



Friday Focus

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The mission of Eaton Elementary is to develop independent thinkers and problem solvers for life.

The Weeks Ahead...

- Dec. 18 – Last Day prior to Christmas Break
- Dec. 19-Jan. 4 – Christmas Break
- Dec. 23 – Billy McAmis' birthday
- Dec. 29 – Donna Butler's birthday
- Jan. 4 – Administrative Day for Teachers
- Jan. 5 – Amanda Morse's birthday
- Jan. 5 – Students Return
- Jan. 7 – Report Cards
- Jan. 10 – Barbara Fagg's birthday (cafeteria)
- Jan. 11-12 – C & I Coaches Meetings
- Jan. 12 – NPBC brings fruit
- Jan. 12 – PD Faculty Meeting 3:30 Library
- Jan. 12 – Julie Russell's birthday

From Jennifer Malone

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. — Bob Hope

Bob Hope was a charitable man, a man with a big heart who understood that smiles and laughter are gifts we give to others. He once said, "I have seen what a laugh can do. It can transform almost unbearable tears into something bearable, even hopeful." As we approach this winter break, some of you may need the gift of smiles and laughter, so let's all lighten up and share a laugh. Offer each other some holiday cheer and be generous with your heart. According to Mr. Hope, it's a heart-healthy thing to do.

- ▶ Christmas Vacation is just a few hours away! I hope everyone has a blessed holiday filled with love, joy, and happiness. I love you all and appreciate so much all you do for our students and for each other. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- ▶ Please keep Debbie Hensley in your thoughts and prayers as hospice has been called in for her mother. Also, Miranda Brakebill's stepfather continues to recuperate from a heart condition and her mother will be having surgery over the holiday break. Jennifer Roberts will be having surgery over the break. Beth Moore, Denise Miller, and Ellie Guldán all have aging parents with health concerns. These are just the folks I know about...I'm sure others have unspoken needs and will also be in our thoughts and prayers.
- ▶ Make sure parents sign students out from the classroom as they leave from Christmas parties.
- ▶ Check out www.eatoneducationalinsights.edublogs.org for a free webinar opportunity. Register soon if interested.
- ▶ Thanks to Brenda Allen and Michelle Sledge for the excellent job these past several weeks. Katie Ferraris and Marie Hendrix will be returning to us after Christmas break.
- ▶ Remember that the custodial staff will be buffing and waxing floors over the holiday break as well as replacing the floor covering in the office and workroom. I know some of you like to work during these off times, but this is a time to just stay home and enjoy. You will have time Monday, Jan. 4 to work on school matters. Also, from Billy, Kim, Diantha & Maria – they wanted me to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas!

- Jan. 12-15 – Malone to FETC Conference
- Jan. 13 – Leadership Team Meeting 3:30 Library
- Jan. 13 – SWPBS Team Meeting 1:00 Lee's Room
- Jan. 18 – Dawn Moore's birthday
- Jan. 18 – NO SCHOOL MLK Day
- Jan. 21 – Wanda Munsey's birthday
- Jan. 22 – Karen Peters birthday
- Jan. 23 – Melissa Hart's birthday
- Jan. 24 – Kathy Eckhardt's birthday
- Jan. 29 – Monica Hill's birthday

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas."
~ Peg Bracken.

- ▶ Please make sure you have completed a **STAR Reading test** on your students. This is the perfect time to check for growth or find areas of need.
- ▶ Before you leave today, make sure all computers and projectors are shut down and your classrooms are secured for the break. Also, if you are going through the evaluation process, make sure you have scheduled the final observation.
- ▶ **We will begin at 8:00 on January 4. I will email the agenda over the break.**

Bus Duty the coming week...

(Jan. 5-8)

Morning – Hattley, Hurst, MacKintosh

Afternoon – McNabb, Butler, Hatcher

Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'."

~ Bing Crosby

Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart.

-Washington Irving



