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Elementary School Board Report

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Monday, December 15, 2025

- **Junior Kindergarten field trip** - Our Junior Kindergarten students enjoyed an exciting field trip to Pizza Ranch, where they were given a behind-the-scenes tour and the opportunity to make their own personal pizzas. This special experience was made possible through an invitation from one of our student's grandparents and a generous donation from Kyle Hansen, who covered the entire cost of the trip. We are grateful for the strong community partnerships that create meaningful, real-world learning opportunities for our youngest students.
- **3rd Grade Gingerbread Houses** - On Thursday, December 4th, our 3rd grade students and their families came together for a fun and engaging Gingerbread Houses project. This annual tradition provides a wonderful home-school connection, giving parents the opportunity to work side-by-side with their children while fostering creativity, teamwork, and holiday spirit. Classrooms were filled with laughter, collaboration, and lots of frosting as students designed their own gingerbread creations. Events like this strengthen relationships, build community, and highlight the importance of family involvement in supporting student learning.
- **TERRIFIC Kid** - On Friday, December 5th, we held our second TERRIFIC Kid celebration of the school year. This program continues to be a powerful way to recognize students who demonstrate the qualities of being Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive, and Capable. We are grateful for the support of our community partners and families who joined us, helping reinforce the importance of character education and a positive school culture for all students.

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- **Preschool Gingerbread Houses** - On December 15th and 16th, Miss Dawn's preschool students and their families enjoyed building and decorating gingerbread houses together. This fun, hands-on activity strengthened home-school connections while supporting creativity, fine-motor skills, and early-learning development. We appreciate our families for joining in and helping create a joyful, community-building experience for our youngest learners.
- **Kindergarten and 1st Grade Christmas Concert** - On Monday, December 8th, our Kindergarten and 1st grade students presented two wonderful Christmas concerts at 6:00 and 7:00 pm Under the direction of Miss Davis, students delivered an incredible performance filled with enthusiasm and holiday spirit. Families packed the auditorium to support their children and the positive energy created a memorable evening for all.
- **Preschool Students to Ridgeview** - On Thursday, December 11, Miss Dawn's preschool students visited Ridgeview to spend the afternoon making gingerbread houses with the residents. This intergenerational activity created a warm and meaningful connection between our youngest learners and the senior community.
- **Preschool Screening** - Preschool screening will take place on Wednesday, December 17th. This screening provides an important opportunity to assess the developmental, cognitive, and social-emotional skills of our youngest learners. Results help identify students' strengths and areas where additional support may be needed, ensuring each child receives the appropriate resources and interventions before entering kindergarten.
- **Elementary Staff Breakfast** - On Thursday, December 18th, Mr. Sterud and I will host our annual Christmas breakfast for the elementary staff. This warm holiday tradition, started last year, is a small token of appreciation for the incredible work our staff does each day. We will be serving breakfast from 6:45–8:30 a.m., giving staff an opportunity to gather, enjoy a hot meal, and connect before the school

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day begins. This event helps strengthen our sense of community and celebrates the dedication and commitment of our team during a busy time of year.

- **December Character Trait** - Our character traits for December are Honesty and Integrity. Throughout the month, teachers discuss these traits in their classrooms and they are also highlighted in our morning announcements to reinforce their importance school-wide. Students are encouraged to demonstrate honesty by telling the truth, and integrity by doing the right thing even when no one is watching. On Friday, December 19th, we will hold our Arrow Way Assembly in the gym to celebrate one student from each class who has exemplified these traits. This recognition not only honors individual students but also promotes a positive school culture where honesty, integrity, and trust are valued and celebrated.

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