



AT DOVE WE LOVE TO LEARN!

"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

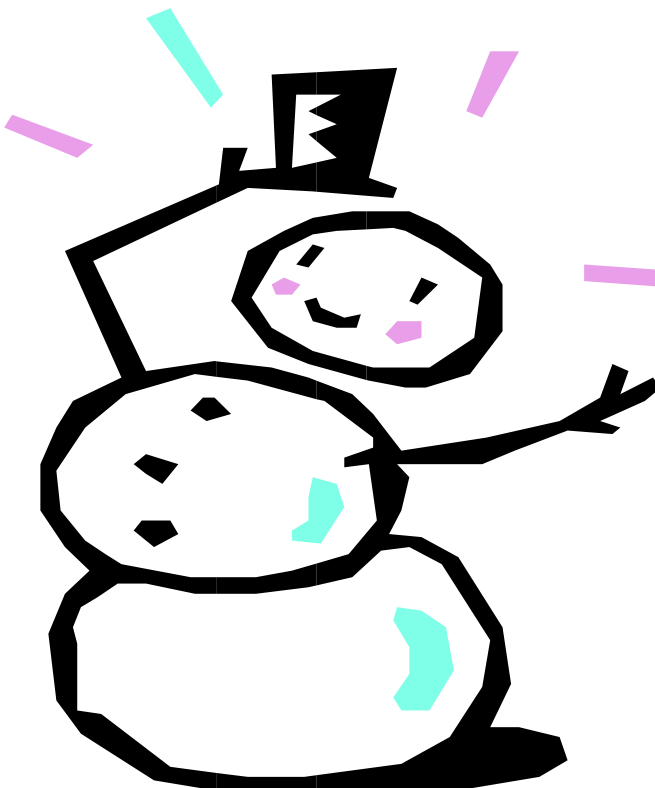
Thanksgiving has past, however, at Dove we are still thankful. With that being said, our staff is very grateful for having your child as a student. We consider their enrollment as a gift. There is nothing more valuable than the gift of a quality education. Dove's gifted and talented teachers will continue to deliver stellar classroom instruction during the month of December. Teaching for learning will not be compromised due to the holiday season.

Please support our staff in sustaining a quality learning experience for your child by purchasing educational items, for example, books, novels, calculators, academic games and school supplies during this season of gift giving.

Teachers will assign holiday school work in the form of project-based learning activities to keep your child academically engage for the two week holiday break.

Educationally yours,

Mr. Rodney D. Deal,
Interim Principal



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

After-School Care/Late Pick-Up is canceled on the following dates:

- Wednesday, December 14, 2016
- Thursday, December 15, 2016

See Events:

- *Pastries and Parents with Mr. Deal*
- *Community Dinner*
- *Food Drive*

Achievement Check Point:

- *Progress Reports*
- *Perfect Attendance?*

What is the Deal?

NO EXCUSES!!!	
Holiday Break	2
Character Counts	2
Weekly Teacher Newsletter	2
Parking Lot	2
Classified Ad	2
<i>You count!</i>	



EVENTS

- Dove's Food Drive in partnership with Gleaners Food Bank starts Monday, December 5, 2016 and ends Friday, December 16, 2016, hosted by the first grade teachers (Hawkins, Hull and Wendt).
- Please join Mr. Deal for breakfast on Friday, December 9, 2016, from 7:30a.m. – 8:30a.m. in the Main Office/Conference Room. **(PARENTS/GUARDIANS ONLY)**
- Please join Dove's staff and families for dinner on Thursday, December 15, 2016, from 5:00pm. –7:00p.m. in the cafeteria. **(ALL STUDENTS/FAMILIES ARE INVITED)**

ACHIEVEMENT CHECKPOINT

- Progress Reports go home Friday, December 9, 2016.
- Is **poor attendance** impacting your child's achievement?

HOLIDAY BREAK

- School is not in session Monday, December 26, 2016 – Friday, January 6, 2017.
- Monday, January 9, 2017 (School Resumes).

CHARACTER COUNTS

December's Character Counts trait is

Compassion

- Definition: a feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc.
- Example #1: Helping an elderly person at the market put his/her groceries in the car.
- Example #2: A student helping a classmate solve a mathematical equation because he/she doesn't understand the concept.

WEEKLY TEACHER NEWSLETTERS

- Your child's teacher is sending home weekly newsletters with detailed information about the learning objectives being taught in class. Help us secure a relevant learning experience with your child, by having daily conversations about the learning objectives identified in teachers' newsletters.

PARKING LOT

- Please continue to drive safely in the parking lot. We care about the safety of motorists and pedestrians.
- Please **do not** play your music loudly.
- THANK YOU FOR DRIVING SAFELY!!!

CLASSIFIED AD

- Parental Involvement is **needed** to support our Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Planning Committees:
 - Contact Mrs. Gray at amos7660@aol.com (Parent Teacher Organization).
 - Contact Mr. Deal at rodneydeal@choiceschools.com (School Improvement Committee).