



From the Principal.....

I hope that each of you enjoyed some time of relaxation with your family during the Thanksgiving Break. From Dec 1-19, we will administer the Mid-Year MAP to our 1st – 5th grade students. Kg will be in Jan. as they will be working on report card assessments during Dec. This information will provide you and your child's teacher with valuable information on how your child is progressing in the mastery of the Florida Standards for their respective grade levels and be used for instructional planning for the 3rd and 4th quarters. Thank you for your continued efforts to have your student(s) arrive at school on time and minimize the early check outs. I hope that each of you has a safe and restful Winter Break! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Mrs. Joan Pickard

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



Please join us this **Saturday, December 2nd** from 8:00am to 10:00am for a delicious breakfast with Santa Claus. The cost of pre-order tickets is \$3.00 per child and \$4.00 per adult. Tickets at the door will be \$4.00 per child and \$5.00 per adult. There will be holiday crafts for the students and you may also take your own photo with Santa.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council will be selling **candy grams during the week of December 4th – 8th**. Students will receive a set of labels to fill out for friends for whom they would like to send a candy gram. Students send the labels back with .50¢ per label and the candy grams will be delivered! All proceeds will go to our needy student fund and for improvements to our campus. Student Council is also working with Trinity United Methodist Church and their Angel Tree program to help provide a brighter Christmas for some of our students. A special thank-you to Ms. Paula Roane coordinating his program.



TALENT SHOW

Attention all singers, dancers, magicians, or other talented bulldogs! The Fifth Grade will be hosting a talent show on **Thursday, December 14th** from 6:00 to 7:30. The show will be held in conjunction with a pizza dinner sold by Kenwood PTO. Students received a flyer before the Thanksgiving break that should answer most of your questions, but if not, feel free to check with Mrs. Calderone in Room 116. Students wishing to participate should return the completed permission slip by Monday, December 4th and tryouts will be held during school through December 5th. Your child will find out if they made the show no later than December 6th. A mandatory dress rehearsal will be on Tuesday, December 12th, from 5:00-7:00. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan on joining us for a great night of **BULLDOG TALENT!**



EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



Please join us in congratulating Teacher of the Year, **Mrs. Lynn Griggs** and Support Personnel of the Year, **Ms. Kelley Carducci**. We appreciate all of your hard work that contributes to the success of our school!

PENGUIN PATCH

Penguin Patch (formally known as Candy Cane Lane) is a shop where students can buy gifts for Christmas or any other occasion. The shop is sponsored by our PACK and will be open in the Media Center from 8:45am – 2:00pm from December 11th through the 15th. Prices range from 25¢ to \$10.00 each including gift wrap and name tags. The shop has something for everyone. Also, please join Kenwood PACK group on FB to volunteer for events!



WINTER CONCERT & ART SHOW

The Kenwood Winter Concert and Art Show will be held **Thursday December 7th** from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Join us in the Kenwood cafeteria from 5:00pm-6:00pm for refreshments and the 1st semester art show. At 6:00pm in the cafeteria our 1st semester music students will take the stage for their winter concert.



IT'S GREAT TO BE GREEN!

On **Saturday, December 16th at 7:30pm**, we have been invited to attend a very special Choctaw basketball game. Coach Thigpen has designated this game, as Kenwood Night! Each student wearing a Kenwood shirt will be admitted to the game for FREE – as well as 1 adult. Halftime will be extended so we can recognize some of our best Bulldogs. Make sure to put it on your calendar!

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of Kenwood's Spelling Bee: 1st place, Tina Le and 1st runner up, Madelyn Yehle and 2nd runner up Eli London! Join us in wishing Tina Le well as she advances



to compete in the OCSD Spelling Bee on January 18th.
Go Bulldogs!

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE

We want our students to read s'more over the Winter Break! To support them in those activities, we are going to allow students to have library books checked out over the Winter Break. Look for information about our holiday reading challenge to be sent home soon. By reaching the reading goal, students can earn the opportunity to have s'mores with Mrs. Jagers.



KENWOOD RUMMAGE SALE!!!!

On Saturday, January 13th, 7:00am – 11:00am on the Bus Ramp. **Tables will be available to rent for \$10.** Bring your items to sell and money to buy other people's items. Funds will go to support PACK projects. Please send your check made out to Kenwood Elementary School in an envelope marked Yard Sale by January 12th and a table will be reserved for you.

CLINIC CORNER



The weather is getting colder so please dress your children appropriately. Younger children should keep a clean change of clothes in their backpacks/cubby. Promote hand washing especially when children get home from school to keep germs away! Also, remember that if your child has a fever the night before or morning of school, please DO NOT send them to school. Fever is considered anything 100.0 or higher. Also, please continue to do head lice checks on your child. Head lice is very contagious. If your child has lice, please notify the school nurse as there are school board policies that require certain documentation. AND remember, as part of being a Healthy School in Okaloosa County encourage 5 fruits and vegetables a day, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour of physical activity a day, and 0 sugary drinks!

P.E. NEWS

We would like to give a huge THANK YOU to all the families who donated equipment for our recess field!!!! We will be having our Jingle Bell Run **Friday, December 15th**. We hope to see you there!

MATH FLUENCY



Parents, we are working on increasing math fluency with our 2nd through 5th grade students. Each student has an account in the online program called Reflex Math (<https://www.reflexmath.com/>). Some 1st grade students are also active with the program. Basic math fluency helps to build a foundation for future learning. Fluency is not simply memorizing the answers; it is achieved when students have efficient,

flexible, and accurate methods for computing. This is the exciting news: Since the beginning of this school year, our students have answered a combined total of 1,486,718 facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division)! They have gained mastery (fluency gain) of a combined 52,692 facts! That is a lot of students mastering a lot of math facts! Leading in average student fluency gain are these classes: Muckridge/5th, Gentry/4th, Cerrato/2nd, McSheehy/3rd, and Osborn/3rd. Other 4th and 5th grade classes are close behind these. Kudos to our hardworking students! We encourage students to use this program at home, too, when possible. Thank you for your support of our academic growth initiatives.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



DECEMBER

- 1 – Talent Show Tryouts (during school)
- 1 – Feb. 2nd - MAP Winter Testing
- 2 – Breakfast with Santa @ 8:00am in cafeteria
- 4th – 8th – Student Council Candygram Fundraiser
- 5 – Family Science Night @ 5:30pm in Cafeteria
- 6 – PTO (PACK) meeting @ 8:25am in Media Center
- 6 – Pryor Band Holiday Presentation @ 9:30am
- 7 – Winter Concert & Art Show @ 5:00pm Cafeteria
- 11th – 15th – PTO Penguin Patch Shop Fundraiser
- 12 – Talent Show Rehearsal @ 5:00pm in Cafeteria
- 14 – Talent Show @ 6:00pm in Cafeteria
- 15 - Jingle Bell Run – during PE times
- 15 - Box Tops & Labels Collection Day
- 16 – Kenwood at Choctaw Night – 7:30pm @ CHS
- 18 - Angel Tree Pick-up 1:30pm in Cafeteria
- 19 – Early Dismissal at 2:20pm, PreK at 12:00pm**
- 20th through January 3rd - Winter Break Holidays

JANUARY

- 3 – Student Holiday / Teacher Workday
- 4 – Classes resume
- 10 – Wednesday after school Tutoring Resumes
- 10 – PTO (PACK) meeting @ 5:30pm in Media Center
- 11 – Read S'more @ 10:30am in Media Center
- 11 – Math Night K-5th Grade @ 5:00pm in Cafeteria
- 13 – Rummage Sale @ 7:00am on Bus Ramp
- 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – NO SCHOOL**
- 16 – Report cards sent home
- 19 – 5th grade Honor Roll Assembly @ 1:00pm
- 19 – 3rd grade Honor Roll Assembly @ 1:40pm
- 19 – 4th grade Honor Roll Assembly @ 2:20pm
- 22 – SAC meeting @ 3:30pm in Media Center
- 24 – Literacy Night @ 5:00pm in Cafeteria
- 26 – School Skate @ 4:30pm at FWB Skate
- 26 - Box Tops & Labels Collection Day
- 22 - 26 – Florida Literacy Week