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Letter From The Editor



You probably have noticed some changes to the Oakcrest PTA Newsletter this year. We strive to continue to improve our communication to parents, teachers and students. This year we added a two-month calendar at the end of the newsletter. We hope that everyone takes advantage of the calendar by placing it on your fridge or bulletin board to help you plan for upcoming school activities and events. We don't want you to miss anything!

Jennifer Higley, our Student Birthday Coordinator, has done a great job to add the monthly birthdays for the students in each newsletter. We want each child to feel valued on their special day, by seeing their name printed in the newsletter.

In October we made two great improvements. Many households have two, three or even four children attending Oakcrest. This meant some homes would receive up to four copies of the newsletter each month. This was a huge waste of paper. Our newsletter printer, Melanie Stewart worked with Katie Corsi to devise a way to send only one newsletter to each household. This has saved the PTA in making over 200 newsletters each month! This equals to saving 1000 sheets of paper (2 reams) every month!

We did have a concern with sending only one copy of the newsletter to each home. As we all know, our children do not always give us notes or papers from school timely, or sometimes we do not get them at all. Our solution to parents not receiving the newsletter was to add the newsletter to the website that our PTA President, Aaron Larson created. All newsletter issues going back to Aug. 2008 are on the website. Just go to www.oakcrestpta.org and click on the Newsletter pencil to see them. While you are on the website, be sure to look at everything else on it.

For the Nov. PTA Newsletter we will be emailing the link to the newsletter to all PTA members, both parents and teachers. The advantages of having the newsletter online will be to see it in color and to save paper. If you have any ideas to improve the newsletter, or have a question or concern, please email me at leo.mccormick@oakcrestpta.org. Thank you!

Leo McCormick
Oakcrest PTA Newsletter Editor

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From The Principal's Desk

We are pleased to inform you that the Oakcrest School Community Council (SCC) has completed and approved the Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (CSIP) for the 2008-2009 school year. CSIP funds are provided through a Jordan School District grant program in which school proposals are reviewed and ratified first by the SCC and then by the School Board. Schools applying for CSIP funding are charged with identifying their most critical academic need. This year, Oakcrest qualified for an additional \$28,000 in funding through the CSIP. Funding has also been received through the State's Land Trust program to administer the programs described below.



The SCC determined that CSIP funding will be used to continue two highly successful reading tutoring programs. STAR Reading, a tutoring program that has been established in coordination with the Utah State Office of Education, provides direct tutoring to students during the school day. In addition, STAR reading provides training to parents who wish to tutor their own children at home utilizing a proven, structured, research-based program that is highly effective in improving students' reading.

The second tutoring program that is funded by the CSIP is under the direction of Oakcrest's Reading Specialists, Jane Smith and Malia Allsop. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Allsop have trained a cadre of instructional assistants to provide small-group tutoring to lower-grade students throughout the school day. The purpose of their tutoring is to achieve Oakcrest's goal of having all students read on or above grade level by third grade. Data gathered through student reading level assessments have shown that students receiving service through this program have made outstanding gains.

We are pleased to continue both the STAR and Oakcrest reading programs. We are grateful to the School Board and Legislature for making the CSIP and Land Trust funds available for schools. We are also grateful for the work of our current SCC, as well as those in the past, who have helped form and shape the programs described above. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman Emerson".

Norman Emerson



What a "flippin" good time at....PTA and Pancakes!



Oakcrest's PTA board expressed their appreciation to all the staff that serves our school with our first annual PTA & PANCAKES

appreciation event on October 15th...a day when the entire faculty was at the school. PTA members got up early and had pancakes coming right off the griddles for teachers, administration, and staff as they got to school. The guests of honor were treated with made-to-order blueberry, chocolate chip, and traditional pancakes...fruits...and breakfast beverages. One teacher quotes "I feel like I'm back on the S.S. Oakcrest Cruise liner when we had *Breakfast with the Captain* during Teacher Appreciation Week". Oakcrest PTA values the "T" of PTA. This was a fun morning for all.... **THANK YOU OAKCREST STAFF!!**

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WOW!! It's here already....NOVEMBER!!

This is a very significant month at Oakcrest as we hold our first SEP conferences. Just what exactly does SEP stand for? Gee....when I was in elementary school...it was called Parent/Teacher Conferences and I stayed home while my parents attended the school. I regularly found this a great time to spruce up the house...do dishes...run a vacuum...and tidy my room...☺ Times have changed...and the SEP...known as the Student Education Plan very much involves the student with the teacher and parent.



If you are a new or newer school parent...the SEP might have you more anxious than your student. Rest assured...the SEP is a plan that not only helps the student...but the parent too. The process begins by identifying strengths as well as weaknesses. The strengths become a vital part of the child's capability for overcoming skill deficits. You are shown how to select the most important areas on which the child should focus for the reporting period...and goals are then developed for each area of weakness. Like a road map, each goal is provided with suggestions to help you and your child fine tune the plan to make sure that teaching is effective...and learning is accomplished.

Plan to make the SEP conference a special time for your children!! Celebrate and Recognize the successes!! When opportunities exist....Celebrate and Recognize the PLAN that you have created with your student and teacher to improve, increase, and succeed.

Approaching the SEP with respect is the key for both parents and teachers during conference time and throughout the year. You both come to the table with your own unique expertise. You know your child best and understand what drives your children; their strengths, weaknesses, dreams, and worries. Teachers come to the table with essential knowledge about learning styles, age-appropriate skills, developmental milestones, and an understanding of where each child is on his/her learning journey.

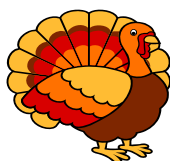
Be prepared for this event!! Make it easy on the whole family. If you have evening conferences... plan ahead for dinner on the day of your conferences. Have your questions ready for both your student and your teacher. Partner with your teacher to be on the same team...rallying for your student. Create a notebook to have specifically for SEP conferences...a 3-Ring Binder works great! Fill it with notepaper and take along a pen to take notes of the plans and discussions. Many times the teacher will make suggestions of resources and materials that may be available for you. Taking notes really helps you to remember an agreed upon plan and strategy too! Lastly...while you are going to SEP conferences to see how your child is doing...please don't forget to ask how the *teacher* is doing. Your teacher may have some needs too...and by checking in with them...you open up communication lines and recognize the place they hold in your child's development. Find out their communication preferences...whether its notes in the backpack, phone calls, email, or a school visit.

CHECKOUT THE PTA WEBSITE FOR MORE TIPS, SUGGESTIONS, AND LINKS TO MAKE YOUR SEP CONFERENCES A GREAT EXPERIENCE:

WWW.OAKCRESTPTA.ORG

I WISH YOU THE BEST THIS MONTH...HAVE A HAPPY AND PLENTIFUL MONTH OF SHARING, CARING, AND THANKSGIVING!!

With Thanks, Respect, Admiration, and Appreciation to you and yours....Aaron Larson



Utah PTA Mission Statement

The Utah PTA will help every child realize his full potential and will:

Advocate: Support and speak on behalf of children and youth.

Involve: Encourage positive involvement in all facets of a child's life.

Develop: Assist in developing skills to raise and protect children and youth.



"Light the Way" everychild.onevoice.

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PTA AWARDS

Do you know of someone who needs to be acknowledged for their outstanding efforts while working with our children? Then why not nominate them for a PTA award! Categories are as follows:

*Golden Apple Award Outstanding Volunteer – This Award is given to a volunteer who renders volunteer service to children through the education system. Nominees will be considered on the basis of quality as well as quantity of volunteer commitment.

*Golden Apple Award Outstanding Educator – This award recognizes a professional educator currently working with students in grades preschool to 12th. Six winners will be selected based on their relationship with students, parents, PTA and the community.

*Utah PTA Advocacy Award – This award is given to a local PTA for excellence in their efforts to support and speak on behalf of children and youth.

*Utah PTA Outstanding Administrator Award – This award recognizes an outstanding school administrator currently working with students on an elementary or secondary level.

*Utah Spirit of PTA Award – This award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has given consistent and outstanding service through the PTA. This person must be a member of the PTA and exemplify the PTA Purposes and mission.

If you feel as if someone at Oakcrest deserves to be honored with a PTA award it is not too late to nominate (especially seeing as how we have had NO response from anyone). Here is the link to find award categories <http://www.utahpta.org/awards.htm>. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to say, "Thanks" to those who are working hard to make sure your child's day is the best day it can be. All it takes is you giving us a name and we will do the rest. Email info to mindybrown2@msn.com or emmoulton@msn.com.

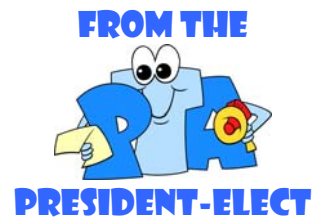
Mindy Brown
Public Relations



Introducing...the Safety and Welfare Commission

"The Safety Commission is important to Oakcrest because it creates experiences for students at school that reinforce the principles they are taught at home," says Jerusha Buckner, Oakcrest's Safety Commissioner. Jerusha works hard to create those programs that will teach students how to watch out for themselves and others. The Safety Commission takes on a wide variety of topics, including: bicycle safety & helmet use, bullying, crime prevention, drug prevention, fire safety, internet safety, school bus safety, traffic safety, and vandalism. Commenting on the safety programs at our school, Jerusha says, "I hope Green Ribbon Week and Red/Purple Ribbon Week, as well as, the Bully Blocker program are taken seriously by Oakcrest students and parents. These programs provide valuable information and resources we can use to further the safety education of our families. I think it is important we teach our children about safety because there are so many unfortunate events we can prevent simply by taking the time to teach and supervise our children. Simple things can save our children's lives. We owe it to our children as parents to give them the knowledge and tools they need to be safe in this world." Working together as a community and with the help of our Safety Commission, we can help our children be safe and feel safe at Oakcrest Elementary.

Michelle Moulton
President-Elect



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Parents- I wanted to express my gratitude to you and your children for the excellent conduct I witnessed on the playground during our Bully Blocker Week. Many of us expect inappropriate behavior from students, especially at lunch recess... The behavior I saw displayed last week was exceptional. Give your student(s) an extra hug today and let them know they're doing great. Parents... pat yourselves on the back... and keep up the good work. Here are our IPOD Shuffle and Target Gift Card winners:

IPOD Winners:

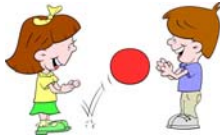
Emily Foster, Tyler Blackham, Kyson Stein, Maia Richins, Elizabeth Hill, Jared Clark, Brie Steele

Target Gift Card Winners:

Haden Bishop, Kiernan Callister, Jackson Quibel, Jonathan Varajas, Mia Stroup, Soraya Corpuz, Serna Meza, Anne Moulton, Hanna Olson, Angelica Archuleta, Hailey Foster, Railsha Auvirre

Congratulations!! If you have not yet received your prize, please contact Ben Springer @ 280-7243

Jerusha Buckner
Safety Commissioner



PARADE OF BOOKS

Will be the theme for our Book Fair during SEP's in November. The Book Fair will be located on the stage in the gym this year.

The Dates & Hours will be:

A & C Tracks

Thurs. Nov. 6th 11:15am - 8:30pm
Friday Nov. 7th 10:30am - 5:30pm

B & D Tracks

Thurs. Nov. 20th 11:15am - 8:30pm
Friday Nov. 21st 10:30am - 5:30pm

The Book Fair will open when AM Kindergarten gets out and close at the end of SEP's each night. Everyone is invited to our Book Fair, no matter what track your child is on, even friends and grandparents are welcome! Visiting the Book Fair is also a great way to start your Christmas shopping!

Oakcrest will receive 65% of book sales in book credit for the school to Use to be able to purchase books from *A+ Book Fairs*.

We will also have the teacher wish baskets set up again. Each teacher will place books in their basket that they would like added to their classroom. You purchase the book, write a note in the book that the book is from and give it to the teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, send me an email at leo.mccormick@oakcrestpta.org. I can't wait to see everyone at the Book Fair this year!

Leo McCormick
Education Commissioner



Melody Part Auditions
for solo & group parts
will be on Tue. Nov. 4th
7:40am – 8:20am



**Nov. 11th is
Veterans Day!**

This is a federal, state
& bank holiday.

(not a school holiday)

Be sure to honor the
Soldiers, Veterans & their
families who have made huge
sacrifices to give freedom
to us in the USA and to
those in other countries.

Did you know?

WWI ended on the 11th hour of
the 11th day of the 11th month in
1918. This is why Veterans Day is
always on Nov. 11th.

Hi from Sara Gunderson-Muhlestein, Individual Development Commissioner:

Just a reminder of *The Soaring Eagle Award*. This award is given at the end of the year to students who best exemplify excellence in scholarship and citizenship. The requirements are tailored to each grade and a list can be found online at <http://schools.jordandistrict.org/oakcrest/classinfo/classes.html> Just click on your child's grade and below the list of teachers is the link to the requirements. This is a wonderful way to challenge your children and help them achieve goals above and beyond the classroom.

I am still looking for additional volunteers to help set-up, decorate and take down tables for the Principal Pride Luncheons. If you can spare two hours of your time every two weeks please contact me at 282-1813 or e-mail me at sara.muhlestein@oakcrestpta.org.

CHARACTER COUNTS!! The six pillars of character are....



Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your choices

Fairness

Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly

Caring

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment

There is already a record turnout for early voting! That means you can avoid the long lines and waiting time predicted for this year's election by voting early. Not sure what to do? Just click on one of the links provided here for more information.

Early voting information:

Leave Your Print is a non-partisan website that provides comprehensive information on early voting, voter registration, and key propositions: <http://leaveyourprint.com>

You may also visit the Lt. Governor's website for comprehensive voter information as well as information on early voting times and locations at: <http://www.elections.utah.gov>

Make your voice heard!

Desi Jones

Legislative VP & Treasurer



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Oakcrest Eagles Nest



November 2008

This month, Oakcrest's grade levels are focusing on the following areas:
Kindergarten: beginning sounds, blending sounds to make words, sorting, patterns, food groups, and healthy lifestyles.

First Grade: addition, subtraction, word families, high frequency words, and Thanksgiving.

Second Grade: math and science units, spelling, Pilgrims and Native Americans.

Third Grade: number sense, addition patterns, patterns and relations, time, fractions, parts of speech, the moon, keyboarding, maps and mapping.

Fourth Grade: plants, animals, the water cycle, addition, subtraction, and comparing Utah with Japan.

Fifth Grade: heredity, colonization, prime and composite numbers, and non-fiction.

Sixth Grade: fractions, divisibility, factors, multiples, Phases of the Moon, Ancient Mesopotamia, Ancient Rome, Middle Ages.

Related Resources: Find books at your students reading level by going to <http://src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/http://src.scholastic.com/ecatalog/> or any Salt Lake County Library.

Cross Curricular activities can be found at <http://www.uen.org> and then clicking on Student Interactives.

Be sure to speak with your student's teacher if you have any questions concerning this month's curriculum focus.

"Few things help a child more than to place responsibility on him, and let him know he is trusted."
Booker T. Washington

Bobbie Evans
1st Grade - B Track



"WOW" ...Is The Reflections Theme For 2008-2009

Prizes are awarded in all eight categories:

Photography ♦ Visual Arts ♦ Dance Choreography ♦ 3D
Literature ♦ Film Production ♦ Theater ♦ Musical Composition

Reflections rules and entry forms can be found at the Utah PTA website:

<http://www.utahpta.org/individual.htm>

Hurry the deadline is coming up quick!

All art entries are due in the front office on Tues., Nov. 11th!

The awards night will be on Wed., Nov. 19th @ 6:30pm during the General PTA Meeting.

Ninette Tigner 878-4176
Reflections Chairperson



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STOP THROWING YOUR BAGS OUT!

With the holidays coming up fast let's Recycle those bags and help our school. The bag-recycling program runs year round. Place only clean dry bags in bins by the gym. Make sure receipts are taken out. Bags can be any color except black and from any retail store. Black writing is OK.

Any questions contact Nisha Winsor 282-3732
<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/8597.aspx>

Thanks to all that participated in the
Box Top Bonanza!
Our winner was **Marisa Clark!**

She turned in **478** Box Tops!
(The labels turned in did not count, just the Box Tops.)

The school collected over
12,000 Box Tops,
earning over \$1200.00!

A huge thank you to everyone that cut and counted Box Tops! We could not have done it without you!



Holly Winn
Collections For Education



Look Who is At Oakcrest!

Kathy Pepper, 2st Grade - D Track

Kathy has 6 children who are all married and living between Springville and Clinton. She also has 15 grandchildren, 11 boys ages 2-7. This is Kathy's 3rd year at Oakcrest and she also spent 19 years teaching 2nd grade in Kanab.

Some of Kathy's Favorites

Holiday: Thanksgiving, not so commercialized time to be grateful. Color: Red & Blue
Hobbies: Reading, family get togethers & shopping.
Snack/Candy: Hershey bars.
Drink: Light Lemonade
Restaurants: Tepanyaki
Food: Shrimp from Tepanyaki.
Collects: Willow Tree figurines.
Memories: Camping together with all my children and grandchildren at a beautiful spot in Hobble Creek Canyon. Everyone wore an "I'm a Pepper" t-shirt with the number on it of when they joined the family, now at #30.
What does Kathy like most about her job at Oakcrest? The camaraderie among the staff and of course all of "my kids". I love watching their progress and being around their energy & enthusiasm.

Rosemary Olson, 3rd Grade - D Track

Rosemary has 4 kids and she comes from a family of 12! Rosemary has been at Oakcrest for 5 years now.

Some of Rosemary's Favorites

Holiday: Thanksgiving—because there's food!
Color: Purple
Hobbies: Horseback riding, writing, jet skiing, racquetball & scrapbooking.
Snack/Candy: Snickers or Reese's
Food: Italian Restaurants: Chili's
Collects: State quarters.
Memories: I spent some time in Paris and I'd love to go back.
What does Rosemary like most about her job at Oakcrest? The people I work with.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

Teacher/Staff Birthdays in November



Diane Woodard-3rd
Allison Rose-22nd
Myrna Dupuis-28th

Rosa Gonzalez-9th
Meg Merkley-22nd



Student November Birthdays

Seth Alonso-1st
Jaren Pursel-1st
Brianna Uribe-1st
Andrea Orozco-Paz-1st
Lyndsie Debry-1st
Mahaila Owen-2nd
Kaydon Clark-2nd
Jackson Lee-2nd
Taylor Buckner-3rd
Julia Anderson-4th
Johnathan Hall-4th
Kathryn Hall-4th
Kdin Khoundet-4th
Cayla Hoover-4th
Alison Blackham-4th
Adrienne West-5th
Brynlee Funk-6th
Hailey Christensen-6th
Ruth Avina-6th
Gavin Lopez-7th
Taylor Whipple-7th
Devon Simmons-8th
Kassidy Babcock-8th
Austin Nickell-8th
Brody Doult-9th
Daylen Ashby-10th
Dalton Rudy-11th
Ryan Grover-12th

Bianca Barrera-13th
Abigail Martinez-13th
Katelyn Dawes-13th
Kylee Horstmanshoff-13th
Xavier Yakovich-13th
Kaley Guhl-13th
Kayla Nickle-14th
Raegann Mccurdy-14th
Michael Hall-14th
Damon Evans-14th
Carter Elggren-15th
Casey Holbrook-16th
Porter Sagers-16th
Graig McGrail-16th
Alexa Wessman-18th
Craig Aguilar-18th
Courtney Ngo-18th
Kiera Stewart-18th
Michael Bringhurst-18th
Taylor Larson-19th
Hayden Kelly-19th
Xayvion Harris-20th
Emmalee Jacob-21st
Alexis Olsen-21st

Jedd Myers-24th
Tyler Perez-24th
Samanta Gonzalez-24th
Kasja Leach-25th
Amy Lowry-25th
Taylor Grills-26th
Jackson Gardner-26th
Sadie Kay-26th
Ashley McLachlan-26th
Andrew Burquez-27th
Teiyah Tuatagaloa-27th
William Johnson-27th
Davon Ashby-28th
Moreanda Turner-28th
Sol Demorest-29th
Logan Skinner-30th



Student birthday celebrations...
A & C Tracks on Nov. 5th
B & D Tracks on Nov. 12th

Jennifer Higley.....Student Birthday Coordinator

WINNERS OF CLASS READING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

1ST WEEK

1 - Mrs. Evans 1903 min
2/3 - Mr. Fisher 3218 min
4/5 - Mrs. Hagmann 2400 min
6 - Mrs. Blakey 8709 min

2ND WEEK

1 - Ms. Jacobsen 1300 min
2/3 - Mrs. Carrion 1573 min
4/5 - Mrs. Hagmann 2500 min
6 - Mr. Monson 2594 min

3RD WEEK

1 - Mrs. Evans 2532 min
2/3 - Mrs. Bryner 2580 min
4/5 - Mr. Lance 4030 min
6 - Mr. Spofford 7080 min

(The winners for the last week in Oct. & all of Kindergarten will be included in the next newsletter)

Malia Alsop, Literacy Specialist

NOVEMBER 2008 OAKCREST PTA CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
2 Daylight Savings Time – Fall Back One Hour	3	4 Election Day VOTE!  Melody 7:40-8:20 Melody Part Auditions	5 A & C Track Birthdays Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	6 A&C Track SEP Conf. & Book Fair Melody 7:40-8:20	7 A&C Track SEP Conf. & Book Fair C Track Off	8
9	10 D Track On 	11 Reflections Due Today Veterans Day (not a school holiday) Melody 7:40-8:20	12 B & D Track Birthdays	13 Melody 7:40am-8:20am PTA Board Meeting 5:30pm Family Film Night 6:30pm	14 Ririe Woodbury Dance Assembly 9:30am K-6	15
16	17 PTA Food Drive Begins	18 Melody 7:40am-8:20am 	19 Reflections Awards 6:30pm Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	20 B&D Track SEP Conf. & Book Fair Melody 7:40-8:20	21 B&D Track SEP Conf. & Book Fair	22
23 PTA National Family Week Sit Down, Eat Dinner & Talk!	24	25 Tobacco Free Assembly K-3 1:15/4-6 2:15 Melody 7:40-8:20	26 School Early Out Day Today! am K @ 10:30a pm K & 1-6 1:25p	27 No School!  Thanksgiving	28 No School!	29
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DECEMBER 2008 OAKCREST PTA CALENDAR

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14	15	16 Melody 7:40am-8:20am 	17 Principal's Pride 11:30 Grades 2,3,5 12:00 Grades 1,4,6	18 Melody 7:40am-8:20am Melody Concerts 2:15pm & 7pm	19 PTA Food Drive Ends	20
21	22	23 Sing Around The Tree 9am  School out @ 3:25p	24 Winter Recess Begins Today 	25 Christmas 	26	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve 			