

Xenia School December 2009 News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Holidays are such an exciting time of year for all of us. The excitement is truly in the air.

We continue to emphasize our Character Education throughout the month of December. We will be focusing on caring and compassion throughout the month of December. The theme for this month is "Gifts from the Heart, not the Mart". The goal is to have students realize there are ways to give without going to the store and buying expensive gifts. The gifts that we will be sharing will touch the lives of others in need. We will be writing letters to our Soldiers and gathering items to send care packages to them as well. These are the gifts that truly make this season so wonderful.

The Xenia School Christmas Program is scheduled for December 17 at 1:30. We hope everyone can join us. The students have been working hard and singing their little hearts out. After the program, the students will be dismissed to their classroom where you may pick up your child. Please let the classroom teacher know that you are taking your child. If someone other than the parent will be picking up a student, a note from the parent is required.

The Christmas room parties will be on December 22nd. We are planning some school-wide fun and activities. Your child's teacher will provide information regarding classroom parties at a later date. The students will be dismissed early on December 22nd. Dismissal times are as follows:

Early 5	1:52
Bus 8	1:57
Late 5	2:02
Bus 4, 21, 7	2:25

Second quarter will be coming to an end on December 22nd. Grade cards will be coming home January 8th, 2009. Please remember to sign and return all grade cards in a timely manner.

With the cooler temperatures outside, we will often stay inside for PE and recess. However, if weather permits, the students will be going outside for fresh air. ***Please*** make sure your child is dressed appropriately each day. If the need should arise for school to be cancelled due to inclement weather, the parent notification system will call your home. You may also please listen to WNOI 103.9 or log on to wnoi.com.

It is very important to keep all student information up to date. Please be sure to notify the office of any address, phone number, and emergency contact changes. The Parent Notification system also used this information to provide updates on school events.

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer and have not yet picked up a volunteer packet, please do so very soon. We are looking forward to parent participation. Some of the volunteer activities might include: reading with students, making copies, teacher projects, filing books in our AR library, and working with small groups of students.

Mrs. Carder

December Calendar

December 3	Vaccination Clinic 2:30-4:30
December 4	Polar Express Night at Charley Brown Park
December 8	Christmas Band Concert at FHJHS 7:00
December 14	After-School Enrichment for 4 th Grade at Lincoln 1 st Grade to McEndree for Polar Express Activity
December 17	Xenia School Christmas Program at 1:30
December 22	Christmas Morning Activity Day with an Early Dismissal 2:00

December 23-January 4 Christmas Vacation

Mark your calendar for the upcoming dates of importance in 2010.

Jan. 4	Teacher's Institute
Jan. 5	School resumes with the start of 3 rd quarter
Jan. 8	Grade cards go home
Jan. 15	Early Dismissal for School Improvement
Jan. 18	No School (Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed)
March 1-12	ISAT Testing
March 31-April 5	Spring Break