



T.E.S. Express

Thatcher Elementary School

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From the Desk of the Principal:

The first semester is winding down. The kids have been learning and growing by leaps and bounds! Just a reminder to review the absences and tardy policies on thatcherud.org/tes-home.

I appreciate all of my staff here at TES; they care very much about your children and helping them grow. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday break!
-Mrs. Michelle Ferrin

- Absences Matter -

When your child misses school, they miss important instruction from their teachers that cannot be made up. They miss the opportunity to ask questions or to work together with their peers on assignments. They might miss out on Library, P.E., or a fun science experiment.

We understand that life happens, but let us help when it does! **Contact the office**—we can help get homework together from the teacher so your child doesn't fall far behind. Communicate any stressors that may be keeping your child home. Remember, **it takes a village to raise a child!**

"Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track."

-www.attendanceworks.org

Love of Reading Week

Dec 12-15

Monday—Festive Sweater

Tuesday—Holiday Characters
(i.e. Frosty, Rudolph, Elf)

Wednesday—Holiday Headgear/Socks

Thursday—Long Winter's Nap (pajamas)

Students will enjoy dress up days, a reading competition, Winter Wonderland, Guest Readers, and more!



Mark your Calendar

December 2022

- 5 3rd Gr. Music Performance
9:00 am (Hoopes, Petersen, Romero)
9:30 am (Boren, Nagy Smith)
- 6 4th Gr. Music Performance
9:00 am (Hogan, Hatch, Phillips)
9:30 am (Aranda, Crandall, Yochum)
- 7 6th Gr. Music Performance
9:00 am (Mattice, Cochran, Rose)
9:30 am (Ruland, Stahl, Kincaid)
- 8 5th Gr. Music Performance
9:00 am (Hansen, Allred, Hunt)
9:30 am (Johns, Gasca, Udall)
- 12-15 Love of Reading Week (Dress up days below)
- 14 Reindeer Dash—Wear close-toed shoes/dress warm
- 14 4th Grade to Festival of Trees
- 19-30 Winter Break

January 2023

- 4 School Resumes
- 6 Mandatory School—Early Release 1:16 pm
- 13 Mandatory School—Early Release 1:16 pm
- 16 Martin Luther King Day—No School



Star Students

3rd Grade	5th Grade
Eliza Huish	Gilbert Orme
Parker Richards	Presley Taylor
4th Grade	6th Grade
Kinley McNeil	Grayson Williams
Taylor Johnson	Jocelyn Bryant

These students were nominated by their teachers after meeting the following requirements: One absence or less · No unexcused tardies · Turned in all homework · Maintained a grade of 75% or higher · No major discipline problems

- Breakfast & Lunch menus can be found at www.thatcherud.org -
- Lunch money can be added to your student's account at EZSchoolPay.com -

3rd

The month of December will be a busy one. The students will have a Christmas Music Program at the cafeteria, Dec. 5. Hoopes, Petersen, Romero, kids will perform at 9:00-9:30. Nagy, Smith, Boren, kids will perform at 9:30-10:00.

The students will be making Christmas gifts for their parents. They will need to bring \$5.00 to help pay for the supplies for these gifts.

Christmas parties will be on Wednesday, December 14. We will have a gift exchange, boy bring boy gift, girl bring girl gift. The gift needs to cost no more than \$5.00, it also needs to be wrapped. Don't put anyone's name on it. We will send a note when it gets closer to the Christmas party and gift exchange.

During the Christmas Break, help your child practice multiplication and Division problems.

Thanks for all your support this semester.

The 3rd Grade Team
Mrs. Petersen, Ms. Romero, Miss Smith,
Mrs. Hoopes, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Nagy



4th

We hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving! We are thankful for the opportunity to teach your children. Thank you for the help you give at home. December is very busy with assessments and activities so **attendance is essential**. We will keep working up until the last days of the semester. We have a lot to learn.

Our 4th grade music program is December 6th in the Cafeteria. Phillips, Hogan, and Hatch perform at 9:00. Aranda, Crandall, and Yochum perform at 9:30.

Christmas Party: Prior to the break we will be having our class Christmas parties. Be on the lookout for more information on those.

It is getting cold outside - **please make sure your child brings a coat to wear.**

If your children need something to do during the break, they can work on multiplication facts! Reading is great too!!

The 4th Grade Team
Mrs. Yochum, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Hatch
Ms. Crandall, Mrs. Aranda, Mrs. Hogan



5th

There are lots of events for the month of December! Please watch the school newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts for some events. Class information will be a note, email, or Clever message. Because Dec 2 is the last Reteach Friday for December, **please check your student's grades in Parent Vue** to see if any work needs to be made up.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

The 5th Grade Team
Mrs. Udall, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Allred
Ms. Gasca, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Johns

A.M.P.T.

See the Winter Performance Schedule on page 1.

-Mr. Favian Reyes



Title

Students are taking the title math and reading tests ; please encourage them to do their best!
5th and 6th grade title math students should have received a paper informing you that we will be starting an extra title math support one day during the week, as well as Fridays. Please make sure you SIGN & RETURN that paper to your child's teacher.

Remember to read with your child during the break.



Happy Holidays!

-Mrs. Webster & Ms. Keller

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year !

6th

It is important that in these last few weeks of the 2nd quarter that your children are at school! There will be district assessments given during this time and other activities that you will not want your child to miss. However, if your child needs to be out, in an effort to teach responsibility, please make sure you or your child are checking StudentVue online for daily assignments. It is up to them to make-up the work they miss, not come in and ask the teacher for all their work when they return. This was addressed in the homework policy letter you and your child signed at the beginning of the school year.

As 6th graders begin puberty at this age, please make sure that your child is showering regularly, using body products and changing into clean clothes daily. We do not want bullying to become a problem as the children go through these uncontrollable changes.

Please join the 6th graders on Dec. 7th for our winter music performance. Mattice, Cochran, and Rose's classes will perform at 9:00 am and Ruland, Stahl, and Kincaid's classes will perform at 9:30am in the cafeteria. Holiday celebration info will come from your child's teacher!



The 6th Grade Team
Ms. Kincaid, Ms. Cochran, Mrs. Ruland
Mrs. Mattice, Ms. Rose, Ms. Stahl