

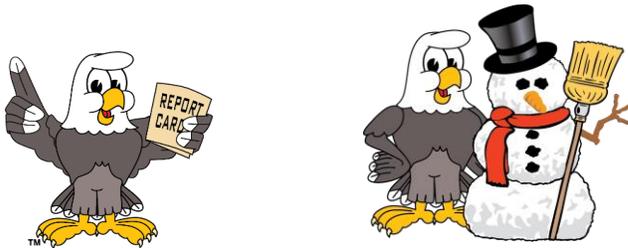
# Stephensen Elementary Newsletter

## December 2017



The school year is going by so quickly. We are entering the last month of the semester. The weather is cold and snow has already begun to fall. Please remember to dress for the weather. We will be going outside for recess as much as possible; even when it's cold. We installed extra coat hooks to accommodate the large coats, backpacks, and other clothing that is needed this time of year. Also, as more items come to school, more items get left/lost at school. Be sure to check the lost and found area for any missing clothing items. Here are a few other things of note for the month:

- Our **Spirit Day and Assembly** will be on Dec. 15. The theme will be Christmas/Holiday. Classes with the highest spirit day participation will win a merit badge. Also, the monthly classroom award winners will be given the opportunity to participate in the spirit activity and could win an additional merit badge for their classes.
- **Dropping off children in the morning** is sometimes quite an ordeal. The lines can get very long. And with a lot of children in and around the parking lot, it can be dangerous. Our safety patrol is out in the mornings to help out and make things run more smoothly. But even with our safety patrol's assistance, we still need your help.
  - Only the drop-off lane (5 mph and closest to the school) is to be used for dropping students off without an escort. Please do not pull into the auxiliary parking lot near TLF and drop off your child. Doing this forces children to cross a drive-through lane (10 mph) without a crossing guard or adult support and can be very dangerous with the high traffic volume in the morning.
  - When using the drop-off lane, please pull as far forward as possible before stopping to let your child out. This will help keep the flow moving as quickly as possible.
  - Be patient. Student safety is the most important thing.
  - Reminder: if you do walk your child inside to class, please be respectful that the teacher has a large number of students entering the class and may not have time to talk with you. If you need to speak with your child's teacher, please arrange a time to meet that may be less hectic for all parties involved.
- **Field Trips:** The full-day kindergarten classes will be taking a field trip to the Aquarium of Boise Friday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>; while the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be going to the MHAFB movie theater on Monday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- The **end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is on Thursday, Dec. 21**. This will be a regular release day for students (3:00 pm) and the end of the first semester. The Christmas break begins on Friday, Dec. 22 and extends through Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. School will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Math Tip of the Month

Work on missing number activities with your child.

$$3, 4, \_, 6 \qquad 13, \_, 11$$

$$6 + \_ = 5 + 2 \qquad \_ = 14 + 7$$

These are just a few examples; make up your own.

### December dates to remember:

- 5 – PTT meeting in art room at 8:15am
- 6 – PTT Family Holiday Craft Night
- 7 – School Store at lunch time
- 8 – Aquarium field trip (full-K)
- 11-15 – PTT Holiday Store
- 13 – HS drama performance of "Rudolph" at 12:30
- 14 – Popcorn money due
- 15 – Popcorn Day
- 15 – Spirit Day (Christmas/Holiday Theme)  
Assembly at 2:30
- 18 – Movie Theater field trip (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 21 – School Store after school in foyer
- 22-Jan 8 – NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)
- Jan. 9 – School Resumes