

WATSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2020

A NOTE FROM MR. CAFFERTY

As cold weather approaches, please make sure your child is dressed warmly. Students need to bring coats (please put names inside of the coats), hats and gloves/mittens each day, even if they feel it may warm up by recess. Students go out to recess and are outside in the morning. School policy is; if the temperature is above zero degrees or wind chill is above zero, we will go outside. Most students want to go outside for recess to get exercise and play. If it is determined the wind is blowing, raining, or snowing too hard, students will come in. Children are active and stay much warmer than most adults.

If your child needs a coat, hat, or gloves please contact the school counselor and some can be provided. The school will not provide coats when students forget or choose not to bring them to school.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

BROADCASTING SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

As in the past, radio and television stations will be broadcasting school-closing information during periods of bad weather. We also will post on our Hastings Public Schools Facebook page also.

The decision to close school because of a snowstorm will be made as soon as possible. Generally radio stations broadcast school closings as soon as they are contacted. The Television stations Broadcast/scroll School closing information following their station procedures.

A decision to dismiss school because of a snowstorm while school is in session will be made at least one hour in advance of the dismissal.



LOST and FOUND box has MANY items that need a home. Please stop in and check out the table when you are dropping off or picking up your student - Masks Required. **ALL items that do not find a home will be taken to Goodwill next Friday, December 11th.**

HAPPENINGS AT WATSON:

Goodfellows Toy Drive

Watson is collecting donations for our annual Goodfellows Toy Drive. The Goodfellows delivered their box to the school and will be picking it up on **Dec. 14th**. We ask that all donations be **NEW, unwrapped** toys for boys and girls age 10 and under. **PLEASE** help make Christmas a little better for other children this year.



Start Over Rover

Mrs. Schultz's classroom will be conducting a Service Project to benefit the animals at Start Over Rover during the holidays. Items will be collected in boxes around the school from **December 7th - December 17th**. All students are welcome to participate in this project. Please consider donating an item off of the list that is included with this newsletter. Help Start Over Rover in their mission to re-home stray and unwanted animals.

Thank you for your support of our students in their choice to give back to the community!



STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is sponsoring a FOOD DRIVE, **December 7-11**. Each class will participate. The donations will be split between the Middle School and High School Food Pantries. The class in each grade level that brings in the most **NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** will get an extra recess. **Our goal is to collect 700lbs.** Thank you so much for your help with this.

Christmas Ornament Decorating Contest - *Student Council is excited to announce their "Christmas Ornament" decorating contest. The Christmas trees will be available for classes to decorate on December 1st. Judging of the ornaments will be on December 17th. Winners will be announced on Dec. 18th and prizes will be awarded.*

Student Council Meetings: Tues., Dec. 1st and Dec. 15th after school.

WINTER BREAK

Friday, December 18th, is the last day of school this year, with a **1:00 pm dismissal**. Winter Break starts on Monday, December 21st with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 5th. We hope students and their families have a wonderful holiday break. **SEE YOU IN 2021!!**

PTO NEWS

NO PTO MEETING in December. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 11th at 7:00 pm in the library. All parents/guardians are welcome!

Cookie Dough Sales – A BIG thank you to all of our students, parents and PTO for a job well done! We earned approximately \$7,800.00 this year. **AWESOME** job everyone!

Watson T-Shirts - Thank you, Mrs. Rutt, for collecting the orders and doing such a great job with this!

PTO NEWS (CONTINUED)



Watson Yearbooks 2019-2020 are still available for \$15.00 in the office.

Popcorn Day – PTO is providing FREE popcorn to all students on Dec. 11th.

ALLEN'S/RUSS'S RECEIPTS – please continue to save these receipts and bring them to school. With holiday shopping underway, it's a perfect time to collect receipts. Receipts dated September 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021 will qualify for the EDUCATION ADVANTAGE 1% charitable rebate program. All receipts are valid, excluding tobacco, wine cellar, prescriptions and lottery purchases.

BOX TOPS – please remember to keep saving box tops and bring them to school. Each one collected means money for Watson School to help with technology and other students needs. Thank you to everyone who has been bringing box tops to school.

WALKING WILDCAT WEDNESDAY

Hey, Watson families, please join us on Wednesday, December 9th for our 2nd Quarter Walking Wildcat Wednesday. More information will be sent home soon.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!