PRINCIPAL’S CORNER

Happy December to Everyone!

If you were able to join us for the Holiday Program earlier this week, you saw many of our talented third, fourth, and fifth grade students singing, dancing, and playing instruments. It was a great program and definitely got me in the holiday spirit! Hats off to Mrs. Cook for another outstanding performance.

We want to extend our gratitude to all of you who volunteer and help in our classrooms on a daily basis. What a gift you are to us! Thank you for all you do.

This is a great time of year for traditions. There is nothing like family and the first snow! Or decorating the tree and talking about the special ornaments you put on each year. Please take time to share those great books and stories that you so cherished as a child. Those memories are special moments to be shared with your children.

We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season! See you all next year!

…and to all a good night...

Riley Soup Dinner

On January 22, Center Grove High School Student Government is putting on the annual Riley Hospital Benefit Soup Dinner. The student-run dinner will be held in the Hall of Excellence from 5:30-7:30, the start of the Boys Varsity Basketball game vs. Ben Davis. The proceeds go to Riley Hospital, for which STUGO is trying to raise a dollar per student over the course of the year. All Center Grove students and families are encouraged to attend this event to support Riley Hospital and have some dinner with family. Come join us for great food for a great cause before the Trojans take on the Giants! Suggested donation is $5 per person or $15 per family.

COMPASSION

This month at Maple Grove, students have been learning the character trait Compassion as part of the Core Essentials program. Students have been discussing the importance of helping others who may be less fortunate and the various ways they can make an impact on our world.

Compassion: Caring enough to do something about someone else’s need.
Join Mrs. McDowell for SPACE CAMP!
All fourth and fifth graders are invited to attend SPACE CAMP in Huntsville, Alabama from March 12-14. The cost is $495 and includes all meals, museum fees, IMAX tickets, rides, hotel, and coach bus ride. We will leave right after school on Friday and return around 7 PM on Sunday. This is sponsored by Mrs. McDowell and 500 Tours, Inc. If interested, please see Mrs. McDowell for a form. The first payment of $195 is due soon!

Congratulations to the fifth graders for collecting 81.6 pounds of gum for the soldiers in Afghanistan! Mrs. Schmidts' room led the pack with 33.6 pounds. Logan Bontrager was the winner of the Bubble Blowing Contest and holds the contest for the largest bubble blown. Thanks to all for participating!

NEW Immunization Requirements for the 2010-11 School Year
The Indiana State Department of Health has modified the school immunization requirements for the 2010-2011 school year.

- One meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4) will be required for all students entering 6-12th grades.
- One Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertosis) booster will be required after 10 years of age for all students entering 6-12th grades.

We wanted to let you know now so you will have plenty of time to schedule an appointment to update your child’s immunizations with your medical provider or the Johnson County Health Department (346-4365). Please send in or fax updated immunizations to the school clinic ASAP or before the first day of school.

In the event that school must be closed because of weather conditions, notification will be made through the Internet and area radio and television stations listed below:

RADIO
93.1 FM-WIBC, 102.3 FM-WCBK, 97.1 FM (HANK FM) and B105.7

TELEVISION
CHANNEL 4, 6, 8, 13 and FOX 59
The Alert Now System will also be used.

***Please note that if there is a two hour delay on a Wednesday, there will NOT be early release.

To our WONDERFUL PTO!
Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, for the delicious luncheon you prepared for the staff this past week. As always, the food, decorations, and the just the chance for us all to fellowship together was just what this staff needed! We know this is a very busy time of year for everyone and we are grateful to our PTO for taking the time to make us feel so special. We are truly blessed!

..."Merry Christmas to all!"