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**Issue #16-Dec. 18**

**Just a reminder that our holiday break will begin next Thursday, Dec. 24. Students will return on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. Have a safe and restful holiday season!!**

**Reindeer Candy Cane Grams**

The PTO will be selling Reindeer Candy Cane grams during lunch time on this coming Monday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 22. The purchased candy grams will be delivered to the recipients on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The regular size candy canes can be purchased for \$.50, or students can purchase 2 small candy canes for \$.25. This is an inexpensive and easy way for the kids to give a gift to their friend or teacher. Thank you for your support of our Mayfield PTO!!



**Tardiness to School**

We are having way too many students tardy to school for unexcused reasons. We are signing in between 25 and 30 students EVERY DAY. Many of the students we are signing in are the same students every day. If your child has a doctor or dental appointment, that is excused, but the majority of the tardies are unexcused. Please make arrangements to get your child to school on time.

**Lady Middies Basketball Game Tomorrow**



Our Mayfield (White team) will play Central at 10:00 AM and Mayfield (Purple) will play Monroe in our Mayfield gym tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 19. Good luck to our Mayfield teams!!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dec. 24 – Jan 5 – Winter Break-No SCHOOL

Jan. 6 – Classes Resume

Jan. 11 – Spelling Bee-Gr. 3,4,5-2:15 PM

Jan. 12 – Celebration of Learning Assembly- Gr. K-2 at 1:30 PM  
Gr. 3-5 at 2:30 PM

Jan. 13 & 27 – Early Release at 2:45 PM

Jan. 18 – NO SCHOOL-Observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan. 19 – Skating Party – 6:30-8:30 PM

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**Thank you to our Santa Shop Volunteers**

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Santa Shop. We couldn't have done it without your help. A huge thank-you to Ken Lovely, Crystal Prater, Stephanie Chasteen, Kendra Wood, Veronica Greer, Crystal Parker, Evie Layne, Vicky Sparks, Angie Wooldridge, Debbie Reed and Sadie Etter. Hopefully we haven't missed anyone!

**Skating Party Reminder**

If your child(ren) are attending the monthly skating party at Skateway, they MUST be accompanied by their parent or another responsible adult. Students are NOT to be dropped off and left alone at the rink. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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## Reading at Home

Many of you are reading with your child at home.

There are a few techniques that will make your reading time even more beneficial for your child.

At school when a story is read special techniques are used to help students understand the story. We'd like to share these story reading ideas with you.

### Before reading

- Look at the title and illustrations together. Predict what the story will be about.
- Discuss what you both already know about the topic of the story.
- Read the first page and then ask your child to predict what might happen next.

### During reading

- Encourage your child to picture in his or her mind what is happening in the story.
- Ask what might happen next in the story.
- Encourage your child to change his or her predictions as the story provides new information.
  - Ask how a character might feel.
  - Talk about the illustrations.

### After reading

- Have your child retell the story and create a new ending together.
- Retell the story from another character's point of view.
- Let your child illustrate his or her favorite part of the story.
  - Discuss the story together.

Enjoy reading with your child over the winter break!

## School Fees

If you still owe for your child's school fees for this year or a prior year, your child should have brought a fee notice home recently. Please try to pay those fees before the end of the school year. Any fees not paid will be added on to next year's school fees. If you need to make payments on them, Mrs. Laswell will be happy to make arrangements with you.

## Gym News

### "KEEP IT UP" VOLLEYBALL CONTEST SCORES

3H = 19

3N = 8

3W = 13

4C = 23

4H = 30

4M = 23

5H = 65

5L = 34

5M = 35

