



Cottonwood Newsletter

December 2022



Schedule of Events and Field Trips

12/9 - Costumes are due!

12/12- Dress rehearsal at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center **Pick up at Center at 3:15.**

Please **drop off K students at GGCC at 12:30** and **pick up there at 3:15**

12/13 - Drop off for Dress rehearsal at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center **8:30**

12/14 – Winter Program at 6:00 at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center Sign up for an item to bring!

12/15 - Baking Cookies 1:00-3:00 **Email us if you are available!**

12/15 - Email receipt are due for Bridger **ski trips** grades 1-5

12/19-12/30 - Winter Break See you back at school on 1/2!

1/9- Ski day at Bridger for 1st-5th **No School for K**



Winter Program

The students are diligently practicing to be ready to perform “How the Grinch Stole Christmas” ”play and our music program. They are putting in a lot of time and dedication, and will be helping to produce the props and the sets. We are so proud of them and we assure you will be too. There are two dress rehearsals scheduled:

Monday, December 12th at 12:30 and Tuesday, December 13th at 8:30. These will be held at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center (145 Mill St. Gallatin Gateway). We ask **K students’ parents to drop them off at 12:30 at GGCC** and pick them up at 3:15 on **Monday, 12/12. Please pick up at 3:15 on 12/12 and drop off at center at 8:30 on 12/13.**

The Winter Program will be held on **December 14th at 6:00 at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center.**

Please arrive at 5:45 so children can get dressed! The program will begin right away with the play. We will continue with the music program with a chance to change. We will have treats after the programs.

We look forward to seeing you and all your family in the audience!

Please note that dinner will not be served, only snacks and treats. Please **sign up** on the Parent Board **for an item to bring.**

Costumes and volunteers needed!

We are looking for costumes (see list that went home on Tuesday, 11/22). Please let other families know if you have a certain costume or parts of it. Please read the descriptions it does not have to look exactly like the pictures. **All costumes need to be here at school on Friday, 12/9.**

Please sign up to volunteer on the Parent Board for the Winter Program, we are looking for a sketcher and painters of scenes, prop makers, qualified drivers, and we need every family to sign up for clean up help!

PE Ski Trips (1st-5th)

This year registration will be online only. You will receive an email with the steps. Please email sale receipt back to us (there will be \$0 ski PE product) by 12/15. We are looking for qualified drivers/chaperones for the ski trips, let us know if you are available and need a lift ticket (we only have 2 or 3). For more info of the day of skiing, see the upcoming January newsletter!

Updates From Our Classrooms

The short month of December will be busy. We will be working on perfecting the play and practicing the music program every day, as well as making props and scenes on some afternoons. This is a very exciting and exhausting time of year. Please help your child to be successful by making sure they get plenty of sleep. Also remind your child to wash their hands frequently, we need all of our actors to be healthy.

In Lower Elementary in math first graders will be exploring more dynamic subtraction and simple multiplication with the materials. Elapsed time will be one the focus of second grade studies amongst word problems. Kindergarten will continue the measurements of time with quarter to and quarter past and will be exploring the decimal system with the golden beads. **Please keep practice addition and subtraction facts within 20 (2nd) within 10 (1st) and within 5 for K at home too! Please read a lot during the break.**

In language we will be talking about antonyms and continuing on adjectives, conjunctions, and on blends (in K). Second grade will finish apostrophes and learn more rules of singular and plural forms of words. In writing we will be composing letters to Santa and learning the format of it. K will explore writing with pictures and words and learn more heart words.

In science we will be watching science videos on matter to finish up our unit. K will be experimenting with the properties of the five senses with smell and taste and the rest of us will review land and water forms. In zoology K will be learning about carnivores / herbivores. Second and first grade will write more reports about North American /United States' animals, landmarks and culture.

In history we will be learning about December/January holiday celebrations around the world.

In Upper Elementary students are excited for winter and looking forward to playing their characters in the Christmas play. In **math**, 3rd graders will continue solving for area and will start multi-step word problems using multiplication and division. 4th graders will be working on solving division problems without material and then they will be starting with area and perimeter. 5th graders will continue fractions by adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. In **ELA**, 3rd graders will be looking at themes of different texts as well as comparing and contrasting these texts. 4th graders will be looking at how the sequence of events affects a story and looking at graphic features. 5th graders will be looking at facts and opinions in different texts as well as drawing conclusions by using text evidence. We will be doing fewer spelling and writing lessons during December to allow for enough time for play practice. **December reading logs will be coming home for students to record books they read at home, these need to be signed and brought back to school when we come back from winter break.** We will be doing our science assessment and then biome maps to wrap up our dinosaurs and geography units before winter break.

*We wish you a restful winter break filled with family time, love and laughter!
We will see you back at school on January 2nd.*

