



Principally Speaking:

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

December 2017

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and was able to spend the extra time out of school with family and friends. Even though we have had a warmer than usual fall, it appears the cooler seasonal temperatures are right around the corner. The school's lost and found items are now hanging on a coat rack located in the cafeteria. This new process seems to work better in getting the items back to the student. If you can, please write your child's name on the inside tag of their clothing or items, which will aid us in returning these items back to the owner.

Schools across Oklahoma are just now receiving the results of the spring, 2017 state test scores. In an attempt to get these scores to you as quickly as possible, we are making them available to you on the parent portal under the assessment tab. Here you should be able to see the scores from last year's exams. These scores should be available for view sometime after December 6th. As you will see, the information available on the portal is general in nature. For this reason, additional information on testing that was recently released from the State Department of Education can be found on the State Department website or clicking on the following link: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/documents/2017-09-25/assessment-guidance>

A more detailed report will also be sent home with the 4th and 5th grade students in their Thursday folder on December 14th. You may notice the scores and score reports look different this year, reflecting the changes in the state standards and the new assessments over these standards. The state also raised the benchmark cut scores used to determine level of proficiency. If the information from the State Department of Education website does not answer your questions about the new tests or your child's scores, please feel free to call the school for more information.

During this time of giving thanks, words cannot express how appreciated and supported we feel with the ability to add curriculum and instructional materials to our classrooms. These classroom items and instructional materials were a direct result from the Boosterthon Fundraiser at the start of the school year and will enhance many aspects in the classroom and support student learning. On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank the PTO and our parents for the continued support we see on a daily basis! As we move in the month of December and begin looking towards 2017, it is my hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season and happy new year!

Mr. Higdon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2017					1 Spirit Day Popcorn & Box Top Collection 3rd Grade Program 9:00 am	2
3	4	5	6	7 Papa Murphy's Night	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Winter Parties 2:30 pm	20 End of 2nd 9 weeks Winter Begins	----Winter Break----		23
24 31	25	26	27	28	29	30
-----Winter Break-----						



DECEMBER



CHISHOLM PTO NEWS



Wow! 2017 sure went by quickly. What a wonderful recent performance of **THE NUTCRACKER** by our 3rd graders. Thank you to all those who helped with this production. Also, thank you to all who shopped at the bookfair this week. We also appreciate all our families taking part in the Chisholm restaurant nights. We received \$520 from Whataburger alone.

COMING UP THIS MONTH



- Dec. 1 - The Nutcracker 9a.m.
- Dec. 1 - Spirit day and popcorn
- Dec. 7 - Papa Murphy's night
- Dec. 18 - Wear Christmas Socks
- Dec. 19 - Wear Ugly Christmas Sweater
- Dec. 19 - Classroom Christmas Parties
- Dec. 20 - Wear a Christmas Hat



**DEC. 21ST - JAN. 3
WINTER BREAK**



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