



Park Ridge Elementary
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Falcon Flyer

December 2014

Upcoming Events

~Report cards go home

December 2nd

~Christmas Sing-a-long

December 19th

~2 hour early release (school is dismissed at 1:14)

December 19th

~Winter Break

December 22nd-January 5th

PTA Upcoming Events

~Dinner Night Out at Panda Express

December 2nd

~"Reflections" Gallery Night,

December 3rd 7:00 p.m.

~Movie Night "Frozen"

December 12th 7:00 p.m.

~Skate Night-Rollerdrome

December 16th

Standards Based Report Cards

As we transition in the school district to standards-based report cards, we would just like to encourage each of you to feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about how the report card looks, how to read the report card, or about your child's achievement. We are excited to provide a report card that effectively communicates to you what exactly your child is learning and his/her academic achievement. Let us know how we can support you during this transition.



PTA in Action

Reflections-We are very excited to be participating in Reflections for the first time this year! This is an opportunity for your student to show their artistic side through the arts. There are several categories they can choose from, and they can enter into more than one category! There are entry forms and guideline rules on the "Reflections Board" next to the office. Any questions, you can contact us through email parkridgeelementarypta@gmail.com. The theme

this year is: "The world would be a better place if..." We hope to see many Park Ridge Elementary student entries, and very much look forward to Gallery Night!

The PTA wants to wish all the Park Ridge students, families, teachers and staff a wonderful and safe holiday season!





MUSIC NOTES

Winter weather is in the air! As we prepare for our Christmas Break, we will also prepare for our annual Christmas Sing-A-Long. It will be held December 19th at 10:30AM. Although this is a B day for Kindergarten, our A Kindergarteners are welcome to attend this special event and sit with their parents. Family and friends are also invited to attend this special event with us. Happy Holidays!

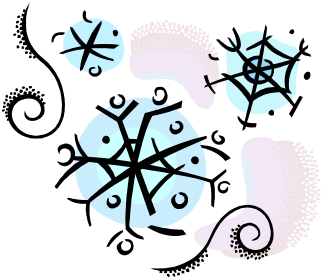


Counselor's Corner:

Thank You Park Ridge Falcons for your contribution during the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Every year we help out our community and neighbors and show that we care. It is much appreciated!!!

School Store

Look for the school store to be opening soon. Nothing over \$2.00. Little items for Christmas for family will be available. Watch for information on dates for the school store.



Cold Weather

It's the time of year to pull out those mittens and boots! Please be sure when you send your child to school that he/she is bundled up. If the weather is severely cold, we will keep students in during the day, but if it's possible, students will still go out to play. So please be sure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. You might even want to put in some dry socks in their backpack in case feet get cold and wet.

Keep Them Moving!

As we are moving into the colder months, it is easy to let our kids turn into couch potatoes since it is too cold to go outside. Research shows that gross motor skills and exercise are directly related to cognitive abilities, so we just want to encourage you to keep your kids moving as much as you can with indoor games and activities. For ideas on how to keep those bodies moving these cold months, check out:

<http://www.parenting.com/gallery/18-fun-active-indoor-activities?page=0>