

# CSS CHATTER

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**Winter Break begins at 12:45 on December 23rd!  
School reopens on January 3rd!**

*'Tis the season for Giving, and Charles Street School students and families certainly do it well!*

*The Fifth-graders were very excited to wrap 1,200 silverware packets for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden, NJ, before Thanksgiving break. They not only participated in our philanthropy project but also were able to hear a story about serving others. The best part was enjoying a Thanksgiving feast as a whole Fifth-grade unit. We are so thankful to all of the families who donated supplies for our project AND feast.*

*As mentioned in the last Chatter, over \$1,700 was collected for CHOP during the annual Pajama Day campaign. Though many of our CSS families may have benefitted from their services, many more families donated to The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia just knowing of all the good works that they do.*

*The Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots collection truck rolled away from CSS with two large collection boxes.*

*Many thanks to our fifth graders, Student Council members, and their teachers for all they did to put giving in the forefront of this holiday season!*

# 5th Grade Season of Giving



**Kindergarten** has been working on addition and subtraction up to 5. We are almost through the alphabet in Foundations. We have been reading stories about holidays around the world and holiday traditions. We have done holiday art and crafts some are displayed in our classroom. We continue to talk about manners and being kind. We have our countdown bulletin board of ways to show kindness each day. Sargent Leusner also came in and read Holiday stories. We are going to be getting together with our third grade buddy classes to do a project. Most of all, we enjoyed having our families visit for the annual **Kindergarten Concert** on December 13th!

**Third Grade** just finished up their book study of Charlotte's Web. They absolutely loved this classic, heartwarming story about friendship. In writing, students have been working on their "Life in a Snow Globe," fictional narratives. Students read the story Life in a Snow Globe by Jane O'Connor and wrote about what their life might be like living inside of a snow globe. Third grade finally got the chance to meet with their kindergarten buddies! Mrs. Mills & Mrs. Heller's class, Mrs. Henry & Mrs. Graovac's class, and Ms. Gaffney & Ms. Garrison's class got together to make a holiday craft. Students from third grade got partnered with a student from kindergarten and became "buddies!" For third graders, this gives them the opportunity to help out younger students and to be role models for them. They look forward to helping, reading, and teaching their younger buddies new things. (The kindergarteners end up teaching them things along the way as well!) This also gives them an opportunity to mature as third graders, ready to take on a little more guidance as fourth graders the following year.

**Mrs. McCann's** class was busy writing, addressing, and mailing Christmas cards to family and friends!



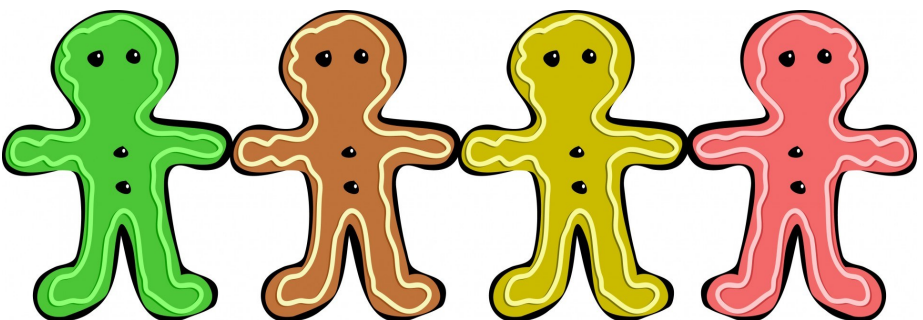
## SPECIAL AREAS

**STEAM** - K-2 students completed their penguin art to display at the Winter Concert. This week students created their own gingerbread houses from various materials in the STEAM room.



**Music**- This week in music, all K-2 students are beginning to learn their winter concert songs for our concerts on December 13th! All Kindergarten classes are learning “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and our 1st and 2nd grade classes are learning “Let’s Be Jolly”. In 3rd grade, our students are putting our rhythm reading skills to the test and playing rhythm bingo for prizes! In 4th and 5th grades, our students are using our knowledge of rhythms to compose songs including whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, eighth notes and quarter rests. Once students are finished composing their songs, they will either perform them as a solo or as a class on percussion instruments!

In the **Computer Lab**, kindergarten students are continuing to learn about input devices like the mouse and keyboard. This week, we learned about typing upper case letters using the shift key, and we learned how to type a period, exclamation point and question mark. First and second grade students are being introduced to word processing basics—so far we can change the font, font size, font color and even insert images from the internet! We used our names to create Word Art! Third, fourth and fifth grade students are working on persuasive holiday presentations in Google Slides. Students have learned how to customize themes using



\*\*\*Please be sure your student has appropriate outerwear. If weather permits we will still hold recess, fire and emergency evacuation drills.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**Dec. 23-Jan. 2      Winter Break - Schools are closed.**

**January 3              Schools Reopen**

**January 13            12:45 Dismissal - Staff In-service**

**January 16            MLK Jr. Day - Schools are closed.**

*The Staff at Charles Street School  
would like to wish everyone a  
Safe & Healthy Holiday Season!*

*Enjoy the Winter Break!*

