



Dear Parents,

November 30, 2007

Winter definitely arrived this week. I hope you are all staying warm and dry during these colder days! Remember to leave for school a few minutes early when weather is bad so your child can arrive on time to class. Traffic always seems to really back up during these difficult weather times. (Just to let you know: we DO ease up a bit on counting tardies *when a long line of cars still waits at 8:00 to drop children*). However, we prefer everyone to be safe, dry, and on time daily. Thanks to you who help your child achieve this!

It is that time already: watch for Christmas Party times/dates in your child’s classroom newsletter or flyer sent on Fridays. Specifics may vary with each grade level, but I’m sure your child knows *exactly* when his/hers is scheduled! ☺

The holidays are quickly approaching. In the meantime, upcoming activities include:

- **Choir Performance**, 7:00 Tuesday night, December 4th
- **Student Council**, Wednesday, December 5th
- **Ethridge Choir** performance at Colony Community Center, Thursday, December 6, 9:45-11:30
- **Chess Tournament**, 8:30 A.M. Saturday, December 8th
- **Ethridge Geography Bowl**, 5th grade, 8:30, Wednesday, December 11
- **Birthday Celebrations**, Wednesday, December 12
- **Wear Holiday Hats** on Friday, December 14
- **Classroom Parties** on the 20th
- **Early Dismissal – 1:30 on December 21st** (Students return to school on Thursday, January 3).
- **UIL @ Lakeview**, Saturday, January 5th

Reminders: 1) Please do not send party invitations to school for your child to “hand out” to select classmates. 2) LISD policy prohibits advertising of any nature from our building. Please do not send fliers for your child to hand out nor ask us to send fliers home with our students. You should receive no papers from Ethridge that are not related to our school, the school district, or in some specific way to your child.

LOST & FOUND is growing by leaps and bounds since cold weather set in! Please remind your child to check the closet if s(he) has lost an item at school. Those things remaining after the holidays will be donated to CCA for distribution to the needy (we do this at the end of each semester), so. . . if you want to come up and do a “thorough” search yourself, know that you are welcome to do so!

A huge thanks to **Vinnie Jacobs** and **Tammie Cole** for continuing to keep our marquee updated and looking great! The weather hasn’t seemed to slow them down, and we are most appreciative of their outdoor time and dedication. THANK YOU!♥ to *ALL our volunteers*. Ethridge would not be Ethridge without you!

The next 15 school days will be very busy ones, as you would expect. Please remember to let us know if special needs or concerns arise so we can determine how best to help your child and you.

You will find your child’s **REPORT CARD** in today’s folder. Please help your child remember to *return his/her signed Eagle Folder/planner* on Monday, and have a safe and super family weekend.

Sincerely,

Linda Humphrey

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