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December 2017 Newsletter



Dear Blain Elementary Families:

As the song goes, "it's the most wonderful time of the year." While many of our students begin thinking about the joys of the holiday season we continue to maximize instructional time here at school. At home you can help your child during what can become a hectic time of year by maintaining a quiet time and place for him/her to read and complete homework assignments.

Although it seems as though we had our back to school events not that long ago, we are quickly approaching the mid-way mark of the school year. The end of the second marking period and second semester is on January 20. I also want to make you aware of this year's PSSA testing windows for Grades 3-5. The English Language Arts testing window is from April 9 – 13, the Mathematics testing window is from April 16 – 20 and the Science testing window (4th grade only) is from April 23 – 27. Makeups are scheduled for April 30 – May 4. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments or vacations as all enrolled students are required to participate in these state assessments.

May you have a safe, joyous, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Christopher Young



A few reminders:

- ✓ ***As the seasons change and the weather begins to get colder, please have your child dress appropriately for colder temperatures.***
- ✓ ***Please remember to send a note regarding your student's absence the day he/she returns to school.***
- ✓ ***Blain Elementary's S.T.A.R. Reading Challenge – Encourage your student to be reading each evening and remember to sign their reading calendar.***

Dates to Remember:

Tuesday, December 5	Fall Picture Retakes
Thursday, December 7	Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 14	Planetarium Dome Assembly
Friday, December 15	Yearbook Order Forms Due
Friday, December 22	December SWPBS Reward
December 23 - January 2	No School
Wednesday, January 17	End of 2 nd Marking Period



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At Blain Elementary School we expect students to: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe

November's Top Mustangs

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are "caught" displaying exemplary behaviors or performing acts of kindness toward others. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Monday six tickets are drawn and the students get to choose a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store.

Congratulations to our Top Mustang winners for the month of November:

~ Tod Reisinger ~ Elijah Hill ~ Paige Russell ~ Mason Stephens ~ Jorgi Sanno ~ Knox Ellison ~
~ Gabriel Clouse ~ Mackenzie Smith ~ Ember Sims ~ Leah Clouse ~ Sadie Innerst ~
~ Katelyn Casner ~ Benjamin Heckert ~ Kylee Welsh ~ Nick Smith ~
~ Audrey Reisinger ~ Tanner Zeigler ~ James Lightner ~



Our Classroom Snowball Battle will be held in January.
Classrooms earn 1 snowball for every 10 Box Tops collected.



Holiday Concert

Thursday, December 7

7:00 PM

Holiday Parties

Classroom parties will be held on Friday, December 22. Teachers will contact parents if classroom helpers are needed.

Students will not be participating in gift exchanges this year.

Holiday Spirit Days

Monday, Dec. 18
Wear Santa Hats / Reindeer Antlers / Elf Ears
Tuesday, Dec. 19
Wear Red and Green Day
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Crazy Hair Day
Thursday, Dec. 21
Tacky Christmas Sweater/Shirt Day
Friday, Dec. 22
Pajama Day

Automated Attendance Calls

A reminder that parents will receive automated courtesy phone calls if their child is marked absent here at school. These calls are intended to be an additional method of communication with families to ensure home / school communication.