

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life



December 2013

2013 BOE Presentation by Center Street Staff and Students “Teaching for Tomorrow... Today”



CS Students and Staff Say Thank You to Those Who Protect Our Freedoms



On Thursday, Nov. 7th, the CS students and staff took time to honor over 50 Veterans who walked our hallways. It was an honor to thank them for everything that is done to secure our freedoms.



Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge.

Visitors to the Schools – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school.

Access to the elementary building will be through the main entrance ONLY. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 8:00 - 2:25 PM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.



Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Substitute RNs and LPNs are needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Substitute RNs and LPNs should bring in evidence of their licensure.

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guide lines should be used:

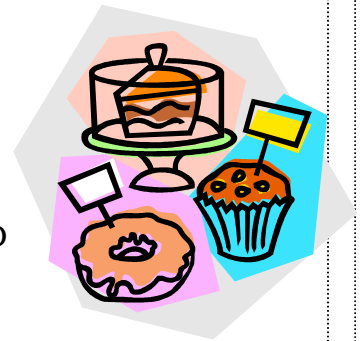
- Please notify the teacher and get their permission first.
- Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.).
- The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:

COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED.

GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.

Following the above practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness.



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Cobb with further questions.

**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984.
Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Center Street is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601

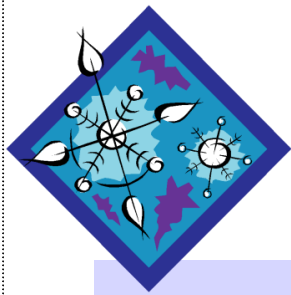


On Thursday, Nov. 7, the students and staff lined the Center Street hallways, proudly waving over 400 American flags honoring our Veterans. Even more special was the fact that most of the soldiers were a family member or friend of the Center Street community. The hallway echoed the beautiful music –

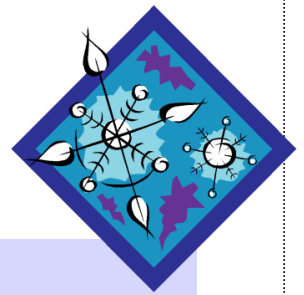
I am Proud to be an American and *America the Beautiful*. Tears were in many individuals' eyes, acknowledging the great freedoms that we enjoy because of the incredible sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.

The students are learning we can make a difference in the lives of others by showing our respect and appreciation. So, we begin right here in our home town - and while the students demonstrate their appreciation, they begin to understand their place in the world around them. Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady of the U.S. once said, "*Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.*" At Center Street, we believe our children can change our world!

The faculty, staff, and students of Center Street wish each of you a very joyous and safe holiday season!



Patti Sotero, Principal



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Michelle Gryska, PTO Secretary
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Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



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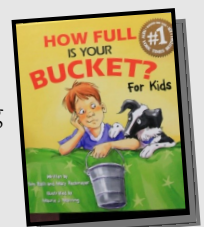
Character Corner

BEING COMPASSIONATE AND HELPING OTHERS!

Each day during our announcements we discuss positive changes in our school.
It is called be caught being a "PERSON of CHARACTER".

Suggested questions to help your child discuss what is impacting our school:

What does being a person of character mean? Did you get your name announced during the morning announcements? Who did get announced? What was the reason they got announced? How do you get caught being a "Person of Character"?



IMPORTANT CENTER STREET HOMEWORK PROCEDURES

Center Street Elementary believes homework extends learning, can be a review of skills, and may include written and/or non-written work. The homework assigned for grades 1- 4 should take no more than 10 minutes per grade level. For example; first grade should be 10 minutes, second grade should be 20 minutes, etc. Each night parents/guardians should check for homework completion. Individual grade levels, as well as individual teachers, have further specifications to this policy.

If you wish to have homework for a child due to illness or a family emergency, please call the school by 9:00am, and we will arrange to have the work left in the office for you or a designated family member to pick up at dismissal time.

If your child consistently struggles with homework, please contact your child's teacher.

Vacation Homework

Please note that at Center Street Elementary we will **NOT** provide homework to students who will miss school for vacations, etc., **prior** to the student's absences. Students will be expected to complete daily reading and a writing journal during these situations.

It is very possible that students may also be expected to complete any pertinent work deemed necessary by the student's classroom teacher once the student returns.

Our district transportation department needs school bus drivers!!! We will provide training. Please contact us at 795.2580 or Human Resources 739-5601.



Notes from the Center St. Nurse's Office:

When your child has an infectious disease, please notify the school nurse so that we can be aware of your child's health and protect the health of all children and staff in school.

* Diseases or conditions the nurse should know about include chicken pox, strep throat, head lice, flu, diarrhea, whooping cough, hepatitis, mononucleosis, scabies, tuberculosis, or any other infectious disease.

* Children who have flu-like symptoms at school should be sent home and stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine. This also includes any vomiting or diarrhea.

Medication (pain relievers, cough drops, eye drops) are not allowed in school unless ordered by a doctor. If your child needs these while at school, a doctor's note must be filled out, a parent permission slip and the medication must be delivered by an adult. (NOT in the child's backpack)

***** The Health office is in desperate need of small pants sizes 5-8. Please remember that if you child borrows clothes from the nurse, that they are returned in a timely manner.**



Cold weather is upon us and Center Street is in need of warm winter clothing. If you have winter coats, snow pants, boots, and warm clothing that your children have outgrown, we can surely find a good use for them. Please send clean clothes in good condition to the Nurses office at Center Street School.

Also... Please return any clothing we sent home with your child.

We are running out of our stockpile of pants and sweatpants that we need on hand for students who spill something and need to change - all sizes are needed.

Thank you for your support, let's all stay warm this winter!



CS NEWSPAPER CLUB

Did you know we have a group of students who meet each Monday to make the first ever CS Newspaper by kids for kids? The students came up with the name - **“Center Street Times”**. They designed and selected all the topics to cover each month. You can find these students interviewing staff members and other students to find out some new interesting pieces of information. Each student wears a specially designed CS Newspaper ID badge. They collect students' writing and are very proud of the newspaper they put together each month. Even our paper for the newspaper has been donated. Thank you to Mrs. Behnke for leading this dynamic team of young reporters and writers!





Talent Show Order 2013

1	Lily & Meadow Barr	dance	Hoedown Throwdown
2	Josh & Tanner Knapp	magic	
3	Tatiana Copp	song	Girl on Fire
4	Maeson Peden	dance	Never can say
5	Benjamin Norton Lantz	jokes	
6	Madilyn Jerzak	sing	Love you like a love song
7	Kaitlin Wheeler & Rachel Lunger	dance	Coollest Cats in Town
8	Tamara Mendez	poem	If I were the Principal
9	Luke Zisk	recorder	Call me Maybe
10	Alexis Norton-Lantz & Janessa Trumbull	sing/dance	Capital Cities - safe sound
11	Lindsey Bohrer	dance	Day Light
12	Adrianna Calbi & Johanna Ingerick	sing	Cup Song
13	Jordan Sheehan	sing	We are Never Getting Back Together
14	Jack Masker & Trevor Howard	comedy	Who's on First
15	Emily Johnson	sing	Falling for you
16	Riley Fesetch	gymnastics	
17	Mickayla & Mickenzie Gryska	gymnastics	
18	Lilly, Gabby & Ella Blowers	dance	Hard Knock Life
19	Adam Furniss	piano	Freight Train



Community Recycling – collected 4,500 pounds of paper and earned \$137.00 – to purchase another camera for our CS Clubs.



*Come for coffee
with
the principal.*



Come for Coffee with the Principal at 6:00
right before the monthly PTO meeting (first Tuesday of every month). Come
for Coffee is a time to meet with the principal and discuss any questions
or concerns you may have.

**Looking forward to seeing you there.
PTO DECEMBER MEETING -
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd 6:30.**



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLUBS AND GROUPS AT CENTER STREET!

WCSN News adds important character education commercials during our now daily weekly broadcast. Thanks to the leadership of Ms. Bryant, our WCSN News team comprised of:



The Student Council, a team made up of students under the direction of Mrs. Packard, will be meeting to come up with a special project to let all of our veterans know how special they are.



Yearbook Club - is a club that meets every other Thursday right after school under the instruction of Mrs. Prutsman



Homework Club - continues to grow under the direction of Mrs. Hartigan and Mrs. Swimley. Each day Monday – Thursday, students go to the library right after school to work on assignments.



Sign Language Club - is a club that meets every other Thursday right after school under the instruction of Mrs. Prutsman



Safety Patrollers - is a group of students responsible for keeping Center Street hallways safe. Thank you Mrs. Packard for guiding our budding hall monitors



Newspaper Club - is a club that meets every Tuesday right after school under the direction of Mrs. Behnke.



4th Grade Chorus - Mrs. Hamilton and the 4th graders are hard at work preparing for our school concerts.

Adopt a Reader – (not pictured) a program created by the CS Site Base Team is made up of adult volunteers from our community and Center Street families reading with our students. Individuals volunteer ½ hour a week and read with a student for 15 minutes. It is AMAZING!! Would you consider becoming a member – Please contact Mrs. Sotero at 795-2580.





Proud to be an American

COMMON CORE PARENT UPDATES

Common Core in Action

Why Ten Frames (PK-3) and Arrays/Area Models (1-5)?

TEN FRAMES:

"Understanding that numbers are composed of tens and ones is an important foundational concept, setting the stage for work with larger numbers. A strong sense of "ten" is a prerequisite for place-value understanding and mental calculations. But how do you develop this idea? Ten-frames. The two-by-five rectangular frames are for placing counters to illustrate the numbers 1 through 10. Arranging counters in different ways on the ten-frame prompts students to form mental images of the numbers represented... The ten-frame uses the concept of benchmark numbers (5 and 10) and helps students develop visual images for each number... Once students are able to visualize the numbers 1 through 10, they begin to develop mental strategies for manipulating those numbers, all within the context of the numbers' relationship to ten."

(<http://www.region10ct.org/math/region10mathsitefaq/What%20is%20a%20Ten%20Frame.pdf>).

These frames can be used to explore mathematical ideas such as:

- numbers to 10
- addition and subtraction concepts
- number sense and place value
- odd and even numbers.

Ten frames develop students' ability to:

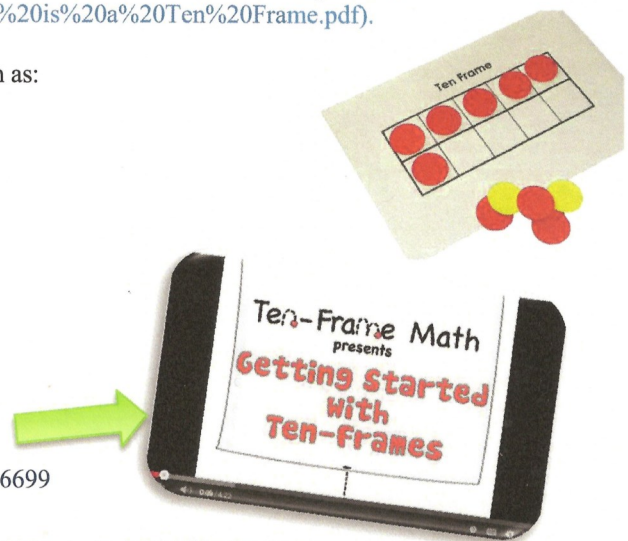
- visualize and manipulate numbers to 10
- support students' understanding of numbers to 10.
- develop a deep understanding of number sense

For more information, go to:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6RaMGDPfJg&NR=1>

<https://www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.asp?pid=46699>

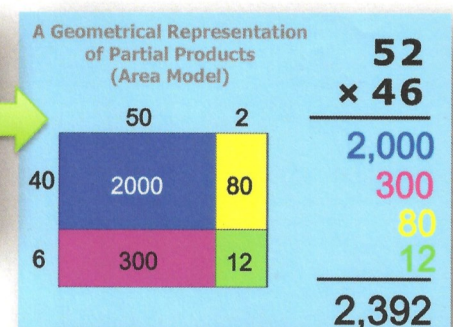
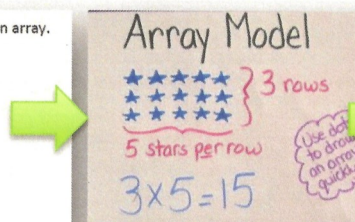
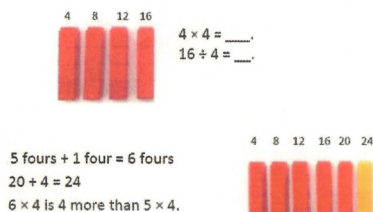
<http://tenframesystem.com/home.html>



ARRAYS to AREA MODELS:

"An array is an arrangement of a set of objects organized into equal groups in rows and columns. Arrays help make counting easy. Counting by equal groups is more efficient than counting objects one by one. The ten-frame is an array used in Kindergarten. Students count objects in arrays in Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. (PK.CC.4) The rectangular array is used to teach multiplication and leads to understanding area. (3.OA.3) Arrays reinforce the meaning of multiplication as repeated addition (e.g., $3 \times 4 = 4 + 4 + 4$), and the two meanings of division—that $12 \div 3$ can indicate how many will be in each group if I make 3 equal groups and that it can also indicate how many groups I can make if I put 3 in each group. Further using arrays reinforces the relationship between multiplication and division." (http://www.engageny.org/sites/default/files/resource/attachments/how_to_implement_a_story_of_units.pdf)

Use number towers to depict multiplication problems in the shape of an array.



CS TERRIFIC WRITERS

NOVEMBER 2013

This month, 4th graders wrote amazing stories using incredible details. Congratulations!

MICHELLE AMPONSAH

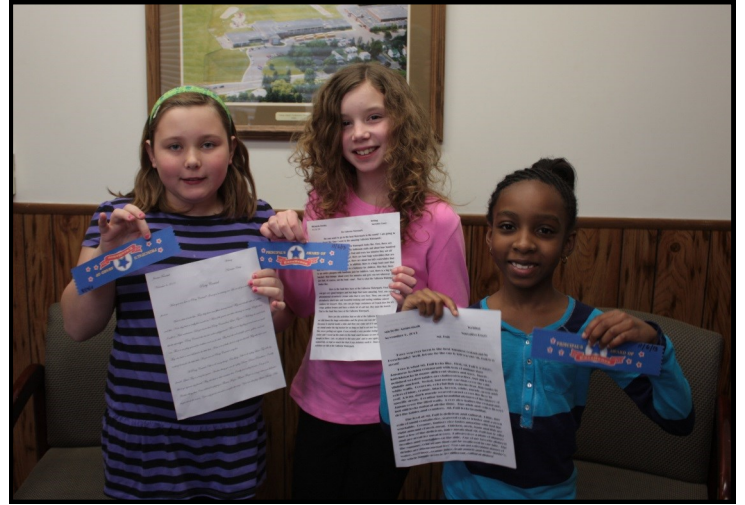
MICKAYLA GRYSKA

TREVOR HOWARD

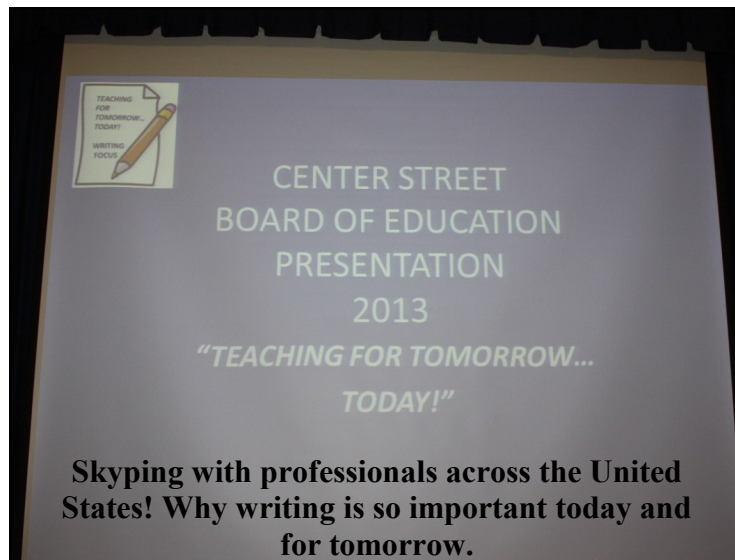
CASEY KLOSSNER

ALEXIS NORTON

JENESSA TRUMBULL



21ST CENTURY LEARNING AT CENTER STREET

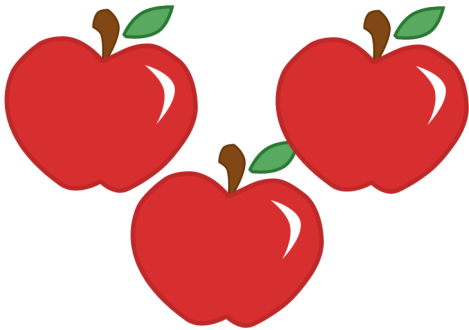




Good Apple Awards



Jeremy	Freas	K	Julia	Slawson	1	Richard	Norton	3
Olivia	Hornsby	K	Jaiden	Tyson	1	Eliana	Streeter	3
Ryan	McIlwain	K	Makayla	Austin	2	Makenzie	Wida	3
Cheree	Brown	1	Emma	Lewis	2	Aidan	Adams	4
Piper	Jones	1	Emma	Michalko	2	Maverick	Evan	4
Shay	Law	1	Isabella	Myers	2	Adam	Furniss	4
Jordyn	Lunger	1	Mykenna	Sherwood	2	Jazmine	Knox	4
Zoey	McClelland	1	Tatiana	Copp	3	Jack	Masker	4
Drew	Merla	1	Katelyn	Hayes	3	Angelica	Perciballi	4
Mason	Niles	1	Chris	Hollister	3	Dylan	Ribble	4
Emily	Overly	1	Makenzie	Jackson	3	KaHlil	Scharborough	4
Robert	Peckham	1	Aniah	Jenkins	3	Natalie	Yearick	4
Keiyth	Raymond	1	Jacob	McInerney	3			
Jason	ReSavage	1	Aidan	Merrick	3			
MayAnna	Sindlinger	1	Owen	Nielsen	3			

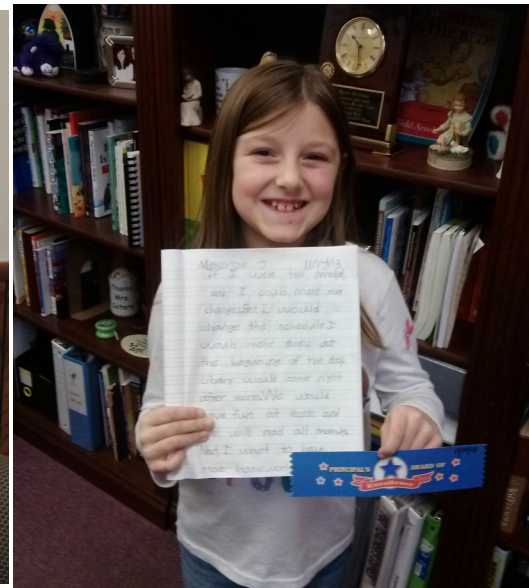
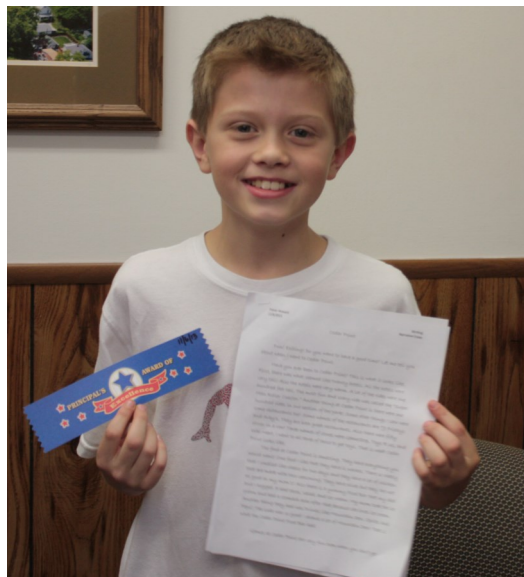


Congratulations to

Andrew VanPatten – he received 3 Good Apple Awards in one month – way to go!

Reading with the principal

Each week students are selected to read to the principal. Mrs. Sotero enjoys listening to the children practicing their reading skills and their love for reading!



SPECIAL READERS!!!

Reminders

DECEMBER 2013

"CARING"

Arctic League Registration Forms are available at Center Street. Please call Kelly Bennett at 795-2580 #4 for more information.

Arctic League is a community program that assists families in economic need during the holiday season.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Day 4</i> Student Council S.P.C.A. Outreach Begins Box Top Contest begins	3 <i>Day 5</i> Come for Coffee 6:00 PTO Meeting 6:30	4 <i>Day 6</i>	5 <i>Day 1</i> CSE Meetings	6 <i>Day 2</i>	7
8	9 <i>Day 3</i> SBT Mtg 2:45	10 <i>Day 4</i> CIM Meetings	11 <i>Day 5</i> Winter Concert 1:15 at CS 7:00 at HS Aud	12 <i>Day 6</i> 1:15 Sing-a-long Red & Green School Spirit Day	13 <i>Day 1</i>	14
15	16 <i>Day 2</i>	17 <i>Day 3</i> CIM Meetings	18 <i>Day 4</i>	19 <i>Day 5</i>	20 <i>Day 6</i> Santa's Visit Box Top Contest ends	21 First Day of Winter
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL				

**JOIN US FOR OUR
WINTER CONCERT
ON WED. DEC. 11TH
AT 7:00 IN THE HS
AUDITORIUM!**

