

December 2019



PACIFIC INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

A Word From Our Principal Mr. Agee

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and we are now in the closing weeks (three to be specific) of first semester. As we bring an end to the first semester, classes will be filled with that one last chapter and final reviews.

Thank you Pacific Intermediate families for your generous donations during our holiday food drive. We were able to provide meals to 25 families because of your support from the drive. Additionally, thank you to all of the families that purchased gift cards for our teachers through the School Store Program. There was a lot of genuine surprise and excitement as our teachers received these gifts.

December will bring some school activities

that include a 5th grade winter choir concert on Thursday, December 12th at 7:15pm at Riverbend School, 6th grade band concert on Sunday, December 15th at 1:30pm in the Pacific High School Gym. This month will also be the end of first semester, and we prepare for winter break. With all of these activities at school, in addition to activities at home, please work with your students to ensure they are remaining focused on their classes. Please continue to monitor student grades and lunch accounts with the parent portal. Additionally, talk with your student about missing or low scoring assignments. Encourage your students to start conversations with you about their grades first.

Please remember that the

last day of the first semester will be an early dismissal day at noon for students.

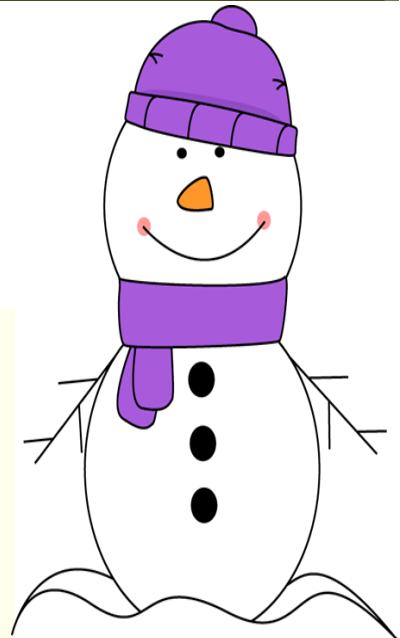
During the winter break, encourage your students to maintain a somewhat regular sleeping schedule. With classes resuming on Monday, January 6th, it will be a much easier adjustment for students returning to school if they can maintain their sleeping patterns. I hope that you all have a restful and joy filled winter break, and look forward to a great conclusion to 2019.

Sincerely,

Matt Agee
Pacific Intermediate
Principal



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Chickasaw Tribe

Mrs. Alcorn

Mrs. Bielicke

Mrs. Meyers

Science~

We will finish our Life Science unit at the beginning of December. This unit has focused on plant and animal adaptations, life cycles, structures and functions, food chains and the flow of energy in various ecosystems. Before we leave for Winter break, we will begin our Earth System's unit. This will be an engaging unit about our planet, our Sun, and our Moon.

Social Studies~

Students continue to move forward with history as we finish up our Westward Expansion unit. Once we finish the Trail of Tears, we will move on to Pioneers and Immigration. Students are not only learning about important events throughout our history, but also the impact of important historical figures.

Osage Tribe

Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Missey, Ms. Wilkins

Math: We will continue with our Fraction Unit. Last month we learned how to add and subtract fractions with common and unlike denominators, finding equivalent fractions and estimating fractions to the nearest benchmark. This month we will be learning about multiplying and dividing fractions with common and unlike denominators.

ELA: Poetry & Speaking/Listening

Science/Social Studies: Westward Expansion & Life Science

5TH GRADE

Missouria Tribe

Ms. Morrison, Ms. O'Neal, Mr. Sutterer

ELA/Reading-We are continuing to work with author's purpose and beginning to move into comparing and contrasting on a deeper level. Just a reminder that we will have a vocabulary quiz every other Friday.

Writing-We are continuing working on the steps to the writing process. We are also working on our writing stamina.

Math- We will be using area models to make sense of multiplying fractions. Parents, continue to work on your child's math facts and please be patient as we work with our fraction models. I understand it is not how "we learned it in our day," but we are learning for understanding. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions.

Science/Social Studies-Americans have reached the Pacific ocean, and the West is being settled. What happened to all the Native Americans that already lived in this land? Ask your child about the Indian Removal Act and how we treated Native Americans. What is the Trail of Tears?

We have begun chapter 4, discussing ecosystems, food chains and webs, and how humans impact the Earth.

Upcoming Events December 11th-Late Start

December 12th-5th grade concert at 7:15pm

(Students should arrive by 7:00pm) Location: Riverbend

December 20th-Early Release

December 23rd-January 3rd-Winter Break

Otoe Tribe

Ms. Eckelkamp, Mr. Effan, Mr. McMahon, Mrs. Vondera, Mrs. Voss

Ms. Eckelkamp-In 6th grade English, we are currently working on Personal Narrative Essays. Students are writing about true events in their lives. The projects will be due and presented the last week of this month before winter break.

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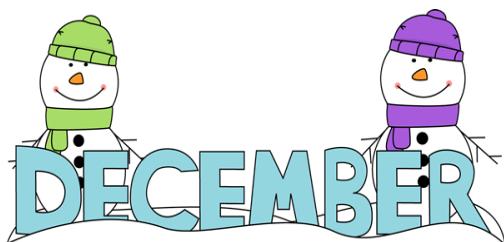
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Mrs. Vondera-Greetings! The year is quickly coming to an end. Please make sure your child has paper, pencils and pens. They could make great stocking stuffers! We look forward to a fresh start in January. Please continue to check the planner and emails. We hope that you have a great holiday break for some much needed time off. Happy Holidays!

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6TH GRADE



Quapaw Tribe

Mrs. McElwain, Mr. Slaughter, Mrs. Stumborg, Mrs. Todahl, Mrs. Weil

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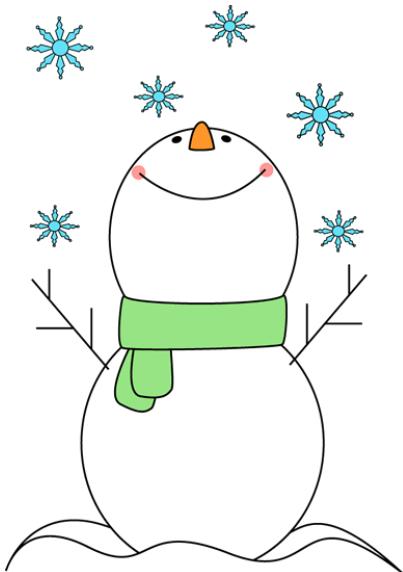
Leadership and Career Development

Mrs. Carrico

As the end of the semester quickly approaches, many of our thoughts turn to the holidays. This month in Leadership & Career Development Class 6th graders will be focusing on what it means to be grateful and also learn various ways to give to others. We will be studying about not-for-profit organizations and what we can do to give back to our local community.

Please ask your child about the Thanksgiving Meal they planned on a budget. Students had a great time picking out their favorite dishes and comparing their traditions with other students. They even shopped the store sale ads to find the best deals, 6th graders can be thrifty!

Wishing you a safe and relaxing Winter Break!



Band Concert

Mrs. Delmain Mrs. Franzen and Mr. Sokeland

Winter Band Concert
6th, 7th & 8th Grade Bands
Sunday, December 15th
1:30pm at Pacific High School



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MS. DIAMOND

While we are giving gifts, enjoying time with our families, reflecting on the year and what we hope for next year, it might be a good time to re-emphasize your family values and goals for your children. Most people have goals and a desire to please others. If we, as parents, emphasize the importance of education and setting goals, our children will notice and prioritize their goals to meet family expectations.

When children set short-term goals such as good grades, making new friends, and doing things to make their parents proud they will plan and make decisions



to reach goals. When they set long-term goals such as graduating from high school, going to college or learning a trade they will learn to focus on their goals to overcome obstacles to their future. Young teens listen and care about family values even if they do not appear to listen or care.

Enjoy your break and spend some quality time discussing goals and planning for their future. Without goals.... dreams cannot come true.