



## Naples Elementary School Parent Newsletter ~ December 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe it is almost December! With the holiday season upon us, I wanted to remind you of many wonderful activities going on at Naples Elementary School. You can access information on the school website, through teacher newsletters, and are always welcome to call the main office for additional information. I wish you and your families all the best this holiday season!

Sincerely,

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Just a reminder... Our last day of school in December will be Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There will be no late bus on this day. We will begin school again on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



Our first concert of the year, the Elementary Winter Concert, will be held on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Elementary School gymnasium. (Please note the earlier start time.) Our school Chorus, Elementary Band and Steel Pan Band will perform. We hope to see many of you there! The PTP (Parent Teacher Partnership) will host a bake sale at the concert with proceeds helping to support field trips and other school activities. If you could help out by donating baked goods we would truly appreciate it! (Items do not have to be homemade!) Donations can be dropped off in the Elementary Office on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! ☺



Again this year, the Elementary School teachers are asking you to please donate to the Open Cupboard and Operation Santa projects rather than purchasing gifts for them. For the **Open Cupboard Project**, students bring non-perishable food and paper products as presents for their teachers, and place them in the foyer in decorated boxes marked with their teachers' names. We encourage students to bring in food that they would enjoy eating themselves to give as gifts. Then the teachers donate these gifts of food to our local Open Cupboard. It is a wonderful lesson in kindness, and we are pleased to be one of the major donation sources for food at this time of the year. Donations are welcome between now and December 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support!



Our Elementary School family also reaches out to the community through Operation Santa. This program may be unfamiliar to you if you are new to the area. Together with high school students and community volunteers, our students raise money to provide gifts, clothing, and food to families in our local area who are in need at this time. Our elementary students make many of the tags early in the month to support the tag sale which will happen the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Tags will be available here for a donation of .50 cents per tag for students and \$1.00 per tag for adults. Student Council will sell the tags during lunch periods outside of the Media Center. It is a wonderful program that has been in existence in Naples since 1940! If you have any questions about Operation Santa, please feel free to contact Mrs. VandeSande at 374-7957.

Our annual Parent Teacher Partnership holiday bazaar will take place on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Students are asked to bring in a donation of \$1.00 and can shop for their families. This is a wonderful event for the students, as they are always so excited to pick out items and wrap them for their loved ones. We are asking for donations (new or gently used)...we welcome any treasures you can part with! Items can be dropped off at the Elementary Office through Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Questions regarding the bazaar can be directed to Jennifer Lester at 374-7952 or [jlester@naplescsd.org](mailto:jlester@naplescsd.org) Thank you for your support!

On behalf of all the staff here, we thank you for your support of our Open Cupboard and Operation Santa projects, and wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a VERY Happy New Year!

### December 2018 at a glance...

- ✚ Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Picture Re-take Day (rescheduled from the snow day)
- ✚ Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Partnership Meeting 6:30pm in the Elementary Cafeteria - feel free to join us! ☺
- ✚ Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - Light Up Naples at 6:00pm
- ✚ Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: Operation Santa Tag Sale
- ✚ Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - Board of Education Meeting at 6:30pm in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria
- ✚ Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> - Winter Concert and Bake Sale at 6:30pm in the Elementary Gym
- ✚ Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - Elementary Shared Decision Making Team Meeting
- ✚ Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> - PTP Holiday Bazaar
- ✚ Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> - PTP Holiday Bazaar
- ✚ Holiday Break: Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> - School Reopens!

