



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. 5 – Heather McKee and Mitzi Hall's birthdays
- Dec. 9 – Phyllis Scarbrough's birthday
- Dec. 9 – Positive Behavioral Supports 1:00
- Dec. 11 – Deadline for Santa letters to News Herald
- Dec. 11 – Eaton Christmas Party – Rust home
- Dec. 13 – Dana Martindale's birthday
- Dec. 15 – Jamie Dixon's birthday
- Dec. 15 – Payday & Principal's Meeting
- Dec. 16 – Leadership Team Meeting 3:30
- Dec. 19 – Last Day prior to Christmas Break

From Jennifer Malone

Do nondoing, strive for nonstriving, savour the flavourless, regard the small as important, make much of little, repay enmity with virtue; plan for difficulty when it is still easy, do the great while it is still small.

— Lao-Tzu, 6th century B.C.

Such ancient, yet timeless advice as we approach the holidays; so much doing, striving, feasting, and fussing when what we may need is altogether different: more non-doing, non-striving, frugality, and remembering the sweet, small things of life. Just imagine a holiday season without a focus on material things, but instead on family, friends, faith, and charity. Imagine if all the silly holiday stresses we create for ourselves were completely swept away by simply re-prioritizing. Just imagine.

- ▶ Mark your calendars for December 11th. This is the evening our staff will assemble at Cheyenne & Adam Rust's house to celebrate the holidays together. Festivities begin at 6:30 and there is a sign-up sheet for food in the workroom. Cheyenne needs an RVSP emailed to her (rustc@loudoncounty.org) as soon as possible for planning purposes.
- ▶ Remember that December 18th is a half day of school with dismissal beginning at 11:30. Make sure parents are aware as this is radically different from the past several years.
- ▶ If you are an online shopper, our PTO has found a way to earn extra money for our school. Just begin all your online shopping at <http://www.furtal.com/school/Eaton-Elementary-School>. Bookmark this page and begin spreading the word to family, friends, and anyone who wants to help our school. Furtal will send our school a check each month with all the proceeds. Even if it only brings in \$100/month, that buys ½ a projector bulb!
- ▶ I always write thank you letters to our church friends as they help us or provide food, but I'm sure it would mean a lot if some of you also acknowledged these acts of kindness. Two Rivers members donated more than 60 winter coats for our students and NPBC continues to provide food for us. The addresses are provided below:

Two Rivers Church

16245 Highway 70 E.

Lenoir City, TN 37771

New Providence Baptist

245 White Road

Loudon, TN 37774

- Dec. 20-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
- 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

In addition, our next door neighbor, Central United Methodist, has offered to fund our food backpacks program for 2010 by providing a \$2800 donation to Second Harvest for Eaton Elementary.

- ▶ **Letters to Santa** are due in News-Herald offices by December 11 – which means we need them in the office by Thursday, Dec. 10.
- ▶ We have cancelled the Positive Behavioral Support team meeting for December due to a conflict in Toia Jones' schedule. We will meet January 13 at 1:00.
- ▶ Teachers going through the observation process need to schedule their final observation with me prior to the Christmas break. Also, unit plans need to be turned in and posted on Share Point prior to the break.
- ▶ As we near the time for Christmas Break, 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.
- ▶ I'm seeing some wonderful examples of differentiated instruction taking place as I make classroom visits. Thanks for making the effort. I am also seeing authentic, imbedded use of technology to increase student engagement.
- ▶ Please continue to regularly turn in your newsletters and **lesson plans**. Most of you are doing a great job staying on top of this, but there are a few that are falling behind. I don't want to single you out!
- ▶ Continue to write down any custodial services or needs in the notebook in our workroom. It sits in the custodian's mailbox. GCA managers check this regularly to make sure all requested work is being completed. We appreciate their hard work. Just like us, they can't fix a problem if they do not know about it.

Bus Duty the coming week...

Morning – M. Hall, Guldan, Brakebill

Afternoon – Hart, McCarroll, Patterson



