

# The Bolt

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## Message from Administration:

Happy Holidays Silver Streak Families! December is a short but busy month for the Silver Streaks. There will be many special events during this festive season. It's such a fun time of year for our students. On Thursday, December 2nd we will have our first Dinner with Santa Reading Night! Tickets are on sale if you are interested in purchasing photos and decorating cookies. Each student that attends will receive a free stocking with reading games and each member in the family will receive a free dinner. It will be delicious. We hope you will be able to attend our evening Winter Arts Performance, December 9th at 6:00p.m. Our music teacher, Mrs. Rudd, has worked very hard to make this a magical evening. What a wonderful way to kick off the season. Our progress monitoring will be taking place this month and we look forward to sharing your child's results in the new year. Please continue to encourage your students to work on iStation (Grades: K-5) and Khan Academy (Grades: 3-5). We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

Happy Holidays,  
Dr. Ray and Kim Griffiths

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## December Calendar

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- December- ESE Department is selling Candy Grams for \$1.00
- December 2- Picture Retake and Reading Family Night Dinner with Santa at 6:00p.m.
- December 7- Parent zoom meeting- link on the website. Gift Card give away. Please attend.
- December 4- Grade field trip to Bok Tower Gardens
- December 8- 5th Grade field trip to Bok Tower Gardens
- December 9- Winter Concert at 6:00p.m. and Kona Ice will be on campus
- December 10- SAC meeting at 1:00p.m. in PLC room
- December 17- PTO meeting at 1:00p.m. in the PLC room and last day of school for winter break.
- January 4- Students return back to school from winter break.



# Featured articles

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## Kindergarten

Greetings parents, Kindergarten is wrapping up the 2021 year with our mid-year progress monitoring. We are looking forward to sharing the results with you as we dive in and analyze the data.

Our Reading/Dinner with Santa Family night will be held on Thursday, December 2nd at 6:00p.m in the JHW Cafeteria. Kindergarten is selling cookies to decorate and pictures with Santa for \$5.00 each. We hope to see you there.

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## First Grade

In First Grade for the month of November in ELA, the students are learning to form and write complex sentences along with using proper nouns and appropriate capitalization. We are stressing the importance of learning sight words and to practice reading every day. In math, they have begun using their subtraction skills and learning how to dissect and solve word problems. In science, they are observing living and nonliving things and will begin learning the plant life cycle. In social studies, the students are being exposed to community workers, historical events and how that relates to the present times.

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## Second Grade

Second grade is moving along. In ELA/Reading we will be learning about narrative fiction and non-fiction, nouns, plurals, suffixes and prefixes. In Math we will continue to work on our math facts with Rocket Math and the Fearsome 15, as well as 2-digit subtraction. In Science we will be learning about forces in motion and magnets. In Social Studies we will learn about maps, globes, and helping our community for the Christmas season.



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## Third Grade

Third grade is continuing to excel in reading and math this year. Ms. Burrows' class is doing very well with math facts and is in the lead. Ms Maxwell's class is also doing well with math facts and continuing to show improvement. Mr. Goreck's class has had great behavior recently and are ready to succeed this year. Mr. Pentecost's class is on a role in math and science and are ready to keep growing their brain. The next unit in math is fractions, so if you are cooking or following recipes this holiday season let your child cook with you. Central Idea, prefixes, affixes, and vocabulary are our focus in reading. In science we are learning about light and heat and the students seem very interested. Thank you for supporting your child as they memorize their math facts and complete all their homework daily.



## Fourth Grade

Happy Holidays Everyone! December is such an exciting and magical time of year for everyone. Just the "feel" of knowing what this month brings, seems to put a smile on everyone's face. Here in 4th/5th grade Math and Science... we feel the same. We have some very exciting things going on. On the 7th and 8th, our students will have an opportunity to go to Bok Tower Gardens. Thanks to the Splash Grant, our students will be able to explore scientific activities that occur in our environment. SO EXCITING! In math, we will be working more with fractions and the different operations. This can be a little tough for students, but with a little (or a lot of) hard work and a sprinkle of fun, even fractions can be easily understood. We will have middle of the year testing this month, as well. There are some special rewards for achieving goals, so we want everyone to work really hard. Let's have a wonderful December. December is a busy month with middle of the year testing. It is imperative that your student is at school, on time each day. The first week of December, we will be MAPS and STAR testing in the morning. Again, please have your student on time. We will have a two hour timed writing middle of the year assessment the week of 12/13-12/18. We will send out the specific day when we have it. In social studies, fourth grade will be learning about the American Revolution, fifth grade will be learning about New England Colonies. In reading, both classes are working on going back into the text to look for answers and context clues. Reading every night will help to improve those fluency skills. Please remember that we have the agenda, dojo, and email to communicate through. Do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

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## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

### 2021- 2022

September 8, 2021	February 2, 2022
October 27, 2021	March 16, 2022
November 17, 2021	April 20, 2022
January 12, 2022	May 27, 2022



## SAC & PTO

Betty Finnell

SAC Meeting will be held on Friday, December 10th at 1:00p.m. in the PLC room

PTO Meeting will be held on Friday, December 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the PLC room

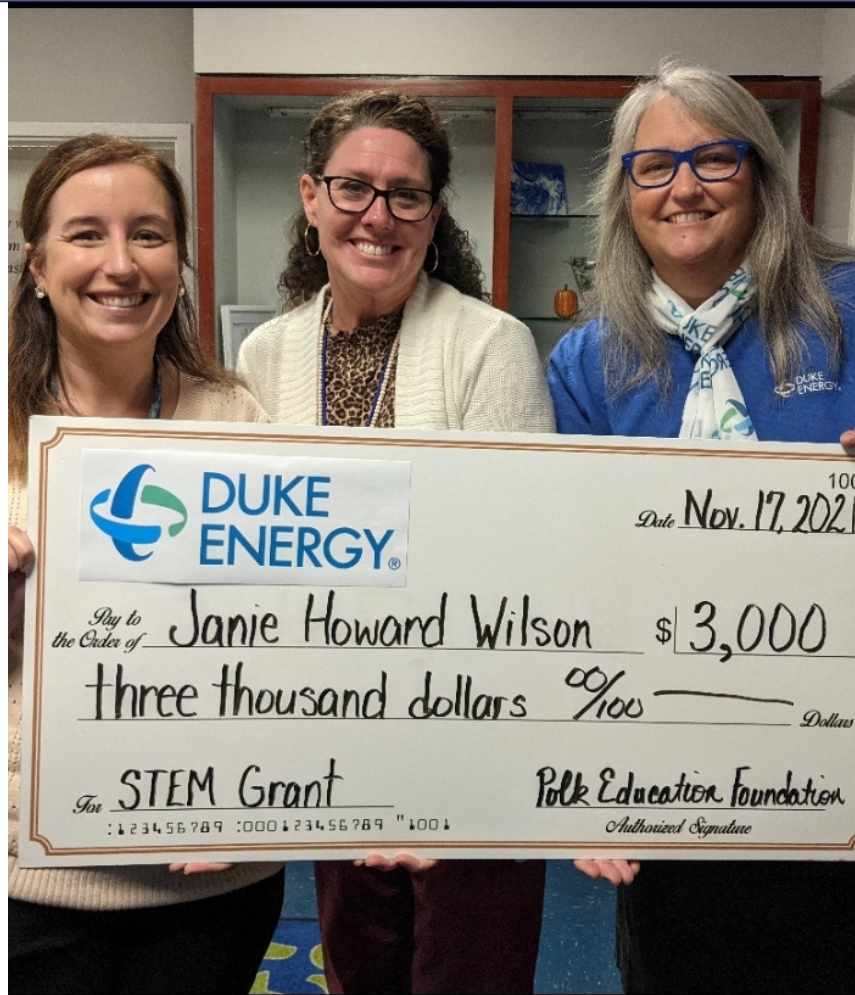
# READING FAMILY NIGHT WITH SANTA

Thursday, December 2nd

6:00p.m-7:30p.m

JHW Cafe

All families who sign up receive free dinner and a stocking full of games. Bring cash for picture with Santa and a cookie!



## Home and School Connection

Students who know how to organize find managing all the details of school much easier. Creating and using checklists will help your child build organizational skills and have everything he needs for school in the morning.

Teach your child to:

- Stop at the front door. Before he leaves for school, have him stop for a minute and ask himself, "Do I have everything I'll need today?"
- Use the "head-to-toe checklist." Before your child goes anywhere, have him run through a top-to-bottom mental checklist: "My hat's on my head. My coat's on my body. My backpack's on my back. My gloves are on my hands. My boots are on my feet."
- Write it down. Have your child make checklist of everything he needs for school on a typical day. Post it where he can check it each evening as he is organizing for the next day. He can add self-stick notes for special items—"Don't forget the permission slip for the field trip."

## Social Media



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