

Inverness Elementary School Newsletter

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“Committed to Academic Excellence”

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Principal’s Message

The holiday season is in full swing and I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our families a wonderful holiday season and may it bring joy and special time with family and friends. This time of the year can be very hectic and stressful, but please remember that it should be a time when families have the opportunity to come together to enjoy each other’s company.



Upcoming Events

- ◆ 122 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- ◆ 12/3 Basketball Game @ Drew
- ◆ 12/8 School Reading Fair
- ◆ 12/9 Nutrition Workshop @ 8:45am
- ◆ 12/10 Basketball Game @ Moorhead
- ◆ 12/11 Craft Night @ 5:00 pm
- ◆ 12/12 RIF Book Distribution
- ◆ 12/17 Basketball Game @ Moorhead
- ◆ 12/18 Christmas Program (6pm)
- ◆ 12/19 Christmas Program (9am)
- ◆ 12/16-19 Nine Weeks Testing
- ◆ 12/19 Early Dismissal (1pm)
- ◆ 12/24-1/6 Christmas Break (No School)
- ◆ 1/5 Teacher Workday
- ◆ 1/6 Students Return

Updates from the PTA

The PTO has been busy planning events this year. Thank you to all who participated in the Krispy Kreme Donut fundraiser. Special thanks was given to those parents and students who worked extra hard and exceeded their sales expectations. The fundraiser was HUGE success!

As we head in to the “germy” winter season, please remember how important good hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes, and a good diet and sleep schedule are. Let’s do our best to keep everyone healthy this winter!



Student Tardies

Your help is needed in making sure that your child is in school on time. The first bell rings at 7:30 am and students are expected to be in class by 7:35 am. The class activities start promptly with the morning announcements. When a child comes in late, not only have they missed valuable class time, it is disruptive to his or her classmates. We understand that mornings can be hectic, but it is important to stress the need to be to school on time.

FRUIT DRIVE

Students are asked to bring fresh fruit to school from December 15-17. These fruits will be distributed to the elderly in the community. The Fruit Drive will be held Thursday, December 18th. Our parent liaison, Beverly Gilmore, along with students will be delivering the fruit.

PARCC ASSESSMENT

As you are aware, all students in Math and ELA will be taking the PARCC Assessment this coming spring. If you are interested in viewing a sample PARCC test, please see the link <http://practice.parcc.testnav.com/#T> he goal in future years is for the entire test to be given online

Counselors' Corner

Parents as Partners: Teaching your Child Student Success Skills

You have many opportunities to serve as a resource for your child to help him/her learn,

develop positive habits and improve achievement. Use some of these suggestions to offer

valuable support to your child's education.

Challenge: Organizing materials for the next day.

Suggestions: Pack backpacks and gather needed materials before bedtime.

Put packed, zipped backpacks in a grab and go location.

Select clothes the night before to reduce morning decisions.

Challenge: Homework completion.

Suggestions: Set a schedule and provide a quiet place for homework completion.

Monitor distractions during homework time. (phone, computer)

Encourage brief breaks when your child is frustrated.

Review your child's planner and BCPS One account nightly to be sure that all assignments are completed.

Check to see that homework has been placed in the correct binder sections.

Challenge: Long-Term projects.

Suggestions: List the tasks that need to be completed by the due date.

Chunk the tasks into manageable time components.

Create a calendar/schedule listing all tasks that need to be completed.

**Check in with your child to make sure he/she is keeping up with the
schedule/deadline(s).**

**Choose a work strategy: doing small parts on school nights or using longer
blocks of time on weekends.**

Challenge: Test Nights

Suggestions: Remind your child to begin studying in advance.

Suggest chunking the study material into small, manageable parts.

Be a study partner. Offer to quiz your child on class notes/review sheets.

Challenge: Interim/Report Card Distribution Days

Suggestions: Know when interims and report cards will be distributed.

Ask your child for his/her interim or report card on the scheduled date.

(Find dates on school website - <http://pikesvillems.bcps.org>)

**E-mail teachers for additional information. (Teachers' e-mail addresses
can be found on our website, interims and BCPS One.)**