



The Wheatlands Wolftracks

Newsletter

DECEMBER
2020

Announcements:

Enter our Baking Competition this month! Details on the next page...

Important Dates

December 8 – Maciano’s Night

December 13 – IHOP Day

December 16 – Baking Competition entries due

December 18 - Scavenger Hunt entries due

December 23-January 6 – Winter Break

Notes from Dr. Harmon

As the calendar year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize that this school year has been a most difficult one thus far. Although it has been challenging, I am grateful for the committed TW staff that continues to amaze me with the engaging lessons and experiences they are able to provide for your children. I am equally grateful for your continued partnership and support as parents and guardians in assisting us in providing exemplary educational experiences for your children! The success of this school year and the learning of the kids is only possible because of this strong partnership. Thank you!

We continue to celebrate the Character Counts! pillar of Caring during the month of December. We remind students to be kind and compassionate, express gratitude, forgive others, and help people in need. Remind your child(ren) to wear Character Counts! clothing or the color red on Wednesdays this month.

[Click HERE to learn about The Wheatlands’ Positive Recognition Program!](#) Thank you for recognizing our staff! It matters.

On behalf of The Wheatlands Staff, we would like to extend our best to all of you for a wonderful, fun-filled winter break and joyful holiday season.

Staff Wish Lists

It is the time of year when we all want to give gifts to our amazing TW staff. Some have completed Amazon wish lists to give you ideas. Items can be shipped directly to the staff member indicated. Happy shopping!

Mrs. Bornemann -- [4th & 5th GE Math](#)

Mrs. DeArmond -- [ESL](#)

Miss Egan -- [2nd & 5th Resource Teacher](#)

Mrs. Graham -- [ESL](#)

Mrs. McCullough -- [5th Grade](#)

Ms. Petersohn -- [Kindergarten](#)

Ms. Porter -- [Library Media Specialist-LRC](#)

Mrs. Potter -- [2nd Grade](#)

Mrs. Ricca -- [5th Grade](#)

Mrs. Richmond -- [1st Grade](#)

Miss Scaramuzzi -- [LBS K-4](#)

Ms. Shields -- [4th Grade](#)

Mrs. Wiesbrook -- [Music](#)

Mrs. Zant -- [Social Work](#)

Staff Shout Outs

Congrats to the staff members who were positively recognized during the month of Nov.! Mrs. Bornemann, Mrs. Buckley, Mr. Byrnes, Mrs. Fisher, Mr. Freese, Mrs. Goduto, Mrs. Greifenkamp, Ms. Janor, Mrs. Kamin, Mrs. McCullough, Mr. Orozco, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Randazzo, Mrs. Ricca, Mrs. Salter, Ms. Scaramuzzi, Mrs. Schweers, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Wat

AVID Corner

AVID One-Pagers are a creative response to learning topics. The purpose is to help students own what they are reading. It allows students to respond imaginatively while being brief and concise in making connections between words and images. Students take what they've learned from whatever text and put the highlights onto a single piece of paper. Second grade used this as a final project after reading an informational text about kids living in different parts of the world. The students enjoyed mixing images and information to create these colorful, attention grabbing, One-Pagers.

Click the link below to see a few examples.
[AVID One-Pager Student Examples](#)

PTO INFO

Scavenger Hunt

We will have another scavenger hunt for the month of December. Please find the holiday light scavenger hunt attached to this newsletter. Please send pictures of the kids completing the hunt to thewheatlandspto@gmail.com by December 18.

The Wheatlands Baking Competition

Are you a fan of Nailed It? Then join us for a fun baking competition this month! It's all about the challenge of baking your best, or maybe just having fun with the kids and hoping for the best.

Please send a "before" photo of your baking endeavor and an "after" photo of the masterpiece that you have created.

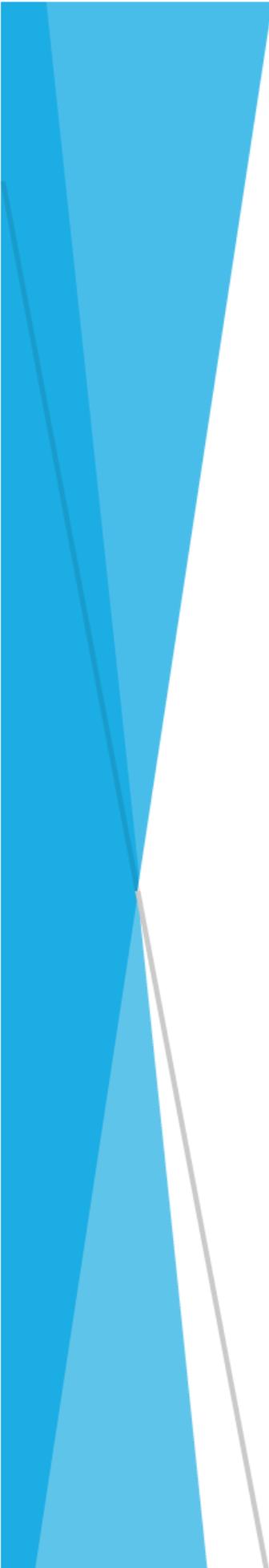
Prizes will be awarded for Best Gingerbread House, Best Cookies, and Best Cake/Cupcakes.

Don't worry if things don't turn out quite right, please enter our Funniest Fail contest in each category. Funny fails will only be voted on with your permission so no feelings get hurt. Please indicate in your email which category you are competing for.

Please email your photos to thewheatlandspto@gmail.com. Entries must be emailed by December 16th.

Also, if you include pictures of the kids during the baking process or with the final product, they may end up in the yearbook! For voting purposes, please include a final product-only picture too.

Feel free to enter each competition as many times as you like. The TW community will be voting on our winners. Have fun!



DINING NIGHTS... December 8th is Maciano's day. They will take 10% off your bill and donate 10% back to us. December 13th is IHOP day. Let them do the cooking during this busy month.

As you do all your baking this month, please be on the lookout for the Box Tops logo. If you see it, please scan your receipts with the Box Tops app to earn money for The Wheatlands.

Be on the lookout for information from our past Holiday Shoppe vendors. Since we cannot come together for this festive event, we will be highlighting vendors for you to support this holiday season.

We wish all of you the very best this holiday season! Have a wonderful and safe Winter Break.

The Wheatlands PTO

Michelle DeDecker, President

Nicole Trackman & Michelle Yates, Co-Vice Presidents

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The Wheatlands PTO Holiday Scavenger Hunt

- SANTA
- SNOWMAN
- GINGERBREAD MAN
- THE GRINCH
- SET OF REINDEER
- DISNEY CHARACTERS
- STAR
- ELVES
- RUDOLPH
- SNOWFLAKES
- CANDLES
- NUTCRACKER
- SNOW GLOBE
- WREATH
- CANDY CANE
- LIGHTS FLASHING IN TIME TO MUSIC
- HOUSE WITH ONLY WHITE LIGHTS
- MULTI-COLORED LIGHTS ON A TREE
- PRESENTS
- POLAR BEARS

Please send pictures of the kids enjoying the scavenger hunt to thewheatlandsppto@gmail.com by December 18. Families will be entered to win a raffle prize. You do not need to find all items to be included in the raffle. Pictures will also be considered for the yearbook.

Happy Holidays!

