



# SHAMROCK SHOUT OUT

## DECEMBER 2015



### IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

1<sup>st</sup>...5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Choir Perform 7 PM Cafeteria  
2<sup>nd</sup>...Rise Above BMX Show 8:30  
8<sup>th</sup>...PTO Meeting 7 PM Library  
9<sup>th</sup>...6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Concert @ JGHS 7 pm  
12<sup>th</sup>...5<sup>th</sup> Gr. Bball Tourney @ NLES 9 AM

14<sup>th</sup>...Gr. 4-6 Christmas Music Concert 7 PM  
15<sup>th</sup>...JG School Board Mtg. 7 PM  
16<sup>th</sup>...KDG Christmas Concert 1:45 PM  
18<sup>th</sup>...End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester



### 5th & 6th GRADE CLUB CHOIR CONCERT

5th and 6th grade Club Choir will be performing in the cafeteria on December 1 at 7 PM. Students meet in the Music Room @ 6:30.

### SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS TOO!



6th gr. Cadet Band students will perform their Christmas concert at JGHS Auditorium at 7 PM on December 9. The concert is combined with Walkerton Elementary Band and Urey Middle School Band/Choir. Admission to the performance is \$3.00 that helps support the Music Department.



### NLES STUDENT COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Our North Liberty Student Council members are collecting new and gently used washed stuffed animals and hard candies for our Miller's Merry Manor Bingo day. We appreciate your donations for this worthy community service activity. Please send items to the office or to Mrs. Houston/Student Council by Wednesday, December 9.

### CLASSROOM GIVING TREE

Giving Trees are hung on the walls down each grade's hallway with the Teacher's name on the top of each tree. There are also trees for the Office Staff, Title 1, Resource, Music, Art, and Gym. These trees have ornaments attached with a Christmas gift request written on each one. You may choose an ornament and fill the request.

### BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

Rise 'n Roll items will be on sale at the 5th gr. basketball tourney December 12 from 9-12. Items for sale will include 12 Cinnamon Caramel Donuts \$10, Donut Holes \$6, 4 Cinnamon Rolls \$6 and Dozen Donut Cards \$10. Donut cards would make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Donut Cards must be preordered. Presales are due by Dec. 2. If you would like to reserve a box or several for yourself and/or family and friends, contact Julie Bringkoff at 574-360-6337 or [Julie.brinkhoff@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.brinkhoff@gmail.com) All proceeds are used to purchase food for the bags that are given to 60 students at NLES on the weekends.

### CANNED GOOD DRIVE

Thank you for all your donations toward our NLES Student Council Annual Food Drive. Your generosity helped many families have several meals on their table. Thanks for sharing and caring! 6th Gr. Student Council Members are Bryant Bogunia, Amelia Capeles, Nathan Creed, Joseph Delinski, Lucy Franklin, Shane Gee, Hailey Harness, Madilynn Hudspeth, Quin Jones, Silas Kaser, Nathan Marshman, Peyton Ring, Averie Sanchez, Morgan Tibbs, Jacob Taylor, Jessica Wilk and Mrs. Houston. The top two classes in the friendly contest for the most cans were 4<sup>th</sup> gr. 661 cans and 6<sup>th</sup> gr. 664 cans! The entire school brought in roughly 2,912 items donated to our local families.

### ART SHIRTS NEEDED!

All students are in need of an art shirt at school. Please send one for them to use in art to protect their clothes. It could be an old shirt or t-shirt that is no longer in the weekly clothe rotation. The students know that I will not let them paint until they have an art shirt. Accidents do happen, so I want everyone to be protected. If you have any questions feel free to Ms. Sumpter at school or email [lsumpster@jgsc.k12.in.us](mailto:lsumpster@jgsc.k12.in.us)



Come Join the Lady Falcons  
for

# *Breakfast* With Santa

*The John Glenn Girls Basketball Team  
hosts Breakfast with Santa.*

**\$5 per person**

Event Includes: An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, a picture with Santa, coloring pages, and a holiday treat

**WHEN:**

**Saturday, December 12th  
8:00-11:00**

**WHERE:**

**John Glenn High School**

All money collected  
goes towards the John Glenn  
Lady Falcons Basketball Team

# **ATTENTION KIDS (young and old)!!**



Please join the town on December 5 at 7:15 pm as we follow Santa from the North Liberty Branch Library, through downtown (lined with luminaries), to the town flag poles by Bob's Country Store. Bring your own candlelight (flashlight, glow stick, cell phone) and sing Christmas Carols as we travel. A fireman will light the tree when we get there! Arrive at the library early (3 to 7 pm) and make your own holiday craft. Don't forget to bring your parents and grandparents!

## **This Saturday, December 5**

# The Swoop Scoop

"Swoop" is a nickname for our Title I Program. Students in grades K–3 may qualify for extra reading support each semester thanks to a federally funded program for which JGSC qualifies. Our groups are led by our dedicated **Swoop Crew**. Monday through Thursday, our instructional aides work within K–3rd grade reading classes. Some students work in the Swoop room in the afternoons for short periods. The students work in consistent small groups with reading lessons led by an instructional aide. Our Swoop aides are **Mrs. Craft, Mrs. MacLeod, Mrs. Tibbs, and Ms. Zoellner**. **Mrs. Amy Weiss is the Title I teacher at NLES**. Mrs. Weiss alternates between students in order to work with each student several times throughout the semester.

## 1st–3rd Spotlight:

First through third grade Swoopers have been recording trade books. They have enjoyed recording and listening to their stories. Stay tuned for the special holiday release date. What fun it is to listen to their sweet voices and to hear the growth since the beginning of the year!



Mrs. Weiss, Title I teacher  
Mrs. Craft, Title I Instructional Aide  
Ms. Zoellner, Title I Instructional Aide  
Mrs. Tibbs, Title I Instructional Aide  
Mrs. MacLeod, Title I Instructional Aide



You are your child's most important teacher! Thank you for your support and teamwork! Mrs. Weiss

# NLES Spirit Wear

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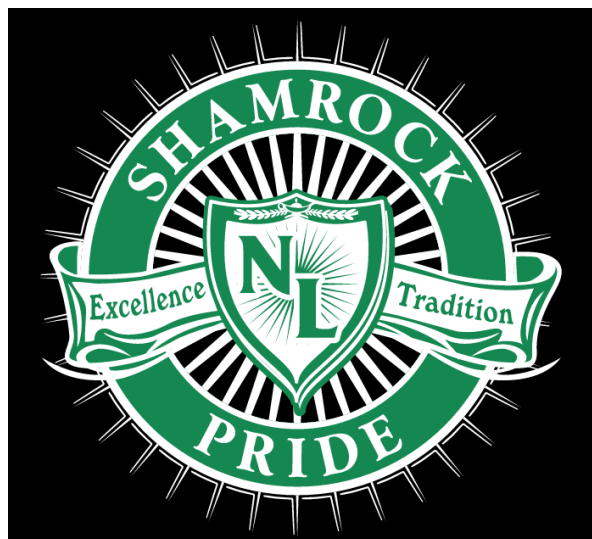
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\*\*\*Make Checks Payable to NLES\*\*\*

\*\*\*ORDERS DUE TO OFFICE BY FRI DEC 4<sup>th</sup> & WILL ARRIVE BEFORE CHRISTMAS BREAK\*\*\*

	Item	Youth Size	Adult Size	Add \$2	Name on Back Add \$3	Total
1		XS S M L	S M L XL	2XL 3XL		
2		XS S M L	S M L XL	2XL 3XL		
3		XS S M L	S M L XL	2XL 3XL		
4		XS S M L	S M L XL	2XL 3XL		
5		XS S M L	S M L XL	2XL 3XL		
					Grand Total \$	

Short Sleeve Tee \$10.00  
 Long Sleeve Tee \$15.00  
 Full Zip Hoodie \$30.00  
 Hooded Sweatshirt \$30.00



- Sample shirts for sizing available in the NLES Office
- Youth Tee Sizes: XS 4/6, Small 8, Med 10, Lg 12
- NO YOUTH XS HOODIES
- All shirts are 50/50 Cotton Blend
- Black shirts, Kelly Green & White print

Office Use Only  
 Cash: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Dear B&A Parents,

The B&A staff will once again offer Daycare over Christmas break. If we are to accomplish this it will only be possible if those truly interested in using the service would provide a schedule of days needed. I know many have some time off but not all of the school break and will need just a day or two or just one of the weeks and not both. Please fill out the bottom portion of this letter with your name, children names, phone number and fill in days and hrs needed. The fee will need to be a flat daily fee.

Daily Fee per child - \$18- this will include lunch and afternoon snack—SORRY NO BREAKFAST- You may bring in something for your children to sit and eat when they come in.

Hours open will be 6:15 am to 6pm- **We will be closed on Dec.24, 25, 31 and Jan 1.**

The fee will have to be prepaid by Dec 14<sup>th</sup> to ensure we have funds to cover all food items needed.

Days open will be: Dec 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 and Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.

Fill in those days you will be using and how many children will be attending also the hours needed

**If there are not enough children who sign up the program will not be held.**

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Monday Dec 21

Tuesday Dec 22

Wednesday Dec23

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Monday Dec 28

Tuesday Dec 29

Wednesday Dec 30

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Parent name:\_\_\_\_\_ Children:\_\_\_\_\_

current Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check / Cash-- Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear North Liberty Family and Community Members,

Thank you for all your donations toward our NLES Student Council Annual Food Drive. Your generosity helped many, many families have several meals on their table. Thanks for sharing and caring.

Mrs. Houston, Bryant Bogunia, Amelia Capeles, Nathan Creed, Joseph Delinski, Lucy Franklin, Shane Gee, Hailey Harness, Madilynn Hudspeth, Quin Jones, Silas Kaser, Nathan Marshman, Peyton Ring, Averie Sanchez, Morgan Tibbs, Jacob Taylor and Jessica Wilk



## **NLES STUDENT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE**



**We need your help!! In December our NLES Student Council members will be performing community service time at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Walkerton.**

**We assist the residents with playing BINGO and we visit with them.**

**We are in need of bags of hard candy and/or clean gently used or new stuffed animals for the residents to win for prizes.**

**If you are able to donate please put it in a sack and make NLES Student Council/Mrs. Houston on it.**





## Gym-NEWS-ium

# ***The Rise Above BMX Show is ON!!!***

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the K-4th graders, the entire school is invited to the Rise Above BMX show on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 8:30 am. We also would like YOU, the parents and families of the students, to come and enjoy the show for the important part you played in their successes!

We couldn't have done it without YOU!!! This year's fundraiser was another great success thanks to the team of all the **students, parents, teachers, and everyone else who bought chocolate bars to support our PE program.** This year we exceeded our first ever goal of 200 cases of chocolate bars, and sold 258 cases!!! This money will primarily be used to enhance the effectiveness of the PE classes, with a portion also going to the art department.

There are a few MVP students that I would like to recognize. Each of these students sold 4 or more cases of chocolate and their individual efforts allowed them to raise over \$1000 for the fundraiser!

**Sean Kruszewski, 3rd Grade, 9 cases**

**Benjamin Monaham, Kindergarten, 6 cases**

**Canyon King, 4th Grade, 5 cases**

**Avery Franklin, 3rd Grade, 4 cases**

**Makinzie Kline, 3rd Grade, 4 cases**

**Nevaeh Neely, 4th Grade, 4 cases**

**Lena Smith, Kindergarten, 4 cases**

Each of these students will be the first to draw for cash and bonus prizes!!!

Immediately following the BMX show, for each case sold, all participating students will then draw from the cash and bonus prize bin. Then the students will receive a ticket for each case sold which will be put into a grand prize drawing for a chance to win a BRAND NEW APPLE IPAD!!!

## **COMING: NLES Christmas Celebration!**

### **December 18th!**

This all school celebration is held just before Christmas break to honor our 6th grade Volleyball players, Basketball players and Cheerleaders. The players will be playing portions of an exhibition game against the NLES staff and other community members. Throughout the afternoon, each class will also get to participate in one of their favorite PE games.

**Kindergarten - Houdini Hoops**

**1st Grade - Tug of War**

**2nd Grade - Ban Bag Foot Tag**

**3rd Grade - Give me Five**

**4th Grade - Moon Ball**

**5th Grade - When Pigs Fly**

**6th Grade - Chariot Races**

**HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

JOHN GLENN  
SCHOOL CORPORATION  
made the list!



Nerdwallet just released their  
"Best Value for the Housing Dollar Report" and  
John Glenn School Corporation was  
**ranked 14th**  
out of 281 districts in Indiana!

Check out the article at <http://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/mortgages/buying-a-home/best-school-districts-indiana-2015/>

# DECEMBER 2015

## North Liberty Elementary School

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Cheese Pizza Garden Bar Mixed Vegetables Mandarin Orange/Pineapple	<b>1</b> Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Rst Baby Carrots Dinner Roll Diced Peaches	<b>2</b> Soft Shell Taco Refried Beans Celery Sticks Golden Corn Grapes Chocolate Chip Cookie	<b>3</b> Chicken Smackers Dinner Roll Garden Bar Green Beans Strawberries	<b>4</b> Deli Turkey Sub Tri Tater Baby Carrots Apple Wedges Juice
<b>7</b> Hamburger/bar Oven Baked Fries Golden Corn Baked Beans Diced Peaches	<b>8</b> <u>Breakfast for Lunch</u> Scrambled Eggs Apple Bosco Stick Crispy Cubed Potatoes Celery Sticks, Juice Fresh Orange Wedges	<b>9</b> Chicken Tenders 1/2 Baked Potato/butter Carrot Coins Dinner Roll Mixed Fruit	<b>10</b> Rotini/meat sauce Garden Bar Mixed Vegetables Cheese Filled Bread Stick Diced Pears	<b>11</b> Mini Corn Dogs Green Beans Tri Tater Applesauce
<b>14</b> Chicken Patty/bun Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Steamed Broccoli Mixed Fruit	<b>15</b> Pulled Pork Sandwich Scalloped Potatoes Sweet Peas Beets Cinnamon Apples	<b>16</b> Oven Rst Chicken Mashed Potatoes/gravy Dinner Roll Green Beans Diced Peaches Sugar Cookie	<b>17</b> Cheesy Bread Tomato Soup Garden Bar Golden Corn Mandarin Orange/pineapple	<b>18</b> Cook's Choice Sandwich Oven Fries Vegetable Fruit
<b>21</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>22</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>23</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>24</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>25</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>28</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>29</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>30</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>31</b> NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

### News

**Breakfast offered daily  
in cafeteria**

**Full Pay \$1.25**

**Reduced .30**

### Lunch

**Full Pay \$1.80**

**Reduced .40**

**Students must select a  
fruit and or vegetable  
with each meal.**

**Enjoy your winter  
break!**

**See you January 4,  
2016**

# December 2015

John Glenn School Corporation

**BREAKFAST**



## School Information:

Full Pay \$1.25 Reduced .30  
Students must select a fruit or juice



**Nutrition Tip:** The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends yogurt as a dairy product for children with lactose intolerance.

Reference: Heyman MB. Pediatrics. 2006.

## Monday



Bacon & Egg Pizza **7**

Fruit

Juice

Cereal/Pop Tart **14**

Fruit

Juice

NO SCHOOL **21**

NO SCHOOL **28**

## Tuesday

Breakfast Pizza **1**

Fruit

Juice

Mini Donuts **8**

Fruit

Juice

Breakfast Pizza **15**

Fruit

Juice

NO SCHOOL **22**

NO SCHOOL **29**

## Wednesday

Cinnamania **2**

Fruit

Juice

Sausage Biscuit **9**

Fruit

Juice

Cheese Omelet **16**

Muffin

Fruit, Juice

NO SCHOOL **23**

NO SCHOOL **30**

## Thursday

Breakfast Bites **3**

Fruit

Juice

Mini Maple Waffles **10**

Fruit

Juice

Breakfast Bites **17**

Fruit

Juice

NO SCHOOL **24**

NO SCHOOL **31**

## Friday

Banana Bread **4**

Fruit

Juice

Apple Frudel **11**

Fruit

Juice

Apple Cinn Txt Toast **18**

Fruit

Juice

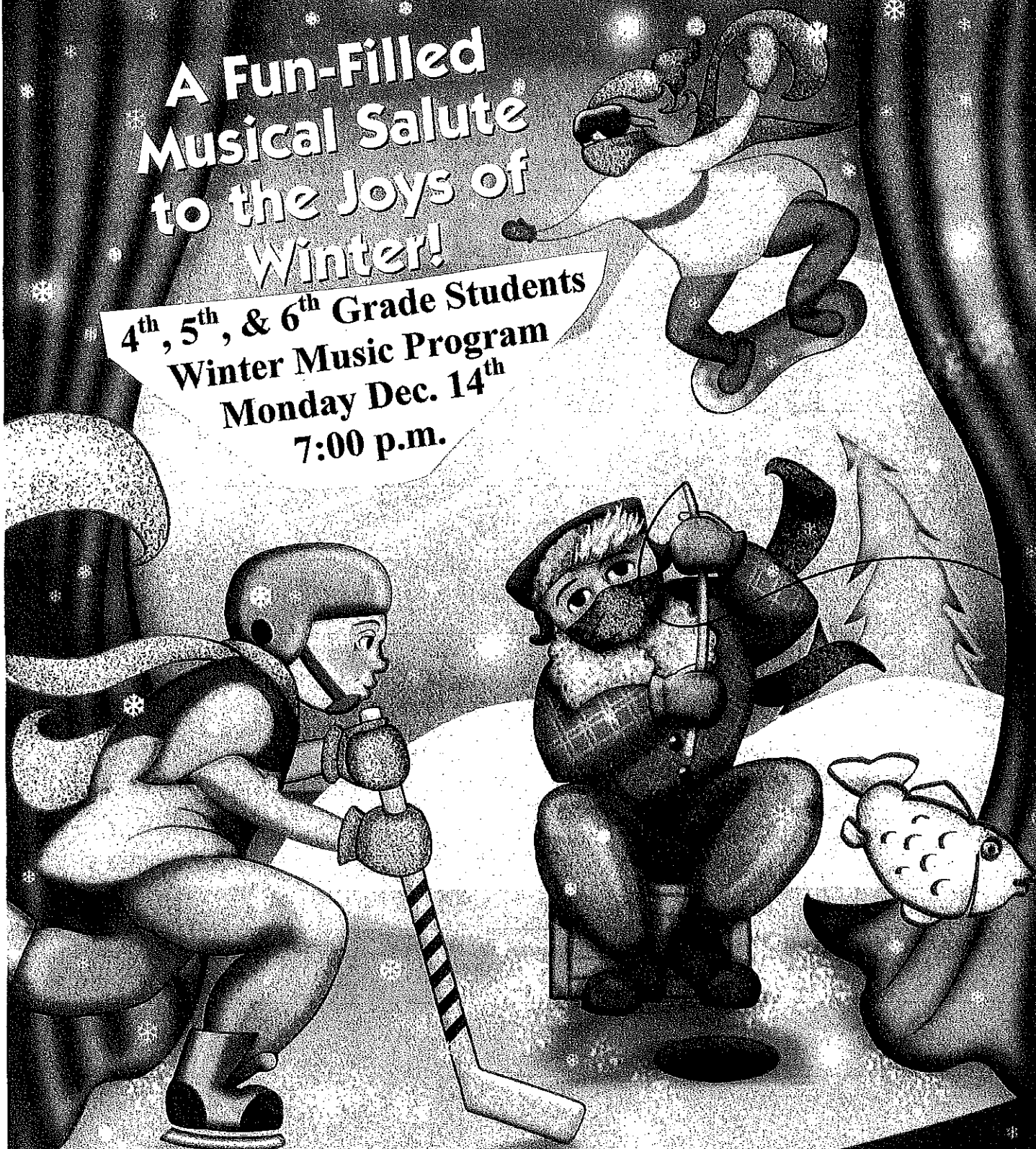
NO SCHOOL **25**



# SNOW BIZ!

**A Fun-Filled  
Musical Salute  
to the Joys of  
Winter!**

**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
Winter Music Program  
Monday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 p.m.**



# Home & School

## CONNECTION®

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December

Walkerton and North Liberty Elementary Schools

Melanie Heiser, Counselor

### SHORT NOTES



#### Spell check

Help your youngster

become a better speller by having him keep a "spelling book." When he misspells a word in homework or class work, he can look it up and jot down the correct spelling in a small notebook. Then, he can refer to his notebook the next time he writes those words.

#### Social school nights?

Your child is invited out on a school night. Should she go? Consider the reason (birthday dinner, special television show, or just to hang out), and decide how important it is. If you say yes, have her finish her homework first and be back before bedtime.

#### Build support networks

Let school staff know if your youngster experiences unusual stress, such as moving to a new home or losing a pet. That way, his teacher and guidance counselor can help keep an eye on him and offer support as needed.

#### Worth quoting

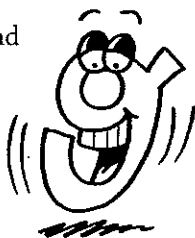
"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

### JUST FOR FUN

**Q:** What do you find at the end of everything?

**A:** The letter "g"!



## Prime-time learning

Children's brains are working all the time—not just while they're in school! Here are some ways to turn home and family time into prime learning time for your youngster.

#### Observe closely.

Learning starts with observation. Help your child explore the world around him by offering items such as magnifying glasses, bug-catching jars, thermometers, and rulers. Then, your youngster can view objects and living things up close. Ask him questions: "How big is it?" "How many legs does it have?"

**Get into the kitchen.** Your child can learn many math and science concepts in the kitchen. Let him use measuring cups and water to compare fractions ( $\frac{1}{2}$  cup,  $\frac{2}{3}$  cup). Ask him to help when you bake cookies, and he'll witness chemical reactions firsthand.



Have him add baking soda (sodium bicarbonate), and explain that it makes the cookies rise when they bake.

**Opt for hands-on.** To develop creativity, encourage your youngster to build castles and cities with construction toys (blocks, Legos, Tinkertoys). Set up an "art table" stocked with paper, colored pencils, glue, watercolor paints, and clay. Suggest that your child make a sculpture or draw a cartoon strip. ♥

### Now I remember!

There's no getting around it—memorizing facts and formulas is crucial to school success. Share these three memory-boosting techniques with your youngster:

**1** Color-code key facts. Your child can write history dates in orange or underline science terms in blue. During a test, thinking of those colors will jog her memory.

**2** Link facts to small movements. Suggest that your youngster snap her fingers or tap her knee when she studies a new vocabulary word. Repeating the movement later will help her remember the word.

**3** Sing lists to a favorite tune. Setting the words to a rhythm and singing it out loud will help store them in your child's memory. ♥





## Friends forever

Would your child like to have more friends? The first step is to help her learn how to be a friend.

Start by explaining what makes a good friend. Use examples from your own life ("Susan listens when I have a problem." "Megan helps me when Dad is away on business"). Encourage your youngster to remember these "friend" traits.

A friend is...

**Thoughtful.** Friends consider your needs: "Your backpack is so heavy. Here, I'll carry your violin for you."



**Supportive.** Friends encourage each other: "You're doing great! Keep trying, and you'll get it perfect."

**Respectful.** When friends borrow something, they take care of it: "Thanks for lending me your DVD. I'll be careful not to scratch it."

**Loyal.** Friends say nice things to you and don't talk about you behind your back: "Kayla, you're fun to be with. I'm so glad we're friends."

I'm so glad we're friends."

**Caring.** Friends want to hear what you are thinking and how you are feeling: "Hey, Holly! How was your game Saturday?" ♥



## ACTIVITY CORNER

### Snail race

Your children can get in some quick math practice with this snail-paced game.

**Materials:** 3 dice, paper, pencil

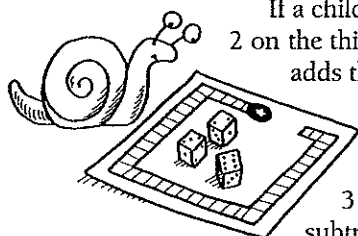
Draw rows of boxes around a sheet of paper to make a "track," and mark a starting line at one of the boxes. Have each player take turns rolling two dice together and the third die separately.

If a child rolls a 1 or 2 on the third die, he adds the first two numbers together. If he rolls

3 or 4, he subtracts the

lower number from the higher one. If he rolls 5 or 6, he multiplies the two numbers together. Then, he moves that number of boxes ahead. The first player to complete three laps wins!

For younger children: Add the numbers if a 1, 2, or 3 is rolled on the third die. Subtract if a 4, 5, or 6 is rolled. ♥



## Q & A

### No-skipping zone

**Q:** I know my kids should be in school every day. But is there any harm in picking them up early once in a while to do errands or get a haircut before the after-school rush?

**A:** Although it may be tempting, try to resist the urge to take your children out of school unless absolutely necessary.

When youngsters are not in school, they miss valuable lesson time, homework assignments, and activities. The more they're absent, the harder it is for them to catch up, and their grades may suffer. Plus, they miss out on experiences, such as recess and lunch-time, that build friendships.

Keep your kids in school all day, every day, unless they're ill, there's a family emergency, or they have a medical appointment that can't be scheduled at another time. ♥



## PARENT TO PARENT

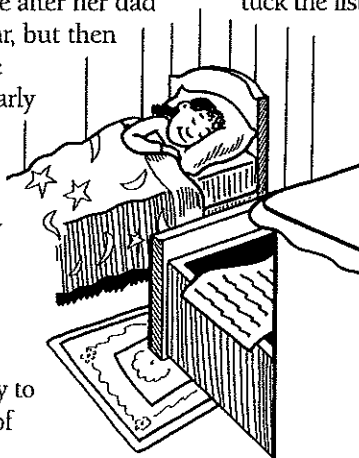
### Pack up your troubles

My daughter seemed fine for a while after her dad and I divorced last year, but then she began acting more anxious. Eventually Carly got to a point where she could hardly sleep.

I figured her anxiety was related to the divorce, so Carly, her dad, and I visited the school counselor. The counselor advised Carly to make a list each night of

everything she was worried about and tuck the list in a drawer. Then, once she had "put away" her worries, she could fall asleep.

Sure enough, my daughter started sleeping better. I think writing everything down helped her get her problems off her mind. We saw the school counselor a few more times, and now Carly only makes her worry list occasionally. And thankfully, she seems more like herself again. ♥



## OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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