

# Faherty's Focus



**December 2-6**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Nov. 25—Fri., Nov. 29 - NO SCHOOL! (Thanksgiving Break)

Mon., Dec. 2 - school resumes

Tues., Dec. 3 - mobile dental at Lawson

Wed., Dec. 4 - mobile dental at Lawson

Thurs., Dec. 5 - last day to sign up for Secret Santa gift exchange

Fri., Dec. 6 - biography book due

Mon., Dec. 9 - picture retakes and yearbook pictures

Wed., Dec. 18 - Secret Santa gift due

Thurs., Dec. 19 - Winter Party; last day to take A.R. quizzes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.

Fri., Dec. 20 - 3-hour Early Release (11:45 a.m.)

Mon., Dec. 23—Wed., Jan. 1 - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

Thurs., Jan. 2 - school resumes

**I** am so grateful for the kind and wonderful students and supportive families I've been blessed to work with this year! I hope all of you have a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving Break!

**O**ur Winter Party will be Thursday, Dec. 19. A volunteer form for snacks and other supplies will be sent home shortly after Thanksgiving Break if you are interested in donating supplies or treats. Students who want to participate in the Secret Santa Gift Exchange need to return their sign-up form by Thursday, Dec. 5. We will draw Secret Santa names on Friday, Dec. 6. All gifts need to be purchased, wrapped, and sent to school by Wednesday, Dec. 18. Thanks for your help!

**W**e're reaching the midpoint of the school year, and some students are suffering from the midyear slump. It's hard for everyone to stay motivated to try their best, but please keep encouraging your child to hang in there, work hard, and treat others with kindness and respect. We only have three more weeks of school before Christmas Break, but we have a lot to accomplish before then. Together we can make it happen!

**S**tudents have just 3 more weeks to read and take Accelerated Reader quizzes to earn points toward our Roar Into Reading program. The last day to take A.R. quizzes for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is Thurs., December 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep reading!

## This Week's Specials Schedule

Mon. - Art

Tues. - Music/Orchestra

Wed. - P.E.

Thurs. - Art/Orchestra

Fri. - Music

# Curriculum Corner

**COMMUNICATION ARTS** - students can read and comprehend a biography on their independent reading level; cite text evidence when making inferences; use a variety of sources to research and take notes on various aspects of World War II; use roots and affixes to determine the meaning of unknown words

**MATH** - students can multiply and divide fractions; solve word problems involving multiplication and division of fractions; convert customary units of measurement

**SCIENCE** - students can describe the 4 major earth systems and how they interact with each other; explain the parts of the water cycle; describe the layers of the atmosphere and their traits

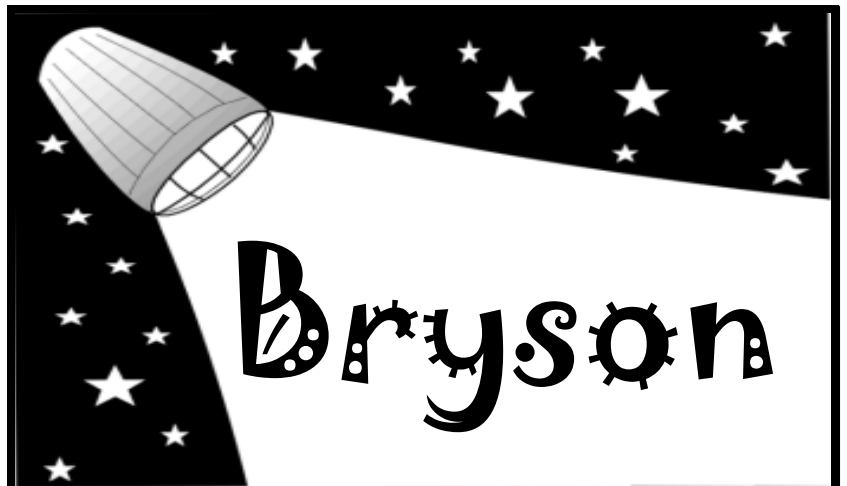
**SOCIAL STUDIES** - Students can describe life in postwar America; explain the causes of the Great Depression

## CharacterPlus

December's trait:

**KINDNESS/COMPASSION**

~ being gentle and  
thoughtful through  
your actions and words ~



Favorite Color: **BLUE**

Favorite Subject: **MATH**

Favorite Food: **PIZZA**

Favorite Sport: **FOOTBALL**

Favorite Season: **WINTER**

Favorite Book: **NONE**

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor: **STRAWBERRY**

In my free time I like to: **PLAY VIDEO  
GAMES**

Someday I want to be: an **ENGINEER**