Mathematics PSSA testing window is April 3-April 7 and April 23-May 11, 2017. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments or vacations for students that will participate in this assessment. As a building, the staff and students (K-5) are continuing to utilize some test taking strategies that will assist students when completing any assessment. The staff has implemented those strategies into their daily instruction since the beginning of the year. The following strategies listed below can be reinforced at home with students as they complete their homework.

*Nail the Detail *Extra, Extra Read All about It *Slash the Trash *Check it Out
*Plug it in, Plug it in *Be Slick and Predict * Keep on, Keeping on *Unpack the Question

I wish everyone a joyful holiday season; one that is blessed with warmth, togetherness and well-deserved relaxation.

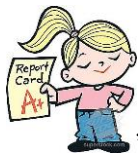
Happy Holidays,

Ms. Kristi Wickard



A few reminders:

- ✓ ***Please remember to have your child dress appropriately for cold temperatures. Students will continue to have outside recess unless the "feels like" temperature is 28 degrees or below.***
- ✓ ***Breakfast is NOT served on two-hour delay days.***
- ✓ ***Please remember to send a note regarding your student's absence the day he/she returns to school.***
- ✓ ***Please continue to encourage your student to practice their math facts using www.xtramath.org.***



Student Spotlight Corner

***We have concluded the first marking period and Ms. Wickard was able to honor several students for their accomplishments based on their attendance, academic performance or overall character.**

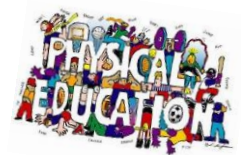
***Please review the “amazing” data points listed below regarding our Carroll students.**

- ~ 90 students were recognized for their perfect attendance (Pre-K thru 5th grade)
- ~ 36 third, fourth and fifth graders received an Academic Excellence-Distinguished Level award for earning “All A’s” on their report cards
- ~ 67 third, fourth and fifth graders received an Academic Excellence-Honor Level for earning “All A’s and B’s” on their report cards
- ~ 40 students will be recognized for demonstrating the Character Counts characteristic of “Responsibility”:

***We are very proud of our hard-working students! Keep up the good work!**



Special’s Spotlight



Art: Please check out www.Artsonia.com, an on-line museum for student artwork. All participating students will have artwork posted on Artsonia soon.

Band/Music: Our Holiday Band and Choral Concert is on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at New Bloomfield Elementary School.

Library: The Carroll Book Fair raised a total of \$5,222.95. The library will receive a credit of \$2,611.48 to purchase books for the library.

Physical Education: ‘Tis the season for boots...Please make sure your child/children are dressed appropriately for physical education class. It is very important that students wear sneakers to participate in the activities during their physical education class. Please have your child bring sneakers to school on their physical education days if they will be wearing boots to school. Please encourage students to exercise while on their holiday vacation. ☺

Dates to Remember

December 2	Family Movie Night @ 7pm in the Gymnasium
December 6	PTO Meeting @ 6pm
December 12-16	Santa’s Secret Workshop
December 20	Holiday Concert @ 7pm at New Bloomfield Elementary
December 21	Red/Green/Tacky Sweater Day
December 22	Pajama/Slipper Day - Holiday Classroom Parties
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Christmas Break
January 3	PTO Meeting @ 6pm
January 16	In-Service Day - No School for Students
January 20	End of the 2 nd Marking Period
January 27	Report Cards Sent Home



A message from the School Nurse... Stay Warm to Stay Healthy!

Please make sure your child dresses warmly for recess. He/she should have a warm coat, hat and gloves. Students still go outside on most winter days for their enjoyment and we want to ensure they are properly prepared for the colder temperatures. Students with temperatures of 100°F or more will be sent home. Please remember that students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
