



# First Grade Newsletter

Date: 11/17/2017

## Conference Schedule:

We ask that you call Karen Aither to schedule your desired conference slot. You can reach her at **888-2237 Ext: 1020** If Mrs. Pirie is your child's homeroom teacher, you will be scheduling a conference for Monday, December 4th. If your child has Mrs. Pratt or Mrs. Koch as their homeroom teachers, you will be scheduling a conference for Tuesday, December 5th. We have scheduled openings for early morning, afternoon, and evening. Each conference will last approximately 15 minutes. It is imperative that you arrive on time so that you get your full 15 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

## Letters to Santa:

It has been a first grade tradition at HPES to write letters to Santa prior to the holiday season. Consistent with years past, our local radio station (WLVB) has offered to record and air our students reading their letters. These letters will run throughout the holiday season on 93.9 WLVB. If your family does not wish to participate, please let us know ASAP as letter writing will begin after Thanksgiving Break.

## Make a gift:

Our first grade team has come together to discuss gift giving for this holiday season. We have decided that we would like to continue the tradition of secret gift giving, but also would like the emphasis to be on gifts from the heart and not from the store. What this means is that we ask that all gifts are handmade by your child and/or their family. We are giving you this information now so that you can start brainstorming ideas for a handmade gift. If for some reason it is not possible for your

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family to participate from home, we can be sure to give your child the opportunity to craft a gift at school. Names will be drawn in the beginning of December.

## **Fundraising:**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the ornament fundraiser. If anyone has any late orders, Monday is the final deadline. These ornaments make great gifts.

- **If you have not sent in extra shoes, please send them in. We do not mind keeping sneakers at school.**
- **We appreciate all of the past donations to the first grade. If you are looking to contribute to our learning community, we are looking for PAPER TOWELS and SOFT KLEENEX. Thank you to everyone for helping us with this!**

## **Looking Ahead:**

- ★ November 22nd-24th Thanksgiving Recess
- ★ December 1st - Report Cards Issued
- ★ December 5th - Early Dismissal (12:20)
- ★ December 5th-8th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ★ December 14th 6:00pm K-3 Winter Concert
- ★ December 22nd - Early Dismissal (12:20)