

# Faraday School

## Stinger News

### DECEMBER 2023



*Principal – Mrs. J. Cox*

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Principal's Message –

*We are stronger together*

*"Behind every young child who believes in himself is a parent who believed first."*

*~ Matthew Jacobson*

Hello Faraday Families!

November was an exciting month of learning. Our student led conferences were a huge success and it was so special to see our students take ownership for their learning. We have been working on providing our students multiple opportunities to demonstrate their learning and encouraging them to talk out their thinking and learning with others. Conferencing is so important, and your child had this opportunity at our Student Led Conferences to do just that with you. The excitement we saw at the conferences speaks to the efforts and engagement they have had in their learning. Strengths, challenges and next steps with goal setting were discussed. Thank you for attending with your child. If you were not able to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher so that we can arrange a time for you to come in.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day. If they are sick or have an appointment we use the Absence Reporting System of Safe Arrival for you to call in your child's absences. The phone number is **1-855-278-4513**. Regular attendance is one of the keys to success.

Our province is working hard to help schools help students attend school regularly and feel a sense of belonging. We do a great job of that at Faraday. We strive to ensure that every child feels connected to their learning, understand and own the learning and can speak to why it is important to them.

"Students who attend school regularly are more engaged in learning, have a greater opportunity to access school and community resources, have a greater sense of belonging, and are more likely to reach their full potential. Student presence and engagement is required for success". -MB. Education

We are asking any parent/caregiver who would like to volunteer in the school to please call us and reach out so we can get the process started.

Save the date – Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon for a whole school Winter Solstice lunch. All students and families are invited. We look forward to having you join us.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Our doors are always open and we strive to keep the home and school connection a positive one. When we work together for the betterment of your child, great things happen.

On behalf of the entire Faraday School team, we wish you and your family a healthy and happy December!

We are stronger together!

Happy Holidays!

*Mrs. Cox*

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## Patrols – Mr. Antymis & Mr. Juan

The snow has stayed away for the most part but the temperatures are dropping. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing such as hats, mitts, jackets and boots. We will be having a swimming field trip on December 7<sup>th</sup> to Tommy Prince Pool. Patrols will bring their lunch as we will walk to the community club.



Any questions please contact Mr. Antymis or Mr. Juan (Jantamis!)

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### Do not Walk, Skate, or Play on Frozen Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are never safe to use for winter recreation activities. Ice conditions can change quickly without warning, and falling through the ice can be deadly. Remind your children to stay away from frozen retention ponds. Keep dogs on leashes when walking near a retention pond so they don't run onto the ice.

**Do not walk, skate, or play on frozen retention ponds. Talk to your children about staying away from the ice.**

**Do not place hockey nets, benches, light structures, or any other items on a frozen retention pond. To report a structure or item on a retention pond, contact 311.**

**If you see someone on a retention pond, call 911.**

Water from snowmelt or nearby water main breaks can drain into retention ponds. This water is often mixed with street salts, which can cause ice to melt and thin unevenly. This water enters retention ponds from underneath the ice, resulting in thinning of ice that can't be seen from the surface.

[winnipeg.ca/retentionponds](http://winnipeg.ca/retentionponds)

### **Grades 5/6 Rm. 18 – Ms. Wiens**

Hello Room 16 Families,

Wow, it's hard to believe that three months have already passed! November was a very busy month for our class as we prepared for the Remembrance Day assembly, report cards, and student-led conferences.

In English Language Arts, we've been practicing our grammar skills with our Daily Language Review in the morning. In math, we have started to extend our place value knowledge to include decimals and have enjoyed practicing this skill in Splash Math games. In science, we have continued to practice our observational and recording skills as we worked on our M&M Mystery experiment. In health, we have continued our morning walk as well as starting our Sources of Strength lessons with Ms. Grimolfson. Finally, in social studies, we have been practicing our research skills for Remembrance Day.

Together with Rooms 22 and 23, the grade 5/6s led the Remembrance Day assembly. Room 16 focused on researching some key questions to find out some of the history of this important day. We then used our research to help us write out speeches that would be shared at the assembly. The students worked together to compile their research, write speeches, and make a beautiful poppy wreath. They did an amazing job!

Families, remember to check student agendas for important dates and school work.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wiens and Room 16 😊

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### **Grades 5/6 Rm. 23 – Mr. Antymis**

It was wonderful to see so many families at student led conferences this past month. Students will continue to add items to their portfolios with reflections to further their learning.

This month in math classes, we will be studying large numbers along with multiplication. Group problem solving is important along with the weekly problem of the week.

We are learning about the respiratory system and circulatory system in science classes.

Parents, please check your child's daily agenda book. In it will be assignments and news for upcoming events in the class and school.

## **Guidance – Ms. Grimolfson**

It is well known that children need to be physically active, eat healthy food, and get enough sleep for proper development and overall health. The use of technology has become a part of our everyday lives and it is important that parents/guardians monitor and limit their children's time using digital devices, watching TV, playing video games etc. to prevent a negative impact on their health and wellbeing.



Please read the article “Less Screen Time Means a Healthier Mind and Body for Kids” on the Very Well Family website ([verywellfamily.com](https://www.verywellfamily.com)) for information and strategies to set limitations on children's screen time. You can access the article by scanning the QR code below or searching the website

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/cut-kids-screen-time-for-health-621154>.

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## **Student Voice**

The student voice group at Faraday School is leading the initiative Keep Winnipeg Warm from December 4th – December 15th. Keep Winnipeg Warm is a community drive to collect new winter socks that we will donate to an organization in Winnipeg that provides for people in need. We will also accept cash donations to donate to the organization.

Students will help in the organization of the community drive and work together to make this initiative a success. They created posters to advertise the initiative and provided information about Keep Winnipeg Warm over the morning announcements as well as on the Faraday School digital sign. The students had the opportunity to learn about various organizations in Winnipeg that provide for people in need. This initiative will help empower students, build empathy, and prove that we can work together to make a difference.

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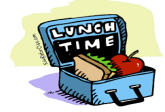
## **The Hive Express Breakfast Program**

Faraday's grab and go breakfast program: The hive carts continue to be set up daily with nutritious breakfast options for our students. We would like to thank the Child Nutrition Council of Manitoba for their generous monetary donation. We would also like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Neale and Mrs. Reimer for preparing the carts, shopping for items, and baking in order to provide a variety of tasty breakfast options.



**Our lost and found fills up very quickly. If your child is missing any of their belongings please have them look through the lost and found items. Any items left at the end of the school year will be donated.**

## **Lunch Program**



Winter is now here and so is the cold weather. Indoor recess will occur if the temperature (with wind-chill) is -27 or colder.

Please ensure that your child(ren) is dressed for the weather conditions. **Warm jacket, snow boots, toque/hat, mitts, scarves, and ski pants.**

Thank you to all Parents/Guardians that make the lunch fee a part of their monthly budget. This is a reminder that all monthly payments due by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the preceding month. Please make sure that all cheques are made payable to **Faraday School Parent Council.**

Please remember to put payment of Lunch Program fees into an envelope with your child's name on it.

**Thank you** to all Lunch Supervisors for all their hard work and dedication.

From all the Lunch Supervisors and myself, warm and safe wishes to all our families over the holidays, see you in the New Year.

**Be respectful, Be responsible, Be safe**

Mrs. Lisa Neale, Lunch Program Coordinator

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## **We're hiring!**

We are looking for people to join us in a part-time or casual role in supervising our wonderful Faraday students at lunch time, please fill out the following and send to back to the school.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please contact Faraday School Lunch Program Coordinator at 204-586-8583 or email at [faradaylunchprogram@gmail.com](mailto:faradaylunchprogram@gmail.com)

Thank you

Mrs. Lisa Neale, Lunch Program Coordinator

## Grades 3/4 Rm. 18 – Mrs. Deeb-Edmonds

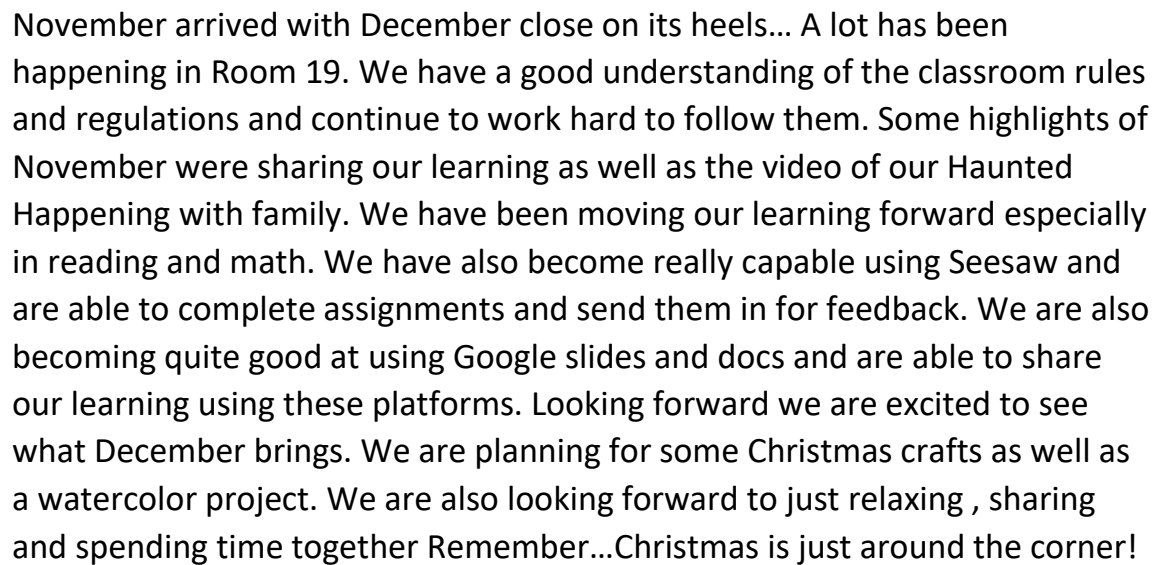
Algorithms, debugging, and loops! Oh my!

What am I talking about? Computer programming, of course! And guess what? **December 4-10 is Computer Science Education week!** One of my favourite times of the year! :) In preparation, students have been learning new coding vocabulary, wrote and debugged codes and even coded *my* movements programming me to successfully reach our classroom bear through a series of precise steps. They've started coding accounts on Tynker and Codespark, two very child friendly programs to help them understand how it all works. We have also met Tale-Bot and Rocky who are 2 very fun classroom robots who can be programmed to move around the room following written codes. We have a lot more to explore with them and are excited to see what else we will learn! During Computer Science Education Week, the students will be participating in the **Hour of Code** using [code.org](https://code.org). The Hour of Code is a movement to excite people about computer programming and to encourage everyone, including girls, with popular slogans like, "Girls Can Code!" and "Anyone Can Code!" It has been predominantly a male profession but as years pass, many more girls are taking up careers in coding. We will be using code.org to celebrate the Hour of Code because it has a variety of coding games to choose from, from beginners to expert. All the games were designed to give the students the skills and knowledge to nurture a possible future in technology. **I invite everyone to take part in their own Hour of Code at home.** Just save yourself an hour one day during Computer Science Education Week (Dec.4-10), log into code.org, pick a game that looks fun, and away you go! Try some peer coding with your child and help each other complete the algorithms together.

Mrs. Deeb Edmonds



## **LAC Rm. 19 – Mrs. Reimer**



November arrived with December close on its heels... A lot has been happening in Room 19. We have a good understanding of the classroom rules and regulations and continue to work hard to follow them. Some highlights of November were sharing our learning as well as the video of our Haunted Happening with family. We have been moving our learning forward especially in reading and math. We have also become really capable using Seesaw and are able to complete assignments and send them in for feedback. We are also becoming quite good at using Google slides and docs and are able to share our learning using these platforms. Looking forward we are excited to see what December brings. We are planning for some Christmas crafts as well as a watercolor project. We are also looking forward to just relaxing , sharing and spending time together Remember...Christmas is just around the corner!

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## **Nursery/Kindergarten Rm. 4 – Mrs. Bell**

It was wonderful to see our families join us to celebrate our learning during Student-Led conferences. The students had a lot of fun having their adults participate in a day in the life of Nursery/Kindergarten.

We are busy getting ready for our winter concert and have been practicing everyday. We hope you can join us to watch our performance.

Reminder that student supply fees are now past due. If you have not paid your fee of \$25 please do so as soon as possible.

As we move into winter please ensure your child has appropriate clothing to be outside. We would like to go out to play but often can't if everyone does not have appropriate clothing.

I wish you a wonderful break. Take this time to reconnect as a family. Play games together, read books, watch movies and enjoy each other.

See you in the New Year!

Mrs. Bell

## **Grades 5/6 Rm. 22 – Ms. Panelo**

**Hello!** Here are some things Room 22 and 23 have been working on this month.

**Language Arts-** Students spent their working on editing and revising. The students completed their Student Sandwiches, which included writing tasks they completed since the beginning of the first term. We had some really cheesy stories!



**Social Studies-** The grade 5 and 6 team led the Remembrance Day Assembly. While reflecting on the importance of remembering those who fought and have fought in the wars, the students learned a lot about the importance of a poppy and why we wear one in weeks coming up to Remembrance Day.

**Art-** Students from Room 22 & 23 inspired by the poem “In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae and used their charcoal art skills to highlight the poppy in their Remembrance Day Charcoal Art. The students used a variety of mediums to highlight the poppy including: tissue paper, marker, and red pen.



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## **Parent Advisory Council**

Thank you to everyone for participating in our pizza hot lunch and our Peak of the Market fundraisers. All of your support helps support the students of Faraday School with their learning.

Our next Parent Council meeting will be held on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:40 pm.

Wishing you and yours a warm holiday season. See you in the new year!



## **Grade 4 Rm. 17 – Mrs. Castillo**

Dear Parents and Guardian,

Thank you so much for accepting our invite to come to student led conferences. I had the privilege to have sat back and watch the interactions between you and your child. One thing that was constant among all families, regardless what was shared, your child appreciated that you showed up. You showed up! To your little one, that speaks V O L U M E S! I saw and heard laughter, positive interactions and thoughtful questions and feedback. Room 17 was filled with love! All the things to support your child's learning.

I also realized how much I enjoy reconnecting and getting to know all my student's family. I am blessed to have crossed paths with every single one of you. More importantly, I appreciate the relationship we have created, I see you as friends with one main goal, to help your child go, glow and grow into the best person they can be. It does take a village to raise a child and thank you for inviting me to be apart of your circle.

I promise to continue to be there for your child in the best way that I can and with the capacity that I have. And I will seek for help when I don't know. I will continue be a learner and actively participate in professional development so I can teach and support your child with best practices and resources. I promise to listen and help in your child's learning and well being. I will continue to set high expectations and be a good example of what it means to be a responsible learner and a respectful person. I promise to be present and involved in your child's learning. I PROMISE TO ALWAYS SHOW UP!

With lots of love,

Lorielyn Castillo Holigroski

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**If your child will be absent from school please contact the school using Safe Arrival. Safe Arrival can be reached at 1-855-278-4513 or by visiting <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca> to report your child's absence.**



## **Kindergarten Rm. 8 – Miss. Sigurdson**

The month of November seemed to go by in flash! We settled well into our new classroom and have established some positive relationships. We were extremely busy working on new skills. We explored the topic of Remembrance day focusing on the importance of Peace and why we wear a Poppy. This month we will continue to work on many skills from the last month and introduce new ones, in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics, as we explore the topics of 'me and the world around me' and a gingerbread themed unit.

Please continue to send healthy and nutritious snacks for your child to enjoy during our snack time. A reminder to send nut free snacks, as we have severe allergies to nuts and eggs.

Finally, please make sure to clear your schedules for the best event of the Holiday Season- The Annual Winter Celebration! This year's festivities will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. An official invitation will be sent home this month with all the details!

Sincerely,

Miss J. Sigurdson



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## **Phys. Ed – Mr. Juan**

Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 have finished playing handball during gym classes and intramurals. Continued learning with soccer baseball and basketball in January.

Grades 1 and 2 have finished playing modified handball and will start playing modified volleyball with beach balls.

Our Faraday School Inner City Soccer team continue their season in January with a record of one win and one loss.

Lunch time January intramurals will be volleyball for grades 4, 5 and 6.



## Grades 1/2 Rm. 7 – Mrs. Lylyk

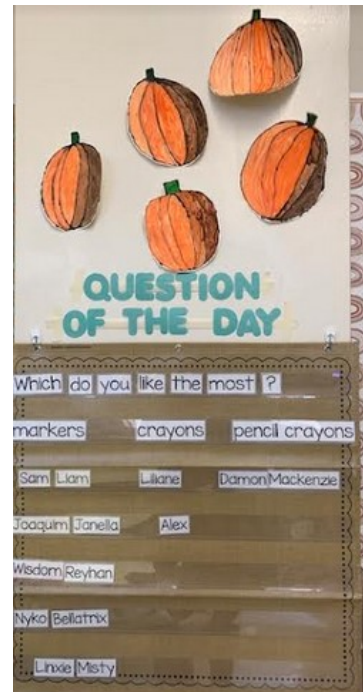
In November we started to look at 2D shapes and 3D objects, we spoke about different ways of describing shapes and where we see them. Ms. Julia, our student teacher will continue with our study on shapes going into December. Students have also began a graph of the day, where they put the data we gathered from our question of the day into a graph and then write at least one piece of data. Students are practicing their writing skills each morning through Sentence of the day, where they are encouraged to add more details to their writing.

In literacy we began an inquiry into endangered animals in Canada. We chose four different ones to look at and will



choose 1 to make a poster for where will go through the design

process in Science. We will be creating an informational piece where students will be going through the Writing Process of an informational piece. It is always fun to integrate science and language arts together!



Students are always excited to see what the newest morning bins of the month will hold! This month students are working on breaking words into syllables, graphing, adding and subtracting, patterns, and sorting long and short vowels.



## Grades 1/2 Rm. 6 – Ms. Lechow

Hello Everyone,

In November, the Room 6 Grade 1's and 2's have continued building researching skills, watching and reading about life in our oceans. We have been writing about and created ocean creatures such as Starfish (Sea Stars), Crabs, and Lobsters placed in the hallway display case that we have transformed into an aquarium.

We also continued our work thinking about what mathematicians do. Sorting and organizing pumpkin seeds, figuring out ways to count more efficiently. By drawing and talking about what we are doing we are reflecting on our learning.

We talked about the importance of Remembrance Day, and attended the assembly hosted by the Grade 5 and 6 students. We are in the process of designing our costumes as well as practicing songs and dances we will be performing for the Winter Concert.



To stay connected and see the colour photos of activities happening in our classroom login to SeeSaw.

-Ms. Lechow ☺





# Winter Solstice Lunch

Faraday School is inviting all students and their families to gather and enjoy a Winter Solstice Lunch.

Date: Friday, December 22, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm

Where: Faraday School Gym

The catered lunch will be an Indigenous cuisine.

Please RSVP to your child's teacher by

December 11, 2023.

We Look Forward To Have You Join Us!

Library – Mrs. Muehling

# Library News

Thanks to the Chapters Indigo Grant, the staff at Polo Park Chapters, and Ms. Hurst's steadfast car, we were able to hold our very first

**BookApallooza** during Student-led Conferences in November.

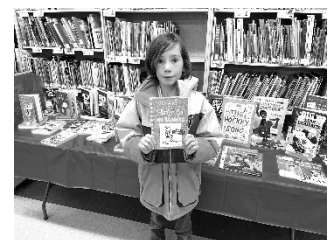
Extra thanks to our fantastic volunteers: Anne Bennett, Diane Beysk, and James Waytowich, as well as several students and staff! **455 books** were added to our library!!



Students were able to see all of the new books that have been purchased with grant money and put 3 books on hold to take out when they come to the library.



Being able to choose and plan their own reading is invaluable in motivating students to read. Reading sparks the imagination and excitement about the world around us. Reading also builds empathy as students see the world through the eyes of different characters.



We have several different goals for the Chapters Indigo grant. We are aiming to increase the diversity of authors in our collection, update and expand our geography books and non-fiction Early Readers, and we want to update our classroom libraries. We want our students to see themselves in our books, and to be able to easily expand their learning on interesting topics while being challenged into reading more advanced materials.



Our Student Librarians also requested that we expand our **Graphic Fiction** selection enough that we could do away with the dreaded 1 book/student rule. With this book buy, we have done it! In fact, we have now dedicated a large new shelf to

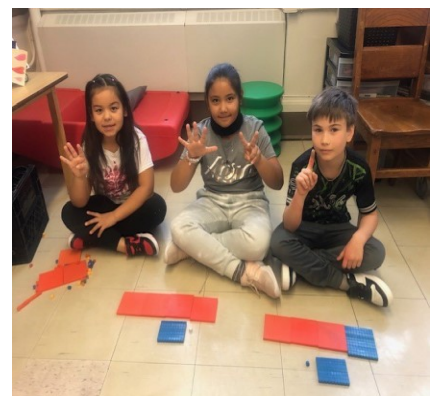
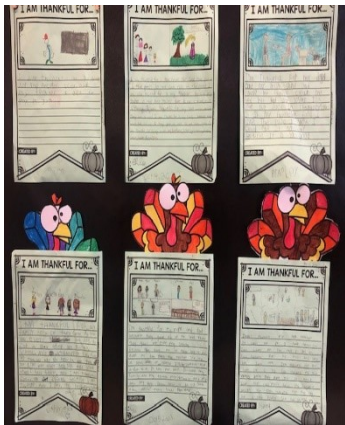


Our holds shelf has grown!

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped to make this a great event!

### **Grades 2/3 Rm. 9 – Mrs. Horbacio**

Thank you to all of the students who have been completing their Seesaw activities! These extra activities provide additional practice on skills that we are working on in the classroom. In Math, we have been building onto our mental math strategies by learning new techniques from each other. We are realizing that there are many correct ways to add and subtract. Working in groups helps us learn new ways to solve problems that may be different from our own way of thinking. In ELA, we are learning how to edit our writing by reading over our rough copies and fixing the punctuation, spelling, and grammar. After we edit our own work, we ask a friend to read it to ensure that it makes sense. Finally, we read it over with the teacher and make any necessary changes before writing our good copies. We will soon be learning how to use the Chromebooks for writing and editing!





## Autism Rm. 14 – Mrs. Salter

News according to Room 14...

I was ordering, counting and numbering with Ms. Chloe. Tricia

Our students are making great friends at Faraday. Ms. Kayla

I was learning about healthy foods and working on the alphabet. Noah and Ms. Kayla

Some of us were exploring plants and what they need to live. Isaiah, Sebastian and Mr. Bernie

We are practicing our classroom chores: dishes, sweeping, wiping up messes, laundry and picking up toys. Ms. Divine

Our whole class made poppies with paint, glue, pastels, scissors and sparkles for our Remembrance Day wreath. We listened to stories about brave animals and soldiers. Memphis, Weston, Isaiah, Olivia, Tricia, Noah and Sebastian

We added new friends to room 14. Welcome Noah G and Ms K.



## December 2023 Faraday School



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				<u>1</u> <b>Day 3</b>
<u>4</u> <b>Day 4</b>  Santarama	<u>5</u> <b>Day 5</b>  Santarama	<u>6</u> <b>Day 6</b>  Santarama	<u>7</u> <b>Day 1</b>  Santarama  Patrol Swimming Activity	<u>8</u> <b>Day 2</b>  Santarama
<u>11</u> <b>Day 3</b>	<u>12</u> <b>Day 4</b>  Peak of the Market Order Pickup 3:30 pm	<u>13</u> <b>Day 5</b>	<u>14</u> <b>Day 6</b>  Winter Concert 1:30 & 6:00	<u>15</u> <b>Day 1</b>
<u>18</u> <b>Day 2</b>  Spirit Week Sports Clothing Day	<u>19</u> <b>Day 3</b>  Spirit Week Holiday Sweater Day	<u>20</u> <b>Day 4</b>  Spirit Week Red & Green Day	<u>21</u> <b>Day 5</b>  Spirit Week P.J./Comfy Clothes Day	<u>22</u> <b>Day 6</b>  Last Day Of Classes  Winter Solstice Lunch Noon  Spirit Week Dress Up/Cultural Day
<u>25</u>  Winter Break Begins	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>

### January Important Dates To Remember:

- 8<sup>th</sup> – School Re-opens
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Mobile Vision Clinic
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Non Instructional Day – **No Classes**