

Through the process of learning, we value and build: Knowledge \* Respect \* Community

Happy New Year 2014 to everyone! The New Year certainly came in with a bang giving us two more days of vacation!

Last year brought us three new community members, Brooke Elizabeth Bailey, Callahan Guy and Jonathan Habib. All is well and we look forward to watching them grow over the years.

The staff continues to work on aligning the curriculum to common core standards during professional development days in January.

A reminder once again that school begins at 8:30 am. Students are marked tardy if they are not in the classroom by that time. You will receive notification of being tardy if it starts to be a perpetual problem. Tardiness this year is excessive and out of control comparing our totals to those of other district elementary schools. These results are shocking to me. I realize at times we have to make appointments but you must realize that coming in late disrupts the entire class and it also throws your child off with regard to their regular schedules. My goal is to lower the tardy percentages in the future. Your child should be in the classroom by 8:30am ready to learn. If buses are late, I obviously hold the attendance so no one is penalized.

Also, please be sure to write your child's name on all clothing.

Officer Nate Lyons will begin this week working with the fifth graders on the D.A.R.E. program.

Ski Club will begin on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and continue for six weeks. This is a PTA sponsored event with Ben Priest as the contact person.

## Dates of Importance:

February 4th	- PTA Open Meeting, 7pm
February 12 <sup>th</sup>	- Kindergarten Open House, 7pm
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	- Early Release, 1pm
February 24-28 <sup>th</sup>	- Winter Vacation
March 7 <sup>th</sup> March 10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> March 11 <sup>th</sup> March 21 <sup>st</sup> March 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Lip Sync, Grades 2 &amp; 3, PAC</li> <li>Book Fair</li> <li>Jump Rope for Heart</li> <li>Lip Sync, Grades 4 &amp; 5, PAC</li> <li>No School, Professional Development Day</li> </ul>
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	- D.A.R.E. Graduation, PAC
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Early Release, 1pm
April 28 <sup>th</sup> -May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- Spring Vacation
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Enrichment Day