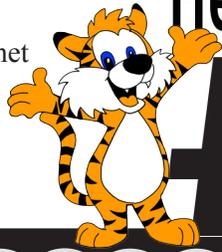


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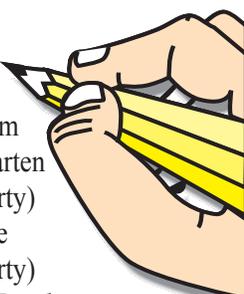
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**December 2013**

## Mark Your Calendar!



Dec. 13th - 1st Grade Christmas Program  
Dec. 19th - Holiday Treats for Kindergarten  
(Only parents signed up for party)  
Dec. 20th - Holiday Treats for 1st Grade  
(Only parents signed up for party)  
Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3 - Christmas Holiday Break  
Jan. 2nd - Teachers Return  
Jan. 6th - Students Return  
Jan. 13th - Yearbooks on Sale for \$30  
Jan. 20th - No School (King/Lee Holiday)  
Jan. 24th - PTA Pajama Day  
Jan. 27th - Valentine Candygram Sale Begins  
Jan. 31st - Deadline for Yearbook Orders  
Feb. 10th - Deadline for Candygrams  
Feb. 17th - No School (President's Day)

## Pajama Day Success

Last month, the PTA collected \$340 for Pajama Day! At the recommendation of several parents, the PTA had a pajama day instead of hat day. Many of you sent \$1 so your child could wear their pajamas to school.

Since we have received a lot of positive feedback from pajama day, we will be having another one in January. Due to so much going on in December, the PTA will not be having a hat day or pajama day.

## Yearbooks On Sale January 13th

A 2013-2014 yearbook order form will be coming home Jan. 13th. The cost for the full-color yearbook is \$30. The deadline to order your yearbook is Jan. 31st. If you would like to print an order form before they are sent home, one can be found on the PTA website.

Parents and teachers, we need your help! Please upload pictures that you think would make a great addition to our yearbook. Make sure the pictures are in color, in focus and at least 300 dpi. Log onto [www.images.jostens.com](http://www.images.jostens.com). User i.d. 400233554 Passcode: tiger2013. We can't guarantee every picture will be used. However, we will do our best to represent all the children at HES.



## HES First Grade Presents 'Christmas at the O.K. Corral'

The first grade students of HES will be presenting their Christmas program Friday, December 13th. Park in the back of the school where first grade pick-up and drop-off is. The program will be held in the cafeteria. Please have your child wear blue jeans and a white short sleeve crewneck t-shirt. Fruit of the Loom or Hanes t-shirts make perfect costume shirts! Girls, please DO NOT wear hair accessories.

The program times are as follows:

8:00 a.m. - Gunter, Mayes, Lofton

9:00 a.m. - Edge, Harris, Simpson, Todd

10:00 a.m. - Carter, Hildebrant, Pulliam

11:00 a.m. - Dawson, McLarty, Marshall, Massey

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Parents,

Thank you for all the hard work you are doing at home with reading. Every child who reads or is read to each day has a greater chance of success. We encourage you to make books a part of the holiday season and to take time to read with your child.

PLEASE DO NOT drop off your child in the parking lot at all. We have had several parents who feel the need to drop off either in the parking lot or on the sidewalk prior to the 7:05 a.m. bell. Our employees are not on duty until 7:05 a.m. and you cannot drop the students off until then. This is a major safety issue. Also, please stay in the car rider line and not come into the parking areas in order to pick up your child by knocking on the doors. We have had several parents or grandparents attempt to do this recently. If you need to check your child out early, come to the front office. Last, if you have a drop off of materials for the classroom, do not go around the building and knock on the doors and ask someone to let you in, come through the front office. These are all major safety concerns.

Please look for a note to come home the last week of school about lunch guest. Due to the enrollment numbers and the numbers of parents, siblings, and grandparents who like to enjoy lunch with their students on a regular basis, we are going to have to ask the parents or grandparents to sit at a different table with their student during lunch. This will ensure none of the other students are displaced by the parents, siblings, or grandparents who come to lunch. We will be sending this note closer to the holiday, so that everyone understands the procedure beginning after the holiday.

Please make note that on December 13, we have the first grade musical. On this day, we will be serving sack lunches in the classrooms. We will not be having visitors for lunch. If you check your student out after the program, and they have not been here for 63% of the day, they will be marked absent. Please refer to the district handbook for attendance guidelines.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.



Renee Chandler  
Principal, HES



## Tile Painting

Over 200 tiles were painted Wednesday, Nov. 20th by some of our awesome PTA parent volunteers. If you purchased an extra tile for your child to paint, those tiles should be coming home next week. We hope to get the tiles added to our hallway over Christmas break or spring break.

## Zaxby's Night

HES PTA had wonderful turnout for the November 18th Zaxby's Night. We made \$292 to go toward teacher grants and a new laminator for our library! Thank you to all that enjoyed Zaxby's that night.

## Box Top Contest Ends December 6<sup>th</sup>

Our current Box Top drive began Nov. 1st and goes through Dec. 6th. The top classes will earn a cookies and milk party. Lots of Box Tops have been turned in, and our coordinators are working hard to get everything counted. If you signed up to help with Box Tops, we need your help! An email will be going out to those that signed up to help, so that we can get totals done faster.

Please TAPE your box tops on the collection sheets found on the PTA website. Box Tops must be submitted in lots of 25 and 50. By taping the Box Tops, you save our coordinators and volunteers hours of work. If you don't have access to a computer to print out a new form, send a note to your teacher. There are Box Top collection sheet copies at the school.

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Rouse (901-258-1073) or Karen Scott (901-351-5721).

