



Park Ridge Elementary  
3313 Park Ridge Dr.

# Falcon Flyer

**December 2015**

## Upcoming Events

1st- Character Trait Assembly

15th- Skate Night

17th and 18th- 2 hour early release

18th- Sing a long

19th-Jan 4th- Winter Vacation

Jan 5th- Return to school

## PTA Upcoming Events

7th- Dinner Night Out

9th- 5th grade cover art contest due date

15th- Rollerdrome Skate Night

## Winter Weather

Prepare for Winter Weather. Expect Bus delays, dress for cold and wet weather. Check local news, and district Facebook page for updated emergency school closures when weather is bad. Here is a link to some commonly asked questions in regards to weather and emergency school closures for our district. [http://www.nsd131.org/parents\\_students/school\\_closure\\_winter\\_weather](http://www.nsd131.org/parents_students/school_closure_winter_weather)



December 7th-Dinner Night out at Chipotle-flyers will be sent home, please bring them with you!

December 9th- This will be a due date! Park Ridge 5th graders will have the opportunity to do a cover art contest for our yearbook. 1st place will have their artwork displayed on the front of the yearbook, and 2nd place will have their artwork displayed on the back of the yearbook. 5th grade students will have time to complete this in class, or work on it at home and blank paper will be provided. Due date is Wednesday December 9th!

December 15th-Our first Skate Night of the year at the Rollerdrome!

## PTA in Action

Our first movie night was a success and so much fun! Check out our Facebook page soon for a poll on some ideas/changes for movie night in the future. Our next movie night will be in January!

Thank you parents for all you do for your students and for helping the PTA when you can!! We hope you have a great holiday season with your families!

To be added to the Park Ridge PTA email list please email us at: [parkridgeelementarypta@gmail.com](mailto:parkridgeelementarypta@gmail.com)

And find us on Facebook: Park Ridge Elementary PTA

## **MUSIC NOTES**



Our annual Christmas sing-a-long will be held on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 1:00. School gets out at 1:15 that day. The theme for our singing will be “Jingle all the way!” Along with that theme, Mrs. Steffler will be selling Jingle Bell necklaces for \$1.00 from December 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 18<sup>th</sup>. These will be a dollar. The necklaces will be delivered to the classrooms to be worn during the sing-a-long on the 18<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the necklaces will go into our music field trip fund. Enjoy a wonderful Christmas break!

### **Drop off/Pick Up**

Parents, when you are dropping students off in the mornings you need to: A) pull forward and not jump the line, B) drop your student off and then pull away from the curb. You should not be pulling up and parking in the drop off lane and you should not be visiting with others while sitting in the drop off lane. C) You should not drop off your student in the parking lot and allow them to walk across the lane of traffic. If you want to park and walk your student across, great! Otherwise, just wait to drop off in the drop off lane. The same applies for Afternoon Pick up. Thank you!

### **School Store**

School store will be having a Christmas Gift Sale on December 10<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Candy sales on Friday during last recess. Candy Canes will be on sale for \$0.25 on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **It's Getting Colder..**

Please make sure your child has their coat every day during this wintery season. A hat and gloves may also be helpful for a child to have every day in their backpacks or that they wear to school. If your student wants to wear boots to school and out on the playground, but doesn't want to wear boots all day long have them bring tennis shoes or other shoes to change into.

### **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. 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 during these cold months, check out:

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