

CONCORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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December Newsletter

NEWS FROM MRS. RINELLA

I continue to be amazed at how quickly our school year is going by and we are just weeks away from the end of the 1st Semester and 2nd 9 Weeks. Time flies when we are learning!

There are many holiday happenings around school that we'd love for parents and guardians to be involved with or attend. Please see our **Dates to Remember**. Volunteers are needed during the week of December 10th-14th for Santa's Workshop and the school play on December 18th. Additionally, there is a **Teacher Wish Tree** in the office with items teachers are requesting for their classroom. Families may pick up an ornament and provide this as a gift to their teacher.

Please remember over the holiday break to keep your child(ren) involved in activities that will keep their minds engaged like reading a good book! **Happy Holidays!**

MAP TESTING

CES is just finishing our midyear MAP assessments in grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) is a state-aligned computerized adaptive assessment program that provides our teachers with the information they need to improve teaching and learning and make student-focused, data-driven decisions.

Following each assessment period, parents and guardians receive information showing your child's progress and/or growth. A midyear MAP report will be included in your child's 2nd 9 Week's Report Card. When you review your child's scores, you can check to see if his/her growth is above, at, or below average compared to students in the same grade. Please do not hesitate to let your child's teacher know if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 8: Holiday Vendor Fair 10-3pm

December 9: Rustburg Christmas Parade

December 10-14: Santa's Workshop:

Students will have the opportunity to shop on their Computer Resource Day. All items are only \$1.

December 13: PreK and K Performance at 6:30pm ***Note Time Change**

December 18: Wacky Christmas/
Holiday Spirit Day & School Play

December 19: 2 Hour Early Dismissal

Last Day of School Before Break

December 20-January 1: Schools Closed for Winter Break.



Letters to Santa: A mailbox to the North Pole is in the main office! Students may write their letters to Santa Claus and they will be mailed to the North Pole by Dec. 19th!



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NEWS FROM MR. WELLS

Tis the Season! With the Holidays right around the corner, I would like to remind parents of the importance of keeping students in a consistent routine and attending school each day during this busy season. As a parent, I understand how busy our schedules can be. Thanks for continuing to promote a strong work ethic and good attendance. I wish everyone a joyous Holiday & Happy New Year! *KaPow! Mr. Wells*

PTA NEWS

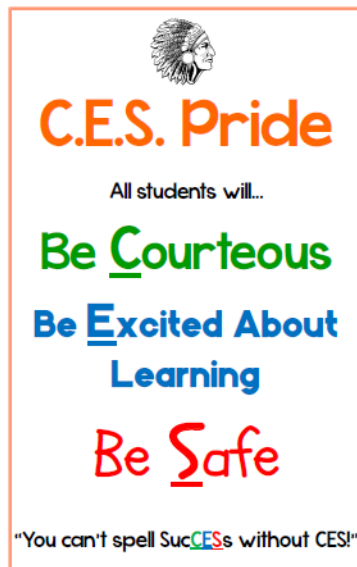
Merry Christmas CES Family! We look forward to a wonderful activity-filled December. Kicking the month off on December 8th from 10am-3pm, we will have our very first Christmas Bazaar & Vendor Fair at CES. There will be food trucks, vendors selling awesome holiday gifts, and a special guest for pictures! Get ready to get that shopping done at our one stop shop!

Beginning December 10th through December 14th, our annual Santa's Workshop will take place. Students will come shop during their Computer class time (for example, if your student's Computer day is Tuesday, that will be their Santa's Workshop day). We are asking for parents to volunteer to help at this event. Each item will cost \$1 and students may purchase up to 15 items. There has been a form with more information already sent home. Items will be available to purchase for Moms, Dads, Grandmothers/fathers, Aunts/Uncles, Friends, other loved ones, or even pets!

Our PTA Body meeting will be held on December 13th before the awesome PreK & K performance at 6:30pm in the gym.

Finally, we have a play that is coming to CES! The Elves and the Shoemaker will be performed by Virginia Repertory Theater on Tuesday, December 18th from 10-11:15am. We are asking parents to volunteer to help with watching our students during this time to allow teachers time to work in their rooms.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season! *-Your CES PTA*



C.E.S. Pride
All students will...
Be Courteous
Be Excited About Learning
Be Safe
"You can't spell SucCESs without CES!"

COATS & LUNCH BOXES

Is your child's name written in their lunchbox and/or coat? If not, please do so to help us find its owner if its ever left in the cafeteria or playground.

For the safety of all students, please be prepared with your license any time you are visiting CES!