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December 2016 Newsletter



Dear Blain Elementary Families:

I hope each of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break!

We have entered the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. This time of year can become overwhelming with all of the things on the to-do list. It is important to continue to support your child with their academics at home. Setting aside quiet time to complete homework, read, and study will benefit your child as we continue to “grow our brains” here at school.

Looking ahead toward the new year I want to make you aware of the state testing windows for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. The English Language Arts testing window is from April 3-7, the Mathematics testing window is from April 24-28 and the Science testing window (4th grade only) is from May 1-5. Makeups are scheduled for May 8-12. Please be mindful of these dates when scheduling appointments or vacations.

May you have a safe, joyous, and peaceful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Christopher Young



A few reminders:

- ✓ ***As the seasons change and the weather begins to get colder, please have your child dress appropriately for colder temperatures.***
- ✓ ***Please remember to send a note regarding your student’s absence the day he/she returns to school.***
- ✓ ***Blain Elementary’s S.T.A.R. Reading Challenge – Encourage your student to be reading each evening and remember to sign their reading calendar.***

Dates to Remember:

Friday, December 2	Yearbook Order Forms Due
Tuesday, December 6	Fall Picture Retakes
Tuesday, December 13	Holiday Concert
Thursday, December 22	December SWPBS Reward
December 23 - January 2	No School
Friday, January 20	End of 2 nd Marking Period



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At Blain Elementary School we expect students to: Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe

November's Top Mustangs

Students are recognized for being TOP MUSTANGS when they are "caught" displaying exemplary behaviors or performing acts of kindness toward others. They receive a top mustang ticket, which is then entered into a drawing. Each Monday six tickets are drawn and the students get to choose a prize from the Top Mustang Student Store.

Congratulations to our Top Mustang winners for the month of November:

~ Riley Dearwechter ~ Lily Bidwell ~ Colton Yohn ~ Isaiah Rahn ~ Erik Campbell ~ Joslyn Zerby ~ Katelynn Leber ~ Ryan Brogan Spacht ~ Makenzie Smith ~ Elizabeth Keeseman ~ Drake Reed ~
~ Jason Beaston ~ Micah Tiell ~ Benjamin Heckert ~ Jacob Forgione ~ Alexis McKeehan ~
~ Audrey Reisinger ~ Farren Rahn ~ Cheyenne Foltz ~ Kaylee Weibley ~ Ashley Peralta ~
~ Mitchell Turnbaugh ~ Kira Smith ~ Tanner Zeigler ~ Treyson Poorman ~ Rebekah Gustafson ~



Classroom Snowball Battle runs December 5 through December 20.
Classrooms earn 1 snowball for every 10 Box Tops collected.



Holiday Concert

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 PM

**Featuring:
Blain Elementary's
Band and Chorus**



Holiday Parties

**Classroom parties will be held
on Thursday, December 22.
Teachers will contact parents
if classroom helpers are
needed.**

**Students will not be
participating in gift
exchanges this year.**

Holiday Spirit Days

Monday, Dec. 19

Santa Hats / Reindeer Ears / Elf Ears Day

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Wear Red and Green Day

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Crazy Christmas Socks and Ugly Christmas
Sweater Day

Thursday, Dec. 22

PJ and Stuffed Animals Day

Automated Attendance Calls

**A new procedure has begun in regards
to student absences. Parents will now
be receiving automated curtesy phone
calls if their child is marked absent
here at school. These calls are
intended to be an additional method
of communication with families to
ensure home / school communication.**