

SKYWORDS

Newsletter for the families of Skyview Community Elementary School

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Calendar

- 12/8 Class T-shirt photo
12/10 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
12/22-1/2 No School: Winter Break
1/5 Classes Resume
1/14 Wendy's Night: 5-7 pm
1/19 No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
1/20 No School: Staff Development Day
1/23 Family Fun Night: 6:30 pm
1/29 5th Grade Band Concert: 6:30 pm
2/5 Science Fair: 6:00 pm

Math Word of the Week

for December 8-12

NUMERATOR



6-day calendar for the week of December 8:

- Monday-Day 4
Tuesday-Day 5
Wednesday-Day 6
Thursday-Day 1
Friday-Day 2

—Remember the Class Photo order envelope and payment is due on Monday, the 8th!

—Please send tennis shoes on phy ed days.

—Please make sure students have hats, mittens and boots for recess! They go outside EVERY day that the wind chill is -5° or above.



Holiday Concerts

We hope everyone had a chance to attend the fabulous holiday concerts this week! **Thanks to our choir director, Mr. Carlson, classroom teachers, parents and, most of all, our talented singers!**



Lost and Found

Our lost and found table outside the health office is *overflowing!* Please come in to look for your child's items.

Everything left on the table when Winter Break begins will be donated to charity.

Report Cards

Report Cards are being sent home with your child today. Please check their Friday Folder or backpack!

Class T-shirts

On **Monday, December 8th**, each class will be having their picture taken with their teacher. These pictures will be printed on a special "Classroom t-shirt or sweatshirt". If you'd like to order a shirt, please return the order envelope and payment on Monday.

Cleaning out closets before the holidays? Think of Skyview!

Electronic games that teach the ABC's and letter sounds, along with AA batteries are being collected by the kindergarten teachers. Please bring your donations to the office. Thank you in advance for anything that you can share with us!

Reminder about holiday gifts to staff members

A change to school district policy may affect how parents and students choose to “thank” their teachers and other school staff during the school year. The policy, which is based on state legislation, refers to



gifts that are for personal use only and still allows parents and other individuals to give gifts or items that benefit the classroom or school, such as school supplies. Gifts of that nature wouldn't be restricted to the \$5 limitation.

Under the recently revised school board policy governing “Gifts to Employees,” **teachers and other school district staff are not allowed to receive, as personal property, a gift worth more than \$5 from a student, parent, individual or organization.** Instead, individuals wishing to show appreciation to a teacher or staff member are encouraged to write letters or notes of appreciation. Individuals may also show appreciation through a donation to the school in the teacher's name. If you have questions about what a teacher or other staff member may accept as a gift, please call Mrs. Erickson.

Northeast Safety Town

Safety Town wants to remind all kids to stay off the ice on lakes, ponds, and streams until parents say it's OK.



New ice is thin ice – STAY OFF!

**No School
Winter Break
December 22-January 2
Classes Resume January 5**

ADD/ADHD Support Group

The District 622 ADD/ADHD Support Group will hold its next meeting of the year on Monday, December 8 from 6:30-8:30 pm at the District Education Center at 2520 E. 12th Ave., North St. Paul. Our speaker, Dr. Yasmine Moideen, a child psychologist, will talk about **Meltdowns and Tantrums**. What do tantrums tell you about your child? You will learn to look at meltdowns differently so that you can predict and prevent them.

This free community group is a place for parents, teachers and all adults involved in the lives of children who are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to meet and gain support, information and education through group discussion, guest lectures and sharing. All adults are welcome, whether or not you live in District 622 and CEUs are available.

We ask that you do not bring children to meetings but they are welcome to attend our childcare. The cost is \$2.00 per child, per meeting. Pre-registration for childcare is required at least one week in advance. Call 651-748-7594 and leave your name and phone number and the ages and names of your child (ren). This information is required for all childcare reservations.

Wendy's Night

Wednesday, December 10th is our next Wendy's Night.



Wendy's in Tamarack Village (Woodbury) donates 10% of its proceeds between 5:00-7:00 pm to Skyview. Take a break from making dinner during this busy season and help raise some money for our school! Thanks to Mrs. Hutchinson and her husband who will be our hosts this month!

Weather Updates

All school closings or late starts will be announced on WCCO radio, 830 AM. In case of an early release due to inclement weather, students will be sent home as they would at the end of a regular school day.

