# Big Lake Elementary School

Thursday, November 28, 2024



#### **Christmas Concert**

Our students have been working hard on their upcoming musical "Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas". The concert will be on Tuesday, December 17th; 2 showings 10 am & 6:30 pm. We will offer refreshments after each show. For the evening show, students need to be at the Hall by 6 pm to get ready to go onstage. Admission to the show is by donation of non-perishable food bank item.

# **Citizenship Group**

WOW! What a wonderful turnout we had for Bingo! Great job Big Lake & Area! We are pleased to share that this started our rink restoration account off with a BANG! We raised just over \$1,500. We also did fabulous on our hot chocolate sale which raised \$92 – these funds were used to purchase some new winter sleds for our playground.

Our next special day will be Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting "Christmas Attire" Day. Students are encouraged to use their imaginations and come to school in a "Christmas" themed outfit. We will also have a hot chocolate sale on this day; \$2 each, students are welcome to bring their own mug.

## **PAC News**

Our next PAC meeting is Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 2:15 pm at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend. Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Big Lake Craft Fair and our Purdy's fundraiser.

#### **PAC Christmas Auction**

The PAC will not be holding their annual Christmas auction this year.

#### **Hot Lunch**

Thank you to all the wonderful parents/grandparents who have volunteered to make the student hot lunch on Thursdays. The kids absolutely love having this special treat each week. Shannon has sent out an email to sign up for 2025, please take- a-look and consider volunteering. All groceries for hot lunches are paid for by our Feeding Futures funding through the District.

#### **Report Cards**

This year, we will again be using "Learning Updates" to report student progress. First update will come home second week of December; it will also be published to the parent portal in MyEdBC. Please make sure you start to become familiar with this as eventually, paper reports will not be coming home.

# Playgroup

Playgroup at the Hall on Mondays from 8:30-10 am has been well attended and enjoyed by all. It is free to all preschool kids from 0 to 5 years old with a parent. It will run till Dec 16<sup>th</sup> then break until Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.



### **Upcoming**

After winter break, school will resume January 6<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to doing some cross-country skiing and maybe even skating in January & February.

We are also looking into taking the whole school to Mt Timothy for downhill skiing; assuming weather conditions permit.

## **Variety Show**

We plan to have a Variety Show again this year, planning for late February early March. Some ideas include: - puppet show, speech arts, reader's theatre, musical instruments, singing, dancing, jokes, magic show, skits. All students are expected to participate and are encouraged to expand their talents, trying something new this year. Please help your child come up with a "New" idea and help them practice. We will start talking about this with them in January.

#### **Winter Break**

Last day of classes is Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. The Staff wishes you all a healthy, happy holiday season and look forward to walking together into our next adventures in 2025!

