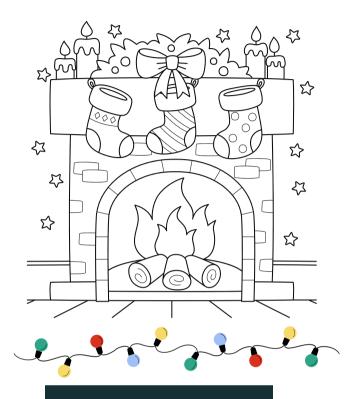
DECEMBER 2024

School Newsletter JOHN DAVIDSON



December Events Dec. 2: Parent Council meeting Dec. 6: FISH! Assembly Dec. 10: Gr. 6-12 Caroling Field Trip Dec.11: Hot Lunch Dec.16: Christmas Program Dec.17: Lunch Leaders Field Trip Dec.20: Family Christmas Breakfast Dec.20: Last day of school before Christmas Break No school Dec.21-Jan 6

November was a very busy month at John Davidson School. We were most grateful to see so many of you at the parent teacher conferences. This is such an important time to connect with our families. We were very proud of the progress our students are making. Our parent teacher night is a great opportunity for moms and dads to see incredible work. Some of the other highlights included swimming lessons for our Grade 1's and 4's, Christmas Program preparations, intramurals, FISH! Assembly, and much more! A big thank you to the moms who are volunteering with our German singing program and baking for our nutrition programs. We appreciate you making the commitment to support our students during this very important time.

If you have any questions for me or about the school, or how your child is doing feel free to call, e-mail, or stop by the school for a visit.

I wish each of you a safe and blessed December, and a very Merry Christmas.

Dan Doerksen

Words of Wisdom

Well, it is hard to believe that December is already here! Time sure seems to fly by in a hurry, and here we are again, close to Christmas time. This is a special time of the year as we remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

it is interesting to see that in the Old Testament, god had some of his prophets prophesy, or tell about what would happen in many years later when the Messiah, the Savior of the world, would come to save people from their sins. For example, the prophet Micah said that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, in Micah 5:2, and that is what happened, as we see in Matthew 2:1. The prophet Isaiah said that Jesus would be born of a young woman and would call his name Emmanuel, which means God with us, and that is what happened as we read in Matthew 1:22,23. The prophet Isaiah also said that someone would go ahead and prepare the way for Jesus in Isaiah 40, and we read in Luke 3 that John the Baptist was the one who God used to make the way ready for Jesus to begin His work on earth. And again, Isaiah says this in Isaiah 9:6-" For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince Of Peace." This is who Jesus is - his name is wonderful, he is our counselor, he helps us through our hard times, he is the Mighty God, the everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Through time we can have forgiveness of sins and peace with God.

Dan Doerksen

Words of Wisdom

There are many more prophecies about Jesus and the Old Testament, and we can see that God kept his word and provided a Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. This is the wonderful message of Christmas as we read in John 3:16 - " For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Gad gave the world the best Christmas gift ever, and the question is - have we personally accepted God's gift of Jesus in into our lives? As has been said, Jesus is the reason for the season.

On behalf of my wife Cindy and I, I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas as we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus and why he came to earth. God bless!



December Notices



Christmas Program 2024

We are happy to announce that we will be hosting our annual Christmas concert on December 16th. This will most likely be the last concert to be hosted in our gym. As most of you are aware of our limited space, which leads to safety hazards, we are restricted to inviting only parents of students. As much as we would like have grandparents and aunts and uncles come and join us in a celebration of Christmas, our space simply does not allow us to invite anyone other than immediate family.

Project Spread Christmas Cheer

The Students at John Davidson will be going caroling at few different seniors home in Carmangay, Lethbridge and Coaldale. We are doing this to spread Christmas cheer in places where it might get a little dreary and boring. This is a way to use our voices to honor and praise God while also giving the elders in our communities joy and remembrance. Remember, we all grow old eventually, so treat the elders in a way you would want to be treated. Use your voice and actions in a kind and respectful way when we are visiting these homes. There will be consequences if you don't.



Reminders



Freezing Temps= Warmer clothes

With snow coating just about every surface of the school yard, we need parents to send mittens, boots, jackets and snow pants with students to school everyday. The school will have inside recces when the temperature outside hits -20. Children will be sent outside if its warmer than that.



Whatsapp Group

JDS has a parent Whatsapp group where reminders and notices are shared. If you are a parent at JDS and would like to be in the Whatsapp group, please contact the office at (403) 345-3161

Report Cards

Teachers will be sending report cards home on December 2nd. If you are missing your child's report card, please contact the office or classroom teacher. If you have any concerns regarding the report card please contact the school.