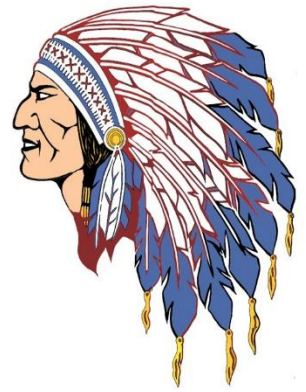


# Pawnee Grade School

## 2017-2018 Family Newsletter



*At Pawnee Grade School, our goal is to create a community of empowered learners in a safe, supportive, and healthy environment that inspires all learners to achieve and excel academically, socially, and technologically.*

*The staff at Pawnee Grade School believes that all students should be immersed in a positive atmosphere where mutual respect is modeled, collaboration is encouraged, and individuals are valued and supported. We shall strive every day to provide challenging opportunities that allow students to grow and reach their full potentials, while establishing a culture of universal achievement and promoting a love of lifelong learning.*

### DECEMBER

As 2017 comes to a close, I can't help but reflect and think about all of the things that have been happening at Pawnee Grade School this school year. Although it has felt like a whirlwind at times, we have seen many positive outcomes as a result of our efforts and some of the changes being made. We are fortunate to be part of a safe and supportive community full of wonderful families and school staff who work tirelessly to provide encouragement, support, a positive education, and most of all...love to our student body! I feel so fortunate to be a part of this school district, and I'm looking forward to continuing this partnership in 2018 so each child at PGS feels valued and successful. Thank you for all you do to support us in this endeavor! I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable finish to the holiday season!

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## Pawnee Grade School

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### Important Dates

#### December 5

- Picture retakes
- PTO Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

#### December 8

- Dismiss at noon

#### December 9

- PTO Winter Carnival

#### December 11

- 5/6 Holiday Concert
  - Choir – 6:15 in auditorium
  - Band – 7:30 in varsity gym

#### December 12

- K-4 Holiday Program – 6:30 p.m.

#### December 18 & 21

- Dismiss at 2:00 p.m.

#### December 20

- Board of Education – 7:00 p.m.

#### December 22 – January 5

- Winter Break – no school

#### January 8

- School resumes



Max Dollars for  
**EDUCATION**

## **SPIRIT WEAR**

Spirit Wear accessory orders are due on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>! Orders will be filled and delivered to school prior to winter break.

## **WINTER CONCERTS**

On Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the fifth and sixth graders will participate in the junior high/high school holiday concerts. The choirs will perform at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium, and the bands will play at 7:30 p.m. in the varsity gym. **Fifth and sixth grade choir participants will need to be in the choir room by 6:00 p.m.**

On Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, grades K-4 will present their holiday program called "Grumps" at 6:30 p.m. in the varsity gym. This program will tell the story of a small town so grumpy that it lost its holiday spirit. **Students need to meet in their classrooms by 6:15 p.m. to prepare for the program.**

Mrs. Chambers sent notes home with students. Please see her notes for more specific details, or contact your child's teacher for another copy.

## **SANTA'S SECRET SHOP**

Santa's Secret Shop will be opening soon! The shop will open on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, during the PTO's Winter Carnival, and will close at the end of the day on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will visit Santa's shop during their regularly scheduled library time.

Students who visit the shop will have the opportunity to independently select gifts for family and/or friends. Gifts range from 25 cents to \$15.00. Volunteers will package and label purchased items. Students will bring home a money envelope and more specific details soon, so keep an eye out!

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Our lost and found cart is full! If your child is missing a shirt or other item, please ask him/her to check our lost and found cart located near the PGS front doors. **All items left behind will be donated during winter break.**

## **MILES OF SMILES**

**By May 15, 2018, all kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students must present proof of receiving a dental exam within the previous 18 months.** On Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, Miles of Smiles will visit Pawnee Grade School and provide dental exams to eligible students. Licensed dentists, hygienists, and assistant provide these services. The consent form that was sent home must be completed, signed, and returned to school by Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in order for students to receive these services.

If you have any questions or need a copy of the consent form, please contact Nurse Kelly at PGS.