



December 2024 PACE Homeschool Newsletter

Dates to Remember

Dec 13 th	MLC Ugly Sweater Bowling
Dec 19 th -30 th	Craig Office Closed
Dec 23 rd -30 th	Anchorage Office Closed
Dec 23 rd -Jan 3 rd	Ketchikan Office Closed
Dec 23 rd -Jan 3 rd	MatSu Office on holiday hours
Dec 25 th	All Offices Closed
Jan 1 st	All Offices Closed

Teacher Tip of the Month by: Jen Whicker, KLC Teacher

How to survive the holidays with these Christmas-themed STEM activities:

Slime is in! Make Christmas tree slime and decorate it with glitter, bells, and tinsel. Discuss the chemical reaction that happens when you mix the slime up. [Click Here](#)

- Engineer a 3-D Paper Christmas Tree. Discuss the geometry involved, like angles and shapes. [Click Here](#)
- Do a raised salt painting. The website link creates snowflakes but anything can be done. Children can practice writing their ABCs in fun Christmas colors! [Click Here](#)
- Create a pipe cleaner circuit Rudolf and make his nose light up! This is a great science lesson about electricity and circuits. [Click Here](#)
- Make a crystal candy cane that you hang as an ornament. Discuss how this happens and look at different types of crystals. [Click Here](#)

The holidays are a great time to spend with the family but it can be hard to focus on school work at that time. Use everyday opportunities and turn them into lessons. Talk about Science while baking cookies. Use shopping for presents to discuss percentages, addition, and budgeting. Local libraries also offer fun winter activities for school-aged children. Take advantage of them.

The biggest tip I can give is to BE FLEXIBLE!! Do a holiday school schedule and remember the goal is to make memories this holiday season, not lesson plans.



Join the MLC staff for their 5th annual Ugly Sweater Bowling Event

When: Friday, December 13th at 12pm

Where: North Bowl in Wasilla

Space is limited, so RSVP is required to dsheldon@craigschools.com
no later than 3pm on December 10th.

This event is open to active PACE students and their families. Put on your ugliest Christmas sweater and come have some fun with us!