

DMCS Newsletter December 3, 2020

Dear Parents-

December is here, and with it the JOY of the Christmas Season descends on us all. We look forward to the next couple of weeks with anticipation and thankfulness. Celebrating Advent and preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas are at the top of the list.

We continue to work through the challenges of educating children during Covid-19. We quarantined two classes until December 14th this week due to an exposure and will continue to utilize our classroom pod system to keep everyone as healthy as possible. Thank you so much, parents, for your assistance with this. Please continue to monitor your child for symptoms and take their daily temp before sending them to school. We all need to continue to work together.

I read today that the CDC is shifting

guidance to a shorter quarantine period. It is my hope that the Minnesota Department of Health also adopts this guidance soon. Please continue to pray for our world and all those affected by this challenging situation. We will persevere and come through this together.

Winter is here...even if the temps don't look like it! Thank you so much to all parents for helping us prepare for the snow and extreme cold temps. Winter Gear is now required for all students until Spring Break. With almost 300 students to care for, each year this transition is challenging. However, building good habits today helps assure students have what they need. Even with the warmer temps the last few days, our playground helpers have reported a very chilly wind making it feel much colder. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Make sure to mark your calendars- We have planned to take a longer break at Christmas time to provide a 14-day reset. We strongly encourage any family who travels or gathers with others they have not been in contact with recently to take additional time on either



side of that break to assure a 14-day quarantine. If you are wondering about this, please give me a call or send me an email. We want to work with our families, and I am happy to talk through any of this with you. Your attention to this will help us all stay healthy!

Thank you for all you are doing.

Keep the faith-

Mrs. Ashley

Every child is a Vision of Hope!



PAWS

(Parents Actively Working in Schools)

Would like you to help them ring in some Holiday Cheer!

PAWS is partnering with the Salvation Army to do Bell Ringing on December 12th from 10AM-6PM at Hy-Vee.

Click the link to volunteer with your family for a 30 minute bell-ringing session.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4AACAD23A4F94-ring>



★ Butterbraids ★

Thank you all for your support of the annual Butterbraid Sale for our parent organization- PAWS. 1972 Butterbraids sold to support student outreach. THANK YOU!!!

Dates to Remember

Dec. 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Dec. 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec. 18 Dress Down Day
2nd Quarter Ends
Dec. 21 Christmas Break Begins
Jan. 4 School Resumes

CONGRATULATIONS !

Spelling Bee Participants:

3D-Adler Kane, Carter Dokkestul, Violet Hernandez, Rosario Escobar

3M-Avery Gillen-Bauer, Adey Wesee, Geraldine Timm, Ethan Wisdo, Mia Mensing

4D- Braidon Johnson, Caitlin Cina

4P-Raymond Onstad, Kacie Purdie

5I-Kiera Drier, Ella Simon, Mikayla Dienst

5O-Kiera O'Connor, Leighton Richter



Holiday Toy Drive

Thank you to everyone who has donated a new unwrapped toy for our St. Vincent DePaul Toy Collection. All donations will need to be turned in by December 11th.

